

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017
In the Village Hall, Whissendine

Present Mr W. Farr (Chairman)

Mr. R. Comber Dr. S. Lammin Mrs P. Lake
Mrs. C. Moss Mrs. L. Arnold
Mr. D. Hatton Mrs. J.A. Millington

In attendance : Mrs. E. Everington – Parish Clerk
Ms. G. Waller, Councillor for Normanton Ward
Ms. J. Randall, (By-election candidate).
A local resident of Cow Lane attended.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours

12892: Questions from the public:

RCC Councillor Ms. Waller attended at the invitation of WPC in the absence of an elected Councillor for the village. She updated WPC on current issues being considered at RCC

a) The Rutland County Council Local Plan, to apply up to the year 2036 and is currently being finalised to a draft that will be available for consultation. Whissendine will be included in the Local Plan and the Parish Council would be advised to respond to the consultation.

b) The Centre Bus Company has issued information regarding the withdrawal of the number 19 bus. The new timetable comes into operation from 13th August and it means passengers from Whissendine can no longer arrive in Melton by 09:00am. All details, regarding the new route and the timings can be found on the "Centre Bus" website – www.centrebust.info

c) Rutland County Council are participating in an internal boundary review. This review will likely change the groupings of some parishes for the purposes of representation at RCC.

RCC has 26 County Councillors and have requested this number should not be reduced. All Wards will have the opportunity to elect RCC Councillors.

d) Ms. Randall made herself known to the Parish Council. She is standing as one of 4 candidates for the Whissendine by-election due to be held on 20th July 2017. She is a Lib-Dem candidate who resides in Oakham.

d) A resident of Cow Lane attended the meeting to report that she was experiencing a gathering of flies in a skylight at home. The lady had a photograph but it was not possible to determine the species of the flies from the image. The lady was advised that there was no general problem known in the village although some localised fly issues in Cow Lane and Main Street were thought to be associated with extremely high summer temperatures recently experienced. The lady was advised to take some samples of the flies to RCC's Environmental Health team if she would like further advice

12893: Apologies for absence: Mr. T. Edmunds

12894:Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: Parish Councillor Mr R. Comber declared an interest in a planning application and volunteered to leave the meeting during the relevant discussion..

12895: To approve the minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017

These were approved with one amendment to a surname- 12887 on proposal of Dr S. Lammin.

12896: Ongoing business: .

a) The Chairman commented on the change to the bus timetable, the lack of consultation by the bus company and the lack of information provided to passengers about the changes. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact both RCC and the Centre Bus Company by email to register the Parish Council's concern about these deficiencies and that little regard seems to have been given to those bus- users who need the transport to get to Oakham or Melton for work/education as the arrival times will now render them late for a normal work-day start. It was further agreed that the Clerk contact the editor of the Grapevine to try and have details of the new timetable or a link to the Centrebust web-page included in the August edition, it was acknowledged that the printing run may have started and it may be too late

b) It was noted that the fence erected at the bottom of Mill Grove, at the junction with Oakham Road had now been extended with a low railing. The area of land enclosed is believed to be the property of RCC Highways Department. It was agreed that the Clerk will email Mr Brown (RCC) with the details.

12897: Reports from Councillors on meetings attended

a) Mrs Lake reported that RCC's Parish Forum was being held. She had been unable to attend as it clashed with this meeting. She believed there was also a direct clash with WPC's October meeting.

Continued.:

The Clerk agreed to circulate the minutes of the Parish Forum, on receipt, to all Whissendine Parish Councillor's.

b) Mrs Moss reported that the planned Village Hall committee had been moved from 20th July due to a clash with the by-election as the venue is a polling station. She is not available on 3rd August for the re-scheduled meeting. Mrs Millington agreed to attend the August meeting.

c) No information has been received about the next meeting of the Sports Club. There has been no feedback as yet about WPC's offer of financial aid towards some legal costs.

12898: Planning matters:

Mr Comber left the meeting

2017/0640/PTA: 3 Stapleford Road, Whissendine: T1 Sycamore to re- pollard back to previous points, due to light issues reported by client.

No comment offered by the Parish Council.

Mr Comber rejoined the meeting

2017/0521/FUL: Grange Farm, 3 Hortons Lane, Whissendine: Erection of two single 3.6m x 3.6m stables and a single storey hay storage shed 4.67m by 6.09m. The whole construction will be forming a small "L" shape on a concrete base.

No comment offered by the Parish Council.

12899: A report on the Grapevine:

The new printer is due to start very soon and the Editor, Mrs Nicki McCluskey, will be invited to attend the meeting to deliver an update.

12900: The Banks:

The Clerk reported the maintenance work is working well. However there is a loose rail on the fence next to the gate on Cow Lane. The Clerk will obtain quotes to have this replaced.

It was also agreed by the Council that bark should be put down under the swings in the children's play ground.

The Clerk will obtain quotes for this work.

The Notice Boards/ Maps – there is still one sign on the map, situated on the Banks, with an incorrect contact number for emergencies.

The Clerk has taken this as an action.

12901: Highways /Village Maintenance:

a) Cow Lane: The Clerk delivered an update on the ongoing request to Rutland County Council for a car pull in area. The request pre-dated RCC's new system for receipt of requests for capital-works, the Clerk has now completed the necessary forms.

As part of the request procedure, the Parish Council has been asked if they are willing to make a contribution towards the cost of a "pull in."

After discussing this, the Parish Council agreed that allowing Parish land to be used for the pull in is sufficient but would also consider a monetary contribution if the funds become available in future through the CIL process.

b) The road surface is breaking up at the area approx 1.5 miles out of the village, where it slopes up on the sharp right angle bend approaching Grange Farm cottage.

Also, the area in the middle of the road, opposite Stoup Cottage (11 Ashwell Road) (previously reported) where the road has sunk, the depression is worsening.

The Clerk will report back to R.C.C.

c) David Bell (Highways Operations Manager) has asked the Parish Council to consider and prepare for the possibility of a long period of snow or adverse weather. Also, to ascertain what maintenance equipment could be needed.

The Village has 5 grit boxes and the Clerk will apply for one more. The existing boxes will be checked to ensure they are full.

d) It has been noticed that the road Direction Signs need painting/repairing, located at:

Pickwell Lane, Melton Road, Ashwell Road and the Stapleford Road junction. The Clerk will report this to R.C.C.

12902: Financial business:

The Clerk issued summary of the financial position at the end of June and received approval for the following:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dalby Tree Care	100907	300.00
Neighbourhood Watch.	100908	300.00
RCC (The Post Office)	100909	880.63
Impressions	100910	362.00
D. Billsdon	100911	Private
Farm & Garden	100912	276.00
T. Edmunds	100913	340.00

The Clerk issued an updated account of authorised payments up to the end of June 2017. It has been noticed the monthly cost of street lighting (Opus) has increased. The Clerk will investigate this.
The Clerk will also ascertain if the insurance held by the Parish covers the bridge, the bench and the speed indicator.

12903: Correspondence:

Mr. Sean Thuis of the Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has contacted Mr Rob. Comber regarding identifying two locations in Whissendine, to house a Defibrillator. He has asked if the telephone box in Whissendine, which is practically out of use, could be used for this purpose.
The Clerk will make an application to BT to adapt the village telephone box and get further information on this.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:15 pm on Monday 4th September 2017 at the Village Hall.