

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd October 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
Mr T. Edmunds

Apologies for absence: Mrs J.A. Millington

In attendance: Mrs. E. Everington - Parish Clerk
Mr Ian Arnold - Ward Councillor,
Mrs Nicki McCluskey- Editor of the Grapevine Magazine
Locals: Mr. Richard Drabble, Mrs. Jennifer Sumner
Mr. Michael Mc Sweeney, Mr. Nirav Patel.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

12916: Questions from the public:

a) Mr Richard Drabble who lives in the village and first came to live in Rutland in 1969, wished to address the WPC meeting to put forward his concerns over the "Local Plan" to build further housing in the village. He said his first concern is around the level of support the village will receive with regard to the increased traffic and the impact of the number of the new housing planned will have on the village. He feels the scale should be reduced.
b) Mrs Sumner has lived in the village for 16 years. She feels the plans to build in areas off Melton Road and at the back of Mill Grove will have an impact on the existing properties current views and heritage buildings such as the Windmill. Also, she feels there will be a heightened risk of flood as there has already been problems with sewage issues in Mill Grove.

The increased traffic would also have an effect on the existing problem of parents driving children to the school.

b) Mr Nirav Patel, the owner of the village shop, addressed the meeting to inform the WPC of the difficulties he is experiencing with vehicles being parked outside his shop for long periods, preventing his suppliers parking to be able to deliver heavy loads. The WPC suggested the installation of white lines across the frontage of the shop or perhaps a sign stating a maximum amount of time for parking.

The Clerk will contact Rutland County Council to request a traffic survey is carried out.

12917: Update on the Grapevine Magazine:

The editor of the Grapevine, Mrs Nicki McCluskey, delivered an update following the move to instruct a new printer outside of the village. She acknowledged there have been some printing issues, largely owing to the original printing plates being sent to the new printers.

This is the first run and she is happy to work with the printers to iron out the initial problems in readiness for the November issue.

The village school have requested a regular column in the new magazine.

As the cost of the Magazine is now less, the surplus will be evident in the WPC monthly accounts.

12918: Apologies for absence: Mrs J.A. Millington sent her apologies.

12919: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received

12920: To approve the minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th September 2017.

These were approved without amendment.

12921: Reports from Councillors:

The Village Hall: Mrs Moss attended the meeting. There are some improvements required: The Village Hall Committee may apply for funding from the Parish Council and it was noted any requests must be received by mid December, prior to the 2018-19 budget is agreed.

The Sports Club: Mr Edmunds attended. The Club appears to be ticking over although the Bowls Club has closed down and the Cricket Club is under review.

Ward Councillor Ian Arnold delivered his update:

1. Following the "disappearance" of the original Royal Mail post box at the bottom of Melton Road, Councillor Arnold has been chasing this up and he will continue to do so until a like-replacement, is installed.

2. Two new grit buckets have been ordered for the bottom of Mill Grove and Hall Close.

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3. The ramp to the bridge on the Banks is showing some erosion. This is not dangerous at this time but it will need reviewing after the expected winterer floods.
4. Councillor Arnold had reported the depression outside 11 Melton Road since RCC levelled the surface. He was pleased to note that STW had effected a repair on 2nd October and all was now well. He will report the broken stile and the missing dog gate at the back of the church.

12922: Planning matters:

2017/0791/PTA: Update on 73 Main Street, Whissendine: Mature large leaved Lime tree – Reduce all round height back to previous pruning points. Consent refused by Rutland County Council Applications.

2017/0801/FUL:8 Hall Close, Whissendine: Extension: Grant Planning Permission

2017/0793/FUL: Walton House Farm, 5 Melton Road, Whissendine: Demolition of existing single storey external store side elevation, re-furbish existing double garage into part of dwelling and single storey pitched roof extension. New double garage with two storey room over.
No comment to be given.

2017/0830/LBA: Chestnut Cottage, 3 Ashwell Road, Whissendine: Erection of a single story conversation conservatory to the rear of the property .No comment to be given.

12923: The Banks

The Ward Councillor had received a complaint from a resident about erosion of the ramps to the bridge. This is not dangerous but it will need to be reviewed after the expected winter floods.
The Clerk has taken an action to ascertain if the current contractor responsible for the mowing of the grass on The Banks wishes to continue on the same terms in 2018.

12924: Highways/Village Maintenance:

The raised iron-work by the bus shelter on Bishops Corner remains an issue.
STW has completed repair work opposite 11 Ashwell Road.
Drain corner of St Andrew's Close has been repositioned to a suitable level by RCC.
The road gully outside 35 Main Street is blocked and only percolates slowly.

12925:Financial business:

The Clerk distributed an up to date Approved Expenditure summary.
The refunds requested from Rutland County Council and Opus Lighting have now been received .and the Clerk will update the relevant lines in the budget to reflect this.

Approval for payment of invoices received:

October:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grant Thornton	100924	240.00
Farm & Garden	100925	24.84
Farm & Garden	100926	228.00
Farm & Garden	100927	252.00
D. Billsdon	100928	51.30

12926: Ongoing business:

The Parish Council agreed to continue with Long Clawson Christmas vouchers this year on the same terms as last and the details will be published in the November issue of the Grapevine.

A letter has been received from BT confirming they no longer have any interest in the village telephone kiosk and the Whissendine Parish Council has full responsibility for it. Therefore, the Parish Councillors have decided to donate the kiosk to charity. It was agreed it should be made available for the use of Sean Thuis, Principal Cardiac Physiologist and Cardiac Investigations Manager, Kettering General Hospital, to enable him to take forward the plan to install a defibrillator in the kiosk.

A letter has been received from the Treasurer of the Sports Club, stating that the Club is now moving forward with the process of becoming a charity. A solicitor has been approached and the cost of 10 hours work would cost £2,700. The WPC has made a commitment to support this action up to £3,000.
A member of the Club is putting together a business plan to take the Club forward. The WPC confirmed that they would meet the legal fees up to £3000.

The WPC discussed the options of marking the centenary of the 1918 armistice and the idea of placing a large poppy on each lamppost in the village with photographs of all 10 men who lost their lives, on each poppy. After a suitable time on display, the plaques would hopefully be put into the church.

12927: Correspondence:

The Clerk has received correspondence regarding areas being prone to flooding and the benefits gained by appointing a Flood Warden. The notion of a village flood Warden was positively received. This will be investigated and carried forward.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:15 pm on Monday 6th November at the Village Hall.