

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In attendance **Dr S Lammin (Honorary Parish Clerk)**
Also in attendance. **Kevin Thomas, Rosemary Powell.**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:17 hours.

13097 To take any questions or comments from the public: None received.

13098 Apologies for absence: received from Mrs Arnold. Mr Comber apologised for being late.

13099 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: Mr Edmunds declared an interest in the planning matter (0084/FUL) and will refrain from comment on the item.

13100 Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019 approved; proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mrs Lake.

13101 Minutes of the special meeting held on 11 February 2019 approved; proposed by Mrs Lake and seconded by Mr Hatton.

13102 Reports of meetings attended:

- a) County Councillor, Mr Arnold reported that the defibrillator has been used. A replacement unit is to be provided. 2nd unit now at sports club. 3rd unit at church still in hand.
The letterbox on Melton Rd has now been turned thru 180 degrees. Parish Council asked to slab a path to box from Oakham Rd. County Councillor requested to seek permission from RCC Highways who own the verge.
Kings Centre now 100% occupancy so Oakham Enterprise Park being assessed for suitability for office space.
- b) Mrs Moss reported that the WEG litter pick is to be held on 9 March. Volunteers are meeting at 10am on the village green. They plan to clear verges along Oakham Rd, Melton Road and Ashwell Rd.

13103 Planning matters:

- a To consider plans received between 5 February 2019 and 4 March 2019:

(Mr Edmunds left the meeting)

2019/0084/FUL 59 Main Street: Erection of timber garage
No issues identified.

(Mr Edmunds rejoined the meeting)

- b Planning updates received:
Decision notice: 2018/1165/DIS Whissendine Cottage 32 Main Street: planning details approved by RCC.

(Mr Comber joined the meeting)

13104 The Banks

No current issues. Fencing and gates, condition to be looked at. Tree survey to be arranged.

13105 Highways and Village Maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:

Mill Grove: edge of road eroding on corner, down to the substrate in the gutter by the kerb.

Hole in the middle of Melton Road towards junction with Oakham Road.

13106 Financial Business

- a To receive the details of expenditure to date and reconcile with bank account:
It was noted that from the annual budget of £30500 The expenditure to date on meeting variable costs (maintenance, street lights, etc.) was 65% of that planned; with the amount spent on professional fees significantly less than budgeted. The expenditure on fixed costs (salaries, insurance, etc.) was 82% of that planned; the saving arising as the clerk's post is not currently salaried. Community action expenses were 57% of those planned, as the play equipment has yet to be repaired/replaced and it had been hoped that this would have been done in 2018-19. It was noted that there was £27,584 in the current account at the end of February and £17,626.40 on deposit. It was noted there was sufficient for the planned improvements to the play equipment, repair of fencing on the Banks, inspection and any necessary tree-surgery on the Banks, contribution to a pulling-in place in Cow Lane should RCC schedule it during 2019 and the arising issue of the paving near the Melton Road post box; in addition to meeting those commitments given to village organisations for financial assistance during the coming year.
- b To consider invoices received in February and approve payments for:
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| Village caretaking (Feb) | £ 58.31 |
| Rental of school hall (Village meeting) | £ 50.00 |
| Fields in Trust | £ 65.00 |

13107 To agree the agenda 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.

13108 Ongoing business:

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

Nextdoor Whissendine is a new website being promoted within the village. The details are to be forwarded to the whissendine.net co-ordinator to minimize risk of conflicting local information on-line. (It has emerged that this website may be associated with a scam).

Rubbish burning at side of stream reported as an issue, It was noted if it is an issue it is a matter for the Environment Agency, complainant is aware of correct agency.

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Correspondence

Letter from CAB re extension of application deadline for Healthy Grant Scheme to 29 March 2019

Letter from Whissendine Sports Club with thanks for recent grant.

Letter from returning officer regarding election arrangements for May 2019

RCC notification: Bus Users Group meeting 26 March 2019 10:15-11:45hrs @ Rutland Museum

RCC notification: Parish Council Forum 4 March 2019 19:00hrs @ Catmose

Email from Bruce Lawrie advising he's experiencing an increase in flies as temps reach 15°C; he's advised RCC Env. Health, who will monitor.

Meeting closed 20:20

Any member of the public may view copies of letters and documents held by the parish council by appointment with the Clerk: whisspcclerk@gmail.com