

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present.

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

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
Kevin Thomas
Mrs Rosemary Powell (County Councillor)

Meeting opened at 19.19 hrs

13181 Any questions or comments from the public: None received

13182 Apologies for absence received from: Mrs Moss

13183 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received

13184 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2019: proposed by Mr Hatton and seconded by Mr Comber.

13185 Reports from Councillors:

- a) Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor was deferred to later in the meeting as she was delayed at another meeting.
- b) Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors: Health meeting attended by Mrs Moss, proceeding circulated prior to meeting.
- c) Report of site meeting on 23 September regarding parking congestion in Main Street. Mr Comber attended with some villagers and PC Laurie Appleton and Head Teacher of School. It was noted Cow Lane being part of a one-way system would be unworkable for large vehicles at all times and due to severity of flooding was impassable to all traffic and pedestrians at regular intervals. No solutions to the congestion at school times was immediately obvious. It was concluded that the matter would be considered at the next meeting and that the Clerk would prepare a report including the powers available to the Parish Council.

Mrs Arnold joined the meeting.
Cllr Mrs Powell joined the meeting.

- a)[as deferred] Mrs Powell reported: Community Speedwatch considering speed check on Melton Road. Verge cutting quality issue being escalated at RCC. Post box in situ on Stapleford Road. Installation of the passing place in Cow Lane now planned for week beginning 4 November. Safer villages scheme will provide a box of security equipment if there is a need.

13186 Planning matters

- a. To consider undecided plans received between 3 September and 7 October 2019: 2019/0991/MAF change of use from commercial and grazing to equestrian use: No comments offered.

- b. To consider application for removal of hedgerow:
2019/0975/HDG proposal to remove hedgerow at Wrights Lodge Farm, and provide new hedge and dyke. There is concern about losing a mature established hedge and the impact on the local ecology particularly the loss of a bat corridor.
- c. Planning updates received:
2019/0711/FUL Manor Farm, Station Road removal of condition 11 (footpath link), granted by RCC
2019/0719/FUL 95 Main Street new velux window to front, granted by RCC
2019/0742/FUL 7 Station Road extension and layout alterations, granted by RCC.

13187 The Banks

- a. Feedback from the Children's Play Equipment Ad-hoc Sub-Group:
A second quote was received following the 2 September site-meeting, but not until 3 October so not in time for this meeting's agenda. A third quote is to be sought. The report will therefore be prepared for the meeting of the Parish Council on 4 November.
- b. Any other matters arising on the Banks: None reported. The fencing and hedge-cutting contracts have been let- awaiting contractor availability.

13188 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:

- a. Matters for report requiring action: Car now removed from Bishop's Corner, Main Street gulley now available for clearing.

13189 Financial Business

- a. To receive financial reports for September 2019: The accounts were reconciled to 7 October 2019 with £19311.08 in the current account.
- b. To consider invoices received in late-July and August and approve payments, as appropriate:

Village Caretaker (Aug & Sep)	£ 124.11
Banks maintenance (September)	£ 252.00
- c. To consider requests for grant support from Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Assoc.:
It was AGREED to give a grant of £50.00.

13190 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda

- a. Dr Sue Lammin was formally confirmed as post-holder for the post of Parish Clerk. Her remuneration was agreed at a rate of £16.50 per hour (gross) and the workload was agreed at 28 hours per calendar month; with a review in April. RCC are to be approached to provide payroll services and it was noted that this service will attract a fee.
- b. Chattertons Solicitors: an update was received from Philp Robson. It was AGREED that the parish council should continue to maintain the land as part of the cutting rota but would not seek a court order at this point.
- c. Clerk will investigate sourcing 2 additional grit bins for: Hall Close and Mill Grove.
- d. Christmas Tree acquisition: It was AGREED Mr Comber to ask pub landlord to order a tree for us, for which the Parish Council will pay and will share cost of transport with him.

13191 Correspondence

6th Sep: fliers for 'Powered by Fairy Dust' at Rutland Museum on 25 October 7.30pm and Cinema for Rutland Autumn/Winter 2019/20.

20th Sep: updated mobile library timetable, Oct 2019-Mar 2020, received- copy placed on notice board.

25th Sep: What's on Where guide copies received; a guide to activities for older adults.

27th Sep: Details RCC's Snow Warden Scheme and training meeting 6.30pm 15th Oct in RCC's Council Chamber.

Meeting closed at 21.05hrs

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