

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 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 Mr T. Edmunds

In attendance: Mrs. E. Everington - Parish Clerk
 Mr Ian Arnold - Ward Councillor
 A local resident of Cow Lane attended

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

12904: Questions from the public:

A resident of Cow Lane had previously reported a gathering of flies in a sky-light at her home, she has now received confirmation that they were flying ants.

She also asked if the Parish Council had planned to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One – 11th November 2018. This matter was planned to be discussed in the meeting.

12905: Apologies for absence: No absentees

12906: Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: None received

12907: To approve the minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 17th July 2017.

These were approved without amendment.

12908: Ongoing business:

The possibilities for marking the centenary of the 1918 armistice were briefly considered. These possibilities included:

The Councillors confirmed they would be doing something and discussed the option of flying a flag at some point in the Village. Councillor Arnold suggested placing large poppies on lampposts in the Village, as other villages had done previously.

Other options put forward - to include village groups, the Brownies, the Church, Mr Mike Dickinson and the School.

The Clerk will investigate these options and this will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting on 2nd October.

The subject of the current state of the Village Hall was discussed, with feedback that the cupboards are full and there is a need to ascertain which groups are using them. Also some items have been left on the stairs which could be problematic. This will be carried forward to the next meeting.

A new resident of the village asked about the road over the main bridge in the village, with a suggestion that a sign could be installed to show a priority for one direction of the traffic crossing the bridge.

It was noted that this resident would be unaware that this had already been trialled by RCC and proved ineffectual as the view over across the bridge is impeded. The situation of driver- caution had adverted accidents to date.

A discussion took place regarding the plan to build 88 new houses in the village, as part of Rutland Local Plan. A meeting will take place at the Whissendine Village Hall on 12th September between 4pm-7pm. Councillor Cynthia Moss will attend this.

12909: Reports from Councillors:

Ward Councillor Report: Ian Arnold was welcomed to his first meeting with the W.P.C. and he delivered his report:

1. An acknowledgement had been received regarding a request for a car pull in, on Cow Lane, as part of the Integrated Transport Capital Programme. Councillor Arnold has replied to this, lending his full support for the request.

2. Engaged with R.C.C. Highways regarding the fence erected at the bottom of Mill Grove.

3. Greendale campsite had been approached regarding the speed limits applicable to Pickwell Lane and confirmed the outcome of last year's request for a reduction was not supported by the Police.

4. Will in future attend RCC's "Audit and Risk" and "Growth, Infrastructure and Resource" scrutiny panels and will be attending Planning training shortly. Once trained in procedures he will be able to participate fully in representing any views to RCC's Planning Committee
5. Arranged to meet the previous Ward Councillor, Kevin Thomas, to complete a hand over of outstanding matters on 6th September 2017.
6. To attend a full induction with R.C.C. on the 23rd October.
7. Will attend the Rutland Local Plan consultation on 12th September in the village hall and will place signs around the village to ensure residents are aware of the meeting.

Meeting reports from WP Councillors:

Mrs Millington reported attending the Village Hall Committee. The committee had noted the drains had been cleared and the hall floor resurfaced. They had the offer of a flag- pole and were considering possible sites for it. They were also reviewing storage of goods/equipment within the Village Hall to maintain safe access/egress routes.

12910: Planning matters:

2017/080/FUL 8 Hall Close Whissendine: Extension to ground floor property, maintaining the existing brick and painting, the existing UPVC windows and the interlocking roof tiles.
No comment offered by the Parish Council.

2017/0791/PTA: 73 Main Street, Whissendine: Reduce mature large leaved Lime tree, all round height and spread by up to 3 metres back to previous pruning points. Epicormic growth to be removed.
No comment offered by the Parish Council.

2017/0737/FUL: Manor Farm, Station Road, Whissendine: Demolition of redundant farm buildings. Change of use from agricultural to residential. Extension of Unit 1, the original red brick building. The second red brick building on the site will be converted into a garage block. Erection of four new dwellings as an courtyard development.
No comment offered by the Parish Council.

12911: Report on the Grapevine:

The September issue was still produced by the usual printer due to technical issues. The October issue is expected to be printed under the new arrangements. The editor is to be invited to the October meeting of WPC.

12912: The Banks:

The maintenance of the Banks is going well with the regular grass cutting. A new padlock has replaced the broken one on the gate to the Playground.
The correct contact telephone number is now displayed on both maps.
The laying of Bark under the swings will be in Spring 2018.

12913: Highways/Village Maintenance:

The large pot hole at the top of the village and the one on Stapleford Road have now been filled.

12914: Financial business:

The Clerk distributed an up to date Approved Expenditure summary. The issue of heightened costs associated with street lighting was discussed: Investigations revealed some double payments had been made-refunds have been agreed and should be received by WPC shortly. It was also discovered that remit of some other expenses were due: amounting to c£900 The Chairman noted the amount paid for salaries appeared high over the last 12 months. The Clerk took an action to contact RCC in order to have this checked.

Approval for payment of invoices received:

August:

Payee	Cheque	Amount
BT Payphones	100914	1.00
RCC	100915	880.08
Impressions	100916	397.00
Farm & Garden	100917	276.00
Opus	DD	246.35
D. Billsdon	100918	60.63

September

E. Everington	100919	27.92
Impressions	100920	397.00
D. Billsdon	100923	46.88

Cheques 100921 & 100922 cancelled

12915: Correspondence

The Clerk received a contract from BT, confirming the Whissendine Parish Council has purchased the telephone kiosk in the village. The telephony apparatus will now be removed, allowing the WPC to proceed with the plans to install a defibrillator in the kiosk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7:15 pm on Monday 2nd October at the Village Hall.