

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 3 June 2019**
7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Whissendine

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mr Hatton, Mr Comber, Mrs Moss, Mr
Greenlay, Mrs Lake and Mrs Arnold.

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Dr S Lammin (Honorary Parish Clerk)
Mrs R Powell (County Councillor)

Meeting opened at 19.15 hrs

- 13147 Any questions or comments from the public: None received
- 13148 Apologies for absence received from: Ms. Angela Kuc.
- 13149 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received
- 13150 Co-option to fill vacancies advertised since 2 May 2019 election: No person presented themselves for co-option. There remain 2 vacancies.
- 13151 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019: proposed by Mr Hatton and seconded by Mr Comber.
- 13152 Reports from Councillors:
- a. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: RCC scrutiny agenda being prepared- topics may be offered. Local Plan consultation now Summer 2019. Highways and Transportation Working Group considering Cow Lane passing place and School Safe Zone tomorrow.
- Mrs Arnold joined the meeting.
- b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors: Mrs Lake visited the MacDonald's consultation re their new restaurant on the Oakham ring road..
- 13153 Planning matters
- a. To consider plans received between 14 May 2019 and 3 June 2019:
 - 2019/0439/FUL** Rebuild of outbuilding 3 Ashwell Road: No comments offered.
 - 2019/CM/0066/LCC** Green's Lodge Farm, Pickwell anaerobic digester: It is not clear how this application has been amended. The Parish Council objects to the importation of waste to the area. There are still a lot of vehicle movements required and a junction on the A606 which presents a risk, where there are already a lot of accidents. There is also a likelihood of increased traffic movements cutting through Whissendine to the site. It is in a flood risk zone and it increases risk of pollution of the water course. A stream into Whissendine flows from the area of the proposed site; historically pollution from this area has killed fish in the stream in Whissendine and created black-slime on the stream-bed that took a long time to recover.
 - b. Planning updates received:
 - 2019/0169/FUL** 29A The Nook: Planning permission granted by RCC with conditions.
 - 2019/0309/FUL** 2 Sherrard Close: Planning permission refused by RCC.

2019/0315/FUL 9 St Andrews Close: Planning permission refused by RCC.

13154 The Banks

- a. To consider matters of safety affecting the children's play areas: An inspection of the Younger Children's Play area and the Teen Area was undertaken on 6 May 2019 by a RoSPA inspector. An inspection report was prepared for each area detailing the findings, risk level and risk score for each item checked. The Parish Councillors considered both reports' findings in detail and AGREED to establish a sub-committee (Mr Greenlay, Mrs Moss, Mr Comber and Mrs Lake) to approach contractors/installers to suggest replacement equipment and plan installation of new play equipment). It was also AGREED the Clerk seek quotes for repair from competent persons after they assess the fencing and bench repairs necessary.
- b. To consider tree management on the Banks: Following the unexpected damage to two trees last year the Clerk had been asked to seek persons competent to report on the condition of the trees and to undertake any necessary actions to manage the growth to reduce the risk of splitting/toppling in high winds. Four invitations to tender were sent out: one invitee failed to respond, one responded that the job fell outside their scope of operations and two provided quotes, following survey. Parish Councillors noted that the recommended works were very similar and the prices varied from £1280 (total cost) to £2300 (not inc. VAT). It was AGREED that the quote from Dalby Tree Care for £1280.00 be accepted and the works to be undertaken after the bird-breeding season closes.
- c. Any other matters arising on the Banks: The clerk advised that on 16th May 2019 she gave permission for work to be done to reduce the height of a hawthorn and to side prune two ash trees on the Banks by contractors acting for Western Power Distribution. The Clerk confirmed that Farm and Garden has been asked to provide more bark beneath the swings in the young children's play area and to add it as an extra on a future invoice under the existing contract.

Hedge at Thorpe Gardens has been reduced and has attracted comment from a resident that this was done out of season. This is not a matter for the Parish Council.

13155 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:

It was confirmed that the recent damage to the finger-post Stapleford Rd/Oakham Road has been reported to RCC.

Following recent trimming of the bank opposite Station Road a complaint has been received that the spring flowering plants have been cut and the area left untidy with loose stems in situ.

BT Connect trench across station Road leading to new green Broadband Box has been backfilled but has sunk.

Drain in Station Road op Old Bus Shelter has collapsed and drains very slowly (over days) after rain.

13156 Financial Business

- a) To receive financial report for May 2019: The accounts were reconciled to 31 May 2019 with £27121.21 in the current account and a cheque for £550 yet to be drawn.
- b) To consider invoices received in May and approve payments, as appropriate:

Village caretaking	£ 41.37
Banks maintenance	£ 252.00
Grapevine printing	£ 1656.00

- 13157 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda including purchase of Christmas tree.
It was reported that the White Lion source their Christmas Tree from Digby Farm, Station Rd, N. Luffenham and that delivery could be shared if WPC chose the same supplier. White Lion's Tree was 16 foot. Mr Comber will liaise with Chris at the White Lion in October.
- 13158 Correspondence
21/5/2019 email SBA Team, Littlejohn LLP LE0267 confirmation receipt AGAR Pt3
22/5/2019 email Came and Co Insurance docs effective from 1 June 2019.
23/5/2019 email Keith Dugmore confirmation of receipt Allotment Grant
30/5/2019 email Somerby PC re their Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
3/6/2019 email Whissendine PCC treasurer confirmation of receipt of two cheques.
3/6/2019 email RCC Temp. Road Closure Notice for 5 July 2019, Whissendine 6ix

Meeting closed at 20.45 hrs

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