

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017
In the Village Hall, Whissendine

Present

Mr W. Farr (Chairman)

Mr. R Comber Mr. T Edmunds
Dr. S Lammin Mrs. C. Moss
Mrs. P Lake

In attendance

Mrs Elaine Everington - Parish Clerk
The Editor of the Whissendine Grapevine
A local resident also attended

12849: Apologies for absence: Mrs L. Arnold, Mr D. Hatton and Councillor Mr K. Thomas.

12850: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received

12851: To approve the minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2017. These were approved without amendment on proposal of Mr T. Edmunds

12852: Ongoing business not scheduled anywhere else on the agenda:

a) The Editor of the Grapevine magazine, who is relatively new to the role, joined the meeting at the beginning to give the councillors an update on her experience of managing the production of the magazine.

Owing to the limitations of the current Printer to change the layout of the magazine every month, the costs have increased substantially over last few months. The Editor has investigated options available with other printers, such as the magazine being printed in colour and the option of using other software packages.

This review will continue, with the aim to deliver a good quality magazine to the Village, at a more competitive and reasonable price.

b). The Councillors discussed the agenda for the Whissendine Parish Council Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Whissendine Primary School, at, 7:30pm on Wednesday 22nd March 2017. Invites have been sent out to local people, who are involved in Village groups and activities to address the audience on the evening.

12853: Reports from Councillors: Report from the Ward Councillor, Mr K. Thomas, delivered by the Clerk:

Broadband: further to providing evidence of the poor download speeds in parts of the village, to Digital Rutland, Mr Thomas is now waiting for a response.

Moss removal: Rutland County Council Operatives have now removed most of the moss from alleyways between Foxhill and Hall Close and will move on to Sherrads Close. This work will be carried out over the next few months.

Road Repairs: Including subsidence, these will be investigated early in the new financial year.

New Gamekeeper: Mr Thomas has spoken to the new gamekeeper at Stapleford Estate, who would like to ask local people to look out for hare coarsing and fly tipping. The contact number is 07811 953870.

Exton Ward Elections will be taking place on Thursday 9th March following the resignation of Terry King.

Owing to work commitments, Mr Thomas is still dealing with telephone calls and emails, while Cllr. Gale Waller is available to attend in person, should a resident request it.

Mr Thomas will attend the Whissendine Parish Council AGM on 22nd March 2017.

Continued:

12854: Planning Matters

2016/1201/FUL: Grant Planning Permission.

2017/0110/FUL: This is minor amendments to the previously, 2016/0629/FUL.

Replace of the approved window to the front elevation with a different design and to alter the design and material of all the others. Also, remove a window in the kitchen and enlarge a window in the west elevation bedroom and to add a window in the east elevation en-suite. Remove two Velux windows on the west elevation and move the two Velux windows down on the east elevation. Replace the pitched roof on the east utility extension with a flat roof.

No comments made

12855: A report on the Grapevine

The Clerk had nothing to add to the update from the Editor of the Grapevine.

12856: The Banks

The Clerk confirmed, the Parish Council has received two tenders to carry out improvements at the area at the bottom of Cow Lane:

1. To replace the metal gate with a timber gate and posts.
2. To fit an auto latch to ensure the gate would stay shut.
3. To remove all waste/rubbish around the area, including some barbed wire.

12856: Highways/Village Maintenance:

The Parish Council has received concerns regarding a gap in a stile at a grazing field off Harborough Close, leaving the field open to the footpath and the road. This is a liability issue and has been reported to Rutland County Council.

12857: Financial Business:

The Clerk presented the updated financial statement for February: Expenditure: £21,725.65 = 64.37% of budget, year to date.

The following payments have been authorised for March:

Payee: Leicestershire & Rutland A.L.C. £35.00 for Clerk training, cheque 100880

Whissendine Caretaker cheque 100881

Fields in Trust, Membership: £50.00, cheque 100882

Impressions, Printer: £397.00, cheque 100883

12858: Correspondence:

The Clerk has received a letter from Mr Mike Dickinson, thanking the Whissendine Parish Council for the donation of £1,000 towards the essential maintenance work required for the Village Hall.

The next meeting of the Whissendine Parish Council will be the AGM on 22nd March at 7:30pm at the Whissendine Village School.

The April meeting is scheduled for Monday 3rd April at 7:15pm in the Whissendine Village Hall.