

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 7th January 2019**  
**7.15 pm** in the Village Hall, Whissendine

**Present.**

**Mr Will Farr (Chairman)**  
**Mr D Hatton, Mrs L Arnold, Mrs C Moss, Mr R**  
**Comber, Mrs P Lake, Mr T Edmunds**

**In attendance**

**Dr S Lammin (Honorary Parish Clerk)**

**Also in attendance.**

**Mr I Arnold Rutland County Councillor**

**Ms. Angela Kuc**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

**13072** To take any questions or comments from the public

a) General invitation: No members of the public present

b) Written question from Mr Drabble: "May we ask for clarification as to why one site (out of 12) [brought forward, as a supplementary site, for consultation as part of the Local Planning process so far] has apparently not been assessed by WPC (site WHI11) to complete response to RCC? What does this mean for the ranking of sites previously categorized in 2017 by WPC as the "least worse" sites and has this previous categorization been updated?"

The Parish Councillors responded that no particular issues pertained to the supplementary site (WHI11) so no comments were offered to RCC in relation to this late proposal. No ranking of any of the sites has been undertaken by WPC. The parish council did not favour development of any of the sites in the first tranche of 10 but did note that there was one that presented fewer negative aspects to domestic development and described that as 'least worse'. Of the two sites that came forward later; one presented particular challenges when domestic development was considered and those comments were offered to RCC. There has been no overall comparison made between all twelve sites proposed to date and no new comments have been offered on the tranche-one sites. It is not proposed that new comments will be offered to RCC until the final version of the Local Plan is issued for final consultation. It is understood that the development of RCC's Local Plan is a moving feast and that the final version may differ significantly from the earlier version; not least because a windfall site has emerged that may focus development in another area of the county. The Clerk was asked to advise Mr Drabble of the response to his question.

**13073** Apologies for absence: None received

**13074** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received

**13075** Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018 approved; proposed by Mr Rob Comber and seconded by Mrs Pat Lake.

**13076** Reports from Councillors:

- a. Mr Ian Arnold, Rutland County Councillor advised that: the expected Cow Lane  
works had not started, yet.
- b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:
  - i) Parish Council Forum: Dave Hatton attended. Rutland in Bloom was a subject. Talk re  
support for Ex-Service employees. Booklet on 'Discovering Rutland' was introduced.  
Grant for Healthy Garden Scheme available.

**13077** Planning matters

- a To consider plans received between 3 December 2018 and 7 January 2019 – None  
received.
- b Planning updates received including:
  - i) Decisions:  
2018/1073/FUL 9 St Andrews Close extension – Refused by RCC  
2018/1148/FUL 29a The Nook extension + new build – Refused by RCC
  - ii) Tree Preservation Orders  
No. 8 TPO 2018 – Ash Tree 29a The Nook

**13078** The Banks

- a. Update on removal of 2<sup>nd</sup> fallen tree: This was removed on 18 December 2018.
- b. Update on repair of stile: This was repaired on 7 December 2018.
- c. Consideration of tree inspection: It was AGREED that Dalby Tree Care be asked to  
assess trees on the Banks and along the brook by the green. Then Whissendine  
Environment Group be asked to consider the bio-diversity implications and any other  
implications for the reduction of growth on the willows bordering the stream; any to  
make recommendations as to extent and timing/phasing of trimming/lopping in the  
report.
- d. Consideration of fencing inspection/repairs: It was AGREED that the post and rail  
fencing to the Banks should be assessed and estimates for repairs obtained, with a  
view to the works being during 2019-20 financial year.

**13079** Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary  
action. Stile back of Walton Close, 3rd from Harborough Close going out of village  
is rickety (found beyond the shed).

**13080** Financial Business

- a Setting the precept for 2019-2020: It was noted that the reserves are less than one  
year's precept also that new costs will arise in May 2019 associated with local

elections. The Children's play equipment, installed in 2006, is due to be inspected in May and it is anticipated that some will need replacing. The fencing to the Banks is in need of attention and two trees have been lost in storms in Nov/Dec 2018 so that an active management of the trees may be necessary. It was also expected that professional fees will be significantly higher in 2019-20 than in recent years, as a solicitor has been instructed in relation to village land-law matters. It was therefore AGREED that the precept be set at £30,187; which represents a 4.99% increase. The annual budget is set at £31,400 and the possible shortfall will be met from reserves.

- b The details of estimated expenditure to date were received. The full details of income and a reconciliation with a bank statement was still not possible.
- c Progress on change of mandate and access to financial records was reported as stagnant. The forms are with the bank. If the bank has not initiated the necessary changes by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 a formal complaint will be lodged with them.
- d Invoices received in December were considered and approved for payment:

Grapevine Printing PNP	£1606.00
Dalby Tree Care	£ 650.00
Village caretaking	£ 39.57

**13081** On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda:

- a The Grapevine: The charges for adverts contribute to print costs but don't cover the cost. Any increase in advertising rates may require registration with HMRC for VAT and require VAT to be charged. The Clerk was asked to provide a report for the February meeting and to invite the Editor to the meeting so he could advise WPC his plans for the magazine.

**13082** Correspondence

RCC Parish Forum notification 4 February 2019.

St Andrews Church Whissendine PCC: Details of graveyard maintenance costs.

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