

**WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**In the Village Hall, Whissendine**

Present                      Mr W. Farr (Chairman)

Mr. R. Comber, Mrs P. Lake, Mrs. C. Moss,  
Mrs. L. Arnold, Mr D. Hatton

Apologies for absence: Mr. T. Edmunds  
Dr. S. Lammin

In attendance: Mrs. E. Everington - Parish Clerk  
Mr Simon Mutsaars – Citizens Advice Rutland

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30 hours.

Update from the public: Mr Simon Mutsaars, representing Citizens Advice Rutland, introduced himself and gave the WPC an insight into the work carried out by himself and four volunteers, working with young people in Rutland.

Some of the areas they are involved in being, a "Stop Smoking service", Improving Outdoor Areas, used for recreation and a "Good Neighbour Service"..

Simon is keen to build a relationship with the WPC and suggested he starts by having conversations with three Councillors.

12960: Cllr. T. Edmunds and Ward Councillor I. Arnold sent their apologies.

12961: Declaration of Pecuniary: None received

12962: To approve the minutes of meetings:

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

These were approved without amendment.

12963: Reports from Councillors:

In Ward Councillor Ian Arnold's absence, his update was delivered by Councillor Linda Arnold:

- 1). Attended a number of meetings at RCC and the key issue will be the reduction of funds from central Government by £1.5 million. This has resulted in a reduction of Highways budget by a further £350,000, so we can expect even slower progress on road repairs.
- 2). Following a petition served at the last full Council meeting, the Oakham one way project has been put on stop and a "task and finish" panel will be established with five councillors and 5 nominees from the public, including some from the various lobbying bodies. This will have an independent chair and will decide what is right for Oakham by consensus.
- 3) Have had an extended conversation with Mr Ian Razzell, Business and Finance Director of the Oakham practise responsible for Market Overton surgery. Whilst they fully understand our need and our offer to install a meeting room at the Village Hall, they feel that to comply with the Care Quality Commission, we would need to create a clinic at the Village Hall. The cost requirements of this would, in their view, be prohibitive. He has agreed to meet up with again to discuss further and volunteered to attend a village forum to share the position with residents.
- 4). Footpath sign on Station Road now re-instated.
- 5) .Footbridge over the stream at the back of the allotments, reported to Helen Scott.
- 6).The motor home that was residing in the lay-by at the fishing lakes has now moved to the lay-by on the way to Little Dalby. Have made Laurie Appleton aware and he has paid a visit.
- 7).Sent a terse email to Ruth McNeil regarding road repairs, especially by the bus shelter as she fails to indicate when the repairs might be undertaken, now copied in Neil Tomlinson.
- 8) Have challenged back to Ruth McNeil about the grit bins as she says the policy is being reviewed but wasn't clear if we could buy through RCC. I have attached communication chain and ebay prices for buying through other routes if we wish.
- 9) Following the RCC communication on green bin levy. I have received only one complaint.
- 10) I have placed a petition in the village shop to serve to the Royal Mail in Oakham to get the post box on Oakham Road reinstated, this was the feedback from the Royal Mail and in excess of 20 signatures are required. This is mentioned in my report in the Grapevine.
- 10) Next Village meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, probably at the school at 11am and the platform will be shared with Oakham Police, PC Laurie Appleton and PC Lauren Orgill.

11) Councillor Pat Lake attended a meeting with representations from Rutland Parish Councillors.

12964: Planning matters:

2018/0030/FUL: Walton House Farm, 5, Melton Road, Whissendine, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 7EU

Demolish existing single storey external store side elevation, re-furbish existing double garage into part dwelling and single storey pitched roof extension. Add glazed canopy covered areas. Re-roof existing house. New double garage, two storey with room over.

No comment to be offered by the WPC.

2018/0049/FUL: Land near to 91 Main Street, Whissendine, Oakham, Rutland.

Conversion and extension of existing double garage into 3 bedroom dwelling.

The WPC have made the comments: The planned house is too large, causing over development of the site.

12965: A report on the Grapevine:

The quality continues to improve with some advertisers sending in new templates. These have been sent to the printer. The number of advertisers has remain the same with one cancelled, replaced by a new one.

12966: The Banks

The Clerk has received some information of prices for equipment for the play area. This is ongoing.

12967: Highways/Village Maintenance:

The Clerk will report the following:

- a) The state of the bus shelter at the Green, it has been hit by a bus, needs repairing.
- b) Overgrown Fir trees on Stapleford Road.
- c) A drain is blocked at the junction on Hall Close.
- d) Write to R.C.C. regarding the gullies on Main Street. Owing to the car parking opposite the school, the maintenance work cannot take place. The Clerk will ask for notice of the planned work to enable for "No Parking" signs to be put out while the work is carried out.
- e) Report the ongoing request for the broken and rotting "finger posts" to be replaced.

12968: Financial business:

<u>Cheque</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100940	P. Tatham	16.92
100941	R.C.C.	880.08
100942	LSC (Land Search)	47.00
100943	Village Shop, Long Clawson	2,070.00
100945	D. Billsdon (caretaker)	60.63
100946	The Village Hall (maintenance)	2,100.00

12969: Correspondence:

None received

The next meeting of the Whissendine Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018.  
The A.G.M. will be held at the Village School at 7:30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018