

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 4th February 2019**  
**7.15 pm** in the Village Hall, Whissendine

**Present.**

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

**In attendance**

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

**Also in attendance.**

**Kevin Thomas, Gary Marsh and Colin Miles**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

**13083** To take any questions or comments from the public: None received.

**13084** Apologies for absence: received from Mr Rob Comber and Mr Arnold

**13085** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received.

**13086** Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2019 approved; proposed by Mrs C Moss and seconded by Mr D Hatton.

**13087** A verbal report from Colin Miles re: Whissendine.net. The report was received. Colin has taken over running of website. Website needs updating with village societies' happenings. Colin would like someone to assist him.

**13088** Whissendine Grapevine

- a. A verbal report was received from Gary Marsh the magazine's voluntary editor. He we content to try and get a group going to ensure the future of the Grapevine.
- b. A written report on future development of Whissendine Grapevine was received from the Parish Clerk. It was AGREED that an independent group be established so that the Parish Council would remove itself from direct operational functions, in particular by no longer being party to the publication contract and ceasing to collect monies used to fund publication of the magazine. It was also AGREED the Parish Council would continue to make provision within its budget for 2019-20 to allow grant funding of up to £3200 to underwrite production costs while the group forms and becomes established
- c. An update on Grapevine finances for 2018-19 was received from the Parish Clerk. Despite invoices for 2019 having been dispatched in batches since November 2018 less than 12% of the anticipated annual income had been collected so far, but it is only the second month of 2019.

**13089** Reports from Councillors:

- a. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:

Message was received from Mr Arnold that PO resistant to turning the Melton Road box.

- b. Mrs Moss reported that the last Village Hall Committee meeting was not quorate.
- c. Mrs Moss reported that litter volumes were being monitored by WEG to see if a roadside litter-pick is needed.

**13090** Planning matters:

- a To consider plans received between 8 January 2018 and 4 February 2019:

**2019/0032/FUL** Rutland Ho., West Farm, Stapleford Road: application for erection of single storey garden room, new stable and storage. No comments offered.

**2018/1273/FUL** 27A The Nook: installation of gabions along brook and field-side of lake and increase level of garden by up to 1.5m. The Parish Councillors were concerned the proposed changes may damage habitat for water voles and newts. They had particular concern that the proposed changes will inhibit natural overtopping of lake and brook into the flood plain and thereby will increase the likelihood and severity of flooding downstream across Main Street. The flooding of Main Street from the brook is a persistent problem due to the topography.

- b Planning updates received:

**2018/1186/PRC** 39B Main Street: Change of use from retail to coffee shop. Development required RCC approval. Conditional approval has been granted; no opening on Sundays or Bank Holidays, opening hours between 08:00 and 17:00 hrs. No deliveries on Sundays or Bank Holidays and limited to between 07:00 and 17:00 hrs.

**2018/0904/FUL** Pears Lodge Cottage, Station Road: Demolition of existing and construction of new dwelling. RCC granted approval.

**13091** The Banks

No current issues.

**13092** Highways and Village Maintenance

- a Maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: STW have dug in front of Stoup Cottage, Ashwell Rd. on 1 Feb. to fix leak.
- b Bus stop improvements and enhancements for 2019: It was AGREED that a replacement bus shelter be requested on the Green. The present shelter is askew and the rear wall damaged.

**13093** Financial Business

- a To receive the details of expenditure to date and reconcile with bank account. Full reconciliation requires more work but current balances were confirmed and the bank-statements viewed.
- b To confirm signatories for change of mandate: It was AGREED that for the bank accounts held by Whissendine Parish Council with the HSBC Bank plc the signatories shall be: Dr Susan Lammin (as Hon. Clerk and Responsible Financial

Officer); with elected-Members Mr Will Farr, Mrs Pat Lake and Mrs Linda Arnold continuing as authorized signatories. The Clerk to confirm same to the bank.

- c To consider invoices received in January and approve payments for:

Village caretaking (Jan)	£ 49.98
Whissendine.net (C Miles)	£ 76.91
Street Lighting (RCC)	£ 973.99
Q2 salaries (RCC)	£ 840.00
Office sundries	£ 94.09
G Morley for stile	£ 300.00
Long Clawson Charity	£2070.00

**13094** Preparations for Village meeting 13 March 2019:

It was noted that Colin Miles will provide a short presentation on whissendine.net, Gary Marsh will talk about Whissendine Grapevine and the need to establish a new group will be announced, Keith Dugmore will talk on the allotments in the village, PC Laurie Appleton will attend to talk about local crime trends. The chairman of WEG will send a written report and both the Craft and Produce Show committee and Village Hall committee intend to send representatives to outline their efforts. There is also the yearly review of Parish Council activity and the formal Long Clawson Charity report.

**13095** Ongoing business:

Land issue: The change of solicitor was noted and it was AGREED the possibility of Possessory Title should be investigated.

**13096** Correspondence

Letter from Rutland County Council re bus stop improvement bids.  
Email from LL&R CCGs re interactive workshops for redesign services  
Email from Rutland North Beat re: Rutland crime reported in January  
Email from CAB re Healthy Rutland Grants 2<sup>nd</sup> phase- 29 March 2019 deadline  
Email from RCC: Prospective Councillor event 13 February 2019 7pm Catmose  
Email from SLL seeking permission to park the "Healthy Bus" in the village.  
RCC Half-Term Activities Calendar  
UK SIC & RCC Internet Safety Event 9 February 11am to 3.30pm, Showground  
Rutland Learning Trust Admissions Consultation for 2020/21.  
HMRC

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