# WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 1st October 2018** in the Village Hall, Whissendine

Present. Mr Will Farr (Chairman)

Mr D Hatton, Mrs L Arnold, Mrs C Moss,

Mr R Comber, Mr T Edmunds

In attendance Dr S Lammin (Honorary Parish Clerk)
Also in attendance. Mr I Arnold Rutland County Councillor

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

13036. Questions or comments from the public No members of the public present.

13037. Apologies for absence: Mrs P Lake

13038. Declaration of pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda:
None received

13039. To approve the minutes of the meeting held 3rd September 2018
The minutes were approved without amendment, proposed by Mrs Arnold, seconded by Mr Hatton

## 13040 Reports from Councillors

- a) Rutland County Councillor Mr Arnold reported that the P.O. Box had been returned but the location was considered hazardous. The postal review panel had been written to. Their role had been to see it replaced. In a letter that indicated the choice of location had passed thru RCC, but rested with Royal Mail; Ian to follow up.
- b) Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors Whissendine Environment Group (WEG) met on 27 Sep 2018. Mrs Moss attended and they supplied notes of the meeting to WPC. The current issues centre on planting and litter mainly.
- i Bulb planting on green...there are tulips but more between posts welcome.
- ii Tree planting on Banks... 4 oaks ...positions located by children's play area one on bank by older children's play area and one near sluice. WPC need to provide posts, ties, planting medium and rabbit proofing.
- iii. Litter-pick is planned by WEG in early March 2019.WEG will arrange for equipment.
- c) Report of the Rutland Community and Voluntary sector conference, 21 Sep. 2018 The Hon. Clerk attended. A new grant scheme has been launched: Healthy Rutland Grant Scheme. There is £80k available for small grants to improve health and wellbeing, promote independence or reduce the impact of long term health conditions. The closing date for 1st round applications is 5 November 2018, 2nd

round is 22 February 2020, and 3rd round 3 May 2020. Applications will roll forward so the money may be spent before rounds 2 or 3.

# 13041 Planning matters

a) To consider those plans received between 3rd September and 1st October 2018 **2018/0831/FUL** 25-27 Stapleford Road: change of use of garden room to B1c ceramics studio

Councillors noted the garden room had been added recently and there are 6 parking spaces. However, concern was expressed about parking provision because on road parking currently the practice associated with this property. The road bends at this point and has junctions and there is access to 6 premises in the immediate vicinity so that any increased obstacles on the road could create a hazard.

2018/0904/FUL Pears Lodge Cottage station Rd new dwelling. No comments offered

b) Planning updates

2018/0212/RES RCC approved non material amendment

2018/0727/FUL RCC approved 2 storey extention 22 Oakham Rd.

**2018/0776/FUL** RCC granted planning permission for retrospective application for demo and revised design of The Three Horseshoes, 66 Main St.

c) Rutland Draft Local Plan, issues since RCC's consultation closed 24/9/2018. WPC response submitted and acknowledged. No issues arising

#### 13042 Parish Council assets

- a) Disposal of an outdated 'Brother' printer was AGREED
- b) Aquisition of a personal computer, office software, virus protection software and portable drive **AGREED**. The Hon Clerk was authorised to acquire the computer equipment to a value not exceeding £580.

#### 13043 The Banks

a) Maintenance of The Banks.

The grass was cut in September in accordance with the contract.

Dalby tree care to be asked to remove willow that split in September storm, as a matter of urgency before next high winds.

b) The meeting debated the appointment of a suitably qualified person to inspect the safety of the children's play area and associated equipment.

## 13044 Highways/Village Maintenance:

RCC has proposed removing the bus shelter from the village green as it sustains regular vehicle damage. The meeting suggested a bollard be sited directly under eaves of the shelter at the front to force the vehicles to keep wide while turning. Parish Councillors would not wish to lose the shelter.

It was noted that the naturalised verge outside the church is becoming overgrown.

### 13045 Financial business

a) Updated Accounts.

These were received from the outgoing Clerk.

b) To consider invoices received and approve payments as appropriate.

The following amounts were agreed:

c) To consider the offer by the former Parish Clerk to continue to coordinate and invoice for advertising space in the Grapevine, on a voluntary basis.

The councilors expressed concern about imposing on the former Clerk and AGREED to decline her kind offer and retain the duties of co-ordinating and billing for advertising within the sunstantive role of the Clerk to the Council.

### 13046 Review of actions scheduled

- Notification of those expressing interest in editing The Grapevine done 3/9/2918.
- Respond to consultation on Additional sites within the draft Local Plan done 13/9/2018
- investigate grass cutting schedule details yet to be successfully discovered
- request inclusion of RCC's proposal to recharge election costs onto Parish Forum agenda of 10 December 2018 - request submitted 3/9/2918
- carry forward recharge details to Dec. Precept Meeting pending
- clarify criteria for closed church yards pending
- investigate process by which Register of Common Land May be updated done

It was AGREED that the Hon Clerk contact Claire Newton re remedying apparent error on RCC register of common land

13047 Verbal update on progress with 1918 armistice centenary commemorations

a) Timetable for display of individual commemorations of those who died. Lamination of posters in hand; ready by 10 October. 2<sup>nd</sup> set of pictures to be available for framing. 21 posters in all, ply mounted.

To be put up on lampposts: 1 November; and taken down end of month. Mrs Moss is leading on production of posters and Mr Edmunds agreed to see them mounted in the village. Mrs Moss will create a list of locations for the commemorative posters for publication in the Grapevine.

It was noted Pte Castle also has display in Oakham Museum.

b) Acknowledgement of support given and debate regarding granting free advertising-space in gratitude of that support Sonara studios have gone out of their way to assist. It was AGREED they should be offered a free ad in Nov 18 edn of Grapevine and thereafter occasional ads during next year. Mrs Moss agreed to convey this to Sonara Studios.

There was no Ongoing business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda

13048. Correspondence received in September from:
Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland re commemoration of WW1 armistice.
CAB invitation to their AGM on 29 October 2018
RCC re: update of mobile library timetable from w/c 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018
LRALC Rutland Group re their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018
PKF re Completion of limited assurance review for year ended 31 March 2018

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