

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 15 July 2019**  
**7.15 pm** in the Village Hall, Whissendine

**Present.**

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

**In attendance**

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

Meeting opened at 19.15 hrs

- 13159 Any questions or comments from the public: None received
- 13160 Apologies for absence received from: Mr Peter Greenlay (holiday), Mr R Comber and from Rutland, Cllr Powell (attending RCC Parish Forum).
- 13161 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received
- 13162 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2019: proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mr Hatton.
- 13163 Reports from Councillors:
- a) Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor submitted as a written note:  
Local Plan: There have been 3 deputations from members of the public re St Georges Barracks; work is ongoing on the local plan but no confirmed date for consultation publication (prior to it being submitted to the government).  
Verge cutting: meeting with RCC and Parish Council reps on: 8th July (Mark Loran and Ben Thompson for RCC): outcome should be an agreed schedule and a definitive plan of those areas maintained by RCC.  
Melton Road Postbox: Post office have agreed to move to a position on Stapleford Road  
Parking by school: Extra dropped kerbs are to be provided for crossing. No update on review of parking near the school.  
Proposed development at Greens Lodge Farm Melton Mowbray (Leicestershire County Council) 2019/CM/0066/LCC. Rutland CC Highways have significant concerns about the development access onto A606 which they have passed onto LCC. Environmental health had no comments.  
No update on passing place in Cow Lane.  
  
Mrs Arnold joined the meeting.
  - b) Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors: Village Hall Committee, Mrs Moss reported their accounts buoyant and that they generated money from Feast Week 2019. Parish Council can expect a grant request for c£1000.
- 13164 Planning matters
- a. To consider undecided plans received between 4 June 2019 and 15 July 2019: None
  - b. Planning updates received:  
**2019/0519/FUL** 44 Hall Close: Planning permission granted by RCC with conditions.  
**2019/0439/FUL** 3 Ashwell Road: Planning permission granted by RCC.  
**2019/0440/LBA** 3 Ashwell Road: Listed building consent granted by RCC

13165 The Banks

- a. Feedback from the Children's Play Equipment Ad-hoc Sub-Group: WP Cllrs Moss. Lake and Comber met a representative from Playdale and sought advice regarding design and layout constraints and possible equipment solutions. The rep is to quote for provision and provision + installation and is aware that other quotes will be sought.
- b. To consider fencing on the Banks: Three quotes for repair/replacement of sections of fence around the small children's play area and the Cow Lane boundary of the site have been requested. All potential contractors have inspected but two are yet to submit prices. The contract is to be taken forward to the September meeting for decision. The expense is likely to be between £4000 and £5000.
- c. Any other matters arising on the Banks:
  - i) The hedge behind the swings in the small children's play area has been identified as requiring to be reduced in width. The hawthorn behind the scoop-ride in the teen area also needs reducing back to the boundary-line. In early July a complaint was received that the thorny hedge along the north boundary is encroaching onto the access gate. The Clerk has sought quotes for cutting these areas (including the whole length of the hedge on the north boundary beside the public footpath. Two contractors have inspected the job but quotes have not yet been received so the contract is to be taken forward to the September meeting for decision. The expense is likely to be in excess of £1500.

13166 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action

- a. Outcome of verge inspection 8 July 2019: All verges and open land inspected and it was confirmed which verges are due for RCC maintenance. There are a few sites that are being compared to the Highways' Definitive map to check it's not private land. The quality issue and the 'misses' arose because it's a new team, lacking local knowledge; the issues are being addressed with the contractor and they are about to get new equipment which should improve the finish. It was confirmed that all open areas on Sherrard Close are managed by Spire Homes even the bits near the roads; RCC only do Stapleford Rd edge and visibility splays. The verge in front of the Church, between the lamp posts may be designated a protected verge, the process will be started by RCC if it goes through they'll then manage it to protect the flowers.
- b. Matters for report requiring action: No new issues. A resident had asked if some street lights can be turned off post-midnight. It was noted that an experiment in Cottesmore was unsuccessful.

13167 Financial Business

- a. To receive financial report for May 2019: The accounts were reconciled to 30 June 2019 with £24642.85 in the current account. A wayleave payment from January 2019 was received and banked in June.
- b. To consider invoices received in May and approve payments, as appropriate:

Banks maintenance	£ 410.84 including bark spreading
Councillor training	£ 40.00

13168 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda

Appointment of Paid Clerk- The Hon. Clerk will advertise the role.

13169 Correspondence

4 June 2019 letter from CAB requesting grant (request to go to September meeting)

27 June 2019 letter from Western Power Distribution confirming they have updated their records.

Meeting closed at 20.08 hrs

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