

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th December 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.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

12939: No absentees

12940: Declaration of Pecuniary: None received

12941: To approve minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th November 2017.
These were approved without amendment.

12942: Reports from Councillors:

Ward Councillor Ian Arnold delivered his update:

- Just eight people turned up for the meeting in Oakham for the update on the Rutland Plan. From the information shared, it seems Market Overton is the way to go.
- Ben Thomas is dealing with complaints of moss on paths in Fox Hill. This should be dealt with next week. The danger is, the elderly could slip on the Moss. The contract is with BIFFA and they will scrape the Moss away, rather than using a spray.
- Grit Bins: These have not been placed in the village yet. Councillor Arnold has chased them up.
- Post Box at the bottom of Melton Road – this had been removed in September and the intention is to erect a new one at the same place as the previous one. Councillor Arnold will chase this up.

Councillor Cynthia Moss attended the Village Hall AGM on 27th November:

- The chairman and Treasurer presented their reports.

Committee members were thanked, and with no other candidates coming forward, were re-elected.

- The refurbishment of the downstairs areas of the Village Hall to provide changing rooms and storage, has gone well and should mean that more 'Acts' and entertainers can be invited to the Hall, as well as the area being more comfortable for 'The Stars'.
- The floor has been resealed.
- Thanks were given to WPC, and to other fundraisers, for their financial support.
- Plans are currently being drawn up to improve and update the kitchen area, and to integrate it with the bar area by removing part of the wall.
- Plans and the costs are well in hand, and funding is being put in place.
- Regular users are continuing to use the Hall and parties, entertainments and catering, all have been well-received.
- Investigations into the erection of a village flagpole are ongoing.

Whissendine Environment Group, Cynthia Moss is now representing the PC on WEG:Pat Lake was thanked for all her hard work with WEG since its inception.

Updates following the meeting on 9th November:-

- The work on maintaining Chapel Walk is continuing.
- Working parties for clearing, cultivating and planting along Windmill Lane have been continuing and WEG are very grateful for a gift of topsoil.
- Advice on hedge laying is being sought for the future.
- The Rainbows wild flowers have taken well and some further planting is envisaged.

A.O.B:

A village resident had spoken to a council member, about the recent gulley cleaning. Unfortunately the contractors had not been able to reach some of the gullies, due to parked cars, although they did manage to return to one after a vehicle moved. Our Ward councillor will take this matter up on our behalf.

12943: Planning matters:

2017/1077/PTA: 73 Main Street, Whissendine, Oakham, Rutland LE15 7ES

Proposal: Lime tree to be reduced by no more than 2 metres all round and remove the epicormic growth on the main stem. Reasons for this work are to reduce the size of the tree, in order to create more light in the garden and for the property due to the size of the tree.

No comment to be given.

The WPC has been asked to comment on a request for Extinguishment of Highway on Stapleford Road. The Councillors could not foresee any problems as long as any fence or growth must be managed. They suggested a covenant be in place confirming the owner must manage any fence or bushes are limited to 1.5 metres to ensure the view from the road is not affected.

12944: A report on the Grapevine:

The quality of the printing has improved but further improvements may be difficult for the new Printers as they are using the old artwork. The Clerk has taken an action to request new artwork from the advertisers, next year.

12945: The Banks:

Councillor Dr. Lammin confirmed the grass had been mowed and the Banks are looking good.

12946: Financial business: The Clerk distributed the updated Approved Expenditure and Income spreadsheets. No comments made

The meeting for the 2018 Budget has been arranged for Wednesday 28th December 2017.

Payments authorised:

Payee	Cheque	Amount
D. Billsdon	100934	40.00
E. Everington	100935	27.92
Farm & Garden	100936	140.00

12947: Ongoing business:

- a) Update of the installation of two Defibrillators in Whissendine: Work is continuing to raise funds for the second one.
- b) Flood Warden: Two local people have put their names forward to volunteer for this position. They will be contacted by Andrew Murr, Business Continuity & Resilience Manager.
- c) Long Clawson Charity vouchers will be delivered 16th December
- d) Land Formalities. The Parish Councillors discussed an issue regarding land situated between the bottom of Mill Grove and the Oakham Road where fences have been installed around a garage. The land where the fences have been erected are on private land at one side, land owned by a householder in Mill Grove. The other land which has been managed by the WPC is not registered. The Parish Council will take action to secure the land which they maintain.
- e) The Christmas tree has been set up on the Village Green.
- f) The Clerk has written to the Sports Club to gain an update on the intention to transfer the Club to a charity status.
- g) A letter has been received requesting funds towards the cost of further improvements to the Village Hall. This will be considered when the full costs are available.
- h) A meeting to agree the 2018/19 budget will be held at 2pm on Thursday 28th December at the Chairman's house.

The next meeting of the Whissendine Parish Council will take place at 7:15pm on Monday 8th January 2018 in the Village Hall.