

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 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 Mrs J.A. Millington

In attendance: Mrs. E. Everington - Parish Clerk
Mr Ian Arnold - Ward Councillor,
Local Police Constable Laurie Appleton

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

12928: Update from P.C. Appleton:

The Councillors welcomed P.C. Appleton, who then addressed the meeting and said he wished to make the Parish Council aware of the increased level of break-ins and theft in and outside of Whissendine. There had been 20 break-ins in the last few months, including a Pub. In general, the target has been new bikes and garden sheds. The police are asking for local residents to spread the word to make more people aware of the thefts taking place. Any media such as Face Book is a good way of spreading the message. Also, dog walkers may notice suspicious behaviour and non village people in the area. Householders need to be aware of unknown people knocking on their doors selling items. If they appear suspicious, the police should be advised on telephone number 101. Although this is a slow system, it is important the Police are made aware of any suspicious behaviour.

12929: No absentees

12930: Declaration of Pecuniary: None received

12931: To approve the minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council held on 2nd October 2017.
These were approved without amendment.

12932: Reports from Councillors:

Ward Councillor Ian Arnold delivered his update:

- The broken stile previously reported, is the responsibility of the Landowner.
- The broken gate, RCC will contribute 25% of the total cost.
- The drains that are flooding will be cleared out in two weeks time.
- The pot hole near to the bus stop will be dealt with shortly.

Councillor Patricia Lake has stepped down from her position with the Environment Group. This role has been taken up by Cynthia Moss.

12933: Planning matters:

2017/0793/FUL: Walton House Farm, 5 Melton Road, Whissendine, Oakham LE15 7EU. Refuse Planning Permission

The proposed double garage and first floor accommodation by virtue of its site, scale and design would result in an unacceptable adverse impact upon the residential amenities of No. 3a Melton Road by reason of increased overlooking and loss of privacy and fails to accord with Policy CS19 (Design and amenity) of the Site Allocations and Policies Development (2014) and adopted Supplementary Planning Document Extensions to Dwelling (March 2015)

12934: A report on the Grapevine:

The WPC confirmed their thanks and appreciation for the hard work the Editor of the Grapevine has put in to achieve improvements to the Magazine.

The application form for the Long Clawson Christmas vouchers had been missed out of the November issue of the Grapevine. The form will appear in the December issue, which should be printed early to allow the applications to be dealt with early in December.

12935: The Banks:

Farm & Garden Ltd. will continue to maintain the grass cutting of the Banks during 2018.

12936: Highways /Village Maintenance

Councillor Cynthia Moss informed the meeting of the growth of weeds and long grass in the gutters and on the edges of paths on most of Main Street and at the base of the telegraph pole outside number 35 Main Street. A cleaner vehicle came through during term time but the road was full of parked cars at the time.

12937: Financial business:

The Clerk presented an update of the Authorised Expenditure for October. This raised questions around some of the payments made, as this spreadsheet does not show a breakdown of the payment to individual payees. This method of collating the information had been developed some time ago. In order to demonstrate a better understanding of current authorised payments, going forward, the Clerk will forward an additional spreadsheet with a breakdown of all payments made.

Payments Authorised:

<u>Cheque:</u>	<u>Payee:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100929	The Village Hall	81.25
100930	D. Billsdon	48.75
100932	R.C.C.	880.08
100933	Farm & Garden	276.00

12938: Ongoing business:

Defibrillator

Councillor Rob. Comber gave an update on the plan to install two defibrillators in the village.

Sean Thuis has secured the funds for the first and is now looking for funding for the second one.

The WPC committed to match the shortfall of £900.

Flood Warden

The Clerk confirmed she had not received any response from the village to take on this role. Councillor Rob Comber suggested approaching the manager of the White Lion public house in the village. Cllr. Comber took this as an action.

Christmas Tree

The tree will be ordered to be delivered in the first week of December and it will be erected on the village green.

Councillor Tim Edmonds will assist with this.

1918 Armistice

The option of installing poppies on the lampposts in the village will be discussed at the December Parish meeting.

Whissendine Sports Club

The Clerk will write to the Sports Club to ascertain the current position regarding the Club's intention to transfer to a Charity status.

The next meeting of the Whissendine Parish Council will take place at 7: 15pm on Monday 4th December in the Village Hall.