

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 2 December 2019**
7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Whissendine

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

In attendance Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk) and Mrs Rosemary Powell (County Councillor)

Meeting opened at 19.19 hrs

- 13204 Any questions or comments from the public: None.
- 13205 Apologies for absence: None
- 13206 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13207 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2019: proposed by Mrs Arnold seconded by Mr Hatton.
- 13208 Reports from Councillors:
- a. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: There have been few RCC meetings in run up to General Election. Mrs Powell visited the recyclables processor and is putting information in the Grapevine.
 - b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors- Village Hall AGM: under-stairs area in hand, energy supplier has switched to Octopus with Hive controller. The VH Committee would like a grant from WPC in 2020, for a projector in the main hall.
- 13209 Planning matters
- a. To consider plans received between 5 November and 2 December 2019, including:
 - i. 2019/0830/FUL, 31 Ashwell Road- carport and re-positioned driveway; no comments offered.
 - ii. 2019/1241/FUL, 9 St Andrew's Close- 2-storey and single storey rear extension: no comments offered.
 - b. Planning update received: 2019/1117/LBA 89 Main St- window replacement LBC granted by RCC.
- 13210 The Banks and The Green
- a. Update on maintenance contract renewal: The existing contractor has agreed to continue. There will be an inflationary uplift in cost, amount TBC.
 - b. Consideration of quotes obtained for renewal/repair of play equipment: The quotes from 3 separate companies and the accompanying scheme details were considered. The prices ranged from £9757.63 to £16900 for all necessary works. Not all quotes included the same details of safety standards and guarantees that were to form part of the contract. It was AGREED that the contract be awarded to

Proludic; and the clerk should make arrangements for the installation to be undertaken in Spring 2020 when the ground conditions become suitable. The contract to include green panels and rail sleepers. (The notes of analysis of the quotations is appended to these minutes).

- c. To consider vehicle-damage to the Green: The damage to the Green [caused by vehicles mounting the kerb and gouging the grass area while trying to pass the parked vehicles of the contractors' working on the Woodside Development (32 Main Street)] has worsened since the flooding has softened the ground. The 'site-foreman' has been made aware of the problem and suggested a remedy by infilling the rut with spare top-soil from the development site, at the end of construction. A quote for repair has been obtained and to remedy the compaction and re-level will cost: £571.50 (inc. VAT). It was AGREED that the Clerk should contact the developer and seek either reimbursement of the cost of remedial work or an agreement that they will commission all necessary work at their expense.

13211 Highways and village maintenance

- a) Maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: the road surface at the bottom of Sherrard Close, south entrance to Stapleford Road (adj. Windrush Cottage) is causing water to pool as the level is raised before the gully, inhibiting the flow to the grating.
- b) To consider any issues arising from recent significant flood events: Bank of stream eroded - edges of carriageway threatened in places (RCC Highways notified).
- c) To consider the cost, location and responsibility for: receiving, siting, filling and use of any additional salt bins. Bottom of Hall Close/Hortons Lane and bottom of Mill Grove identified as sites the Clerk to request permission of Highways for siting and to ask if they'll provide extra bins and salt at WPC expense.

13212 To consider joining the Community Speedwatch initiative: The details of the initiative were discussed and it was noted that 4 volunteers have come forward. The existing WPC insurance arrangements cover this activity. Monitoring of speeds on Melton Road was considered desirable so it was AGREED that the Parish Council should support Whissendine's participation in the Community Speedwatch Initiative. The clerk is to contact TravelforRutland to advise them of the decision.

13213 Financial Business

- a) To receive the details of expenditure to date: £18348.15 remained available to spend at the end of November.
- b) To consider invoices received in November and approve payments, as appropriate:

Caretaker	£ 58.07
Christmas Tree	£210.00
- c) To consider request from Whissendine Environmental Group (WEG) for £300 towards insurance and sundries. The grant of £300 was AGREED.

13214 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda, including:

- a) Review of the Council's Standing Orders: It was AGREED that the Standing Orders should be confirmed as correct including the expanded section 62 "Public

Participation at Parish Council meetings” which is appended to the original document.

- b) Review of Grievance and Disciplinary Procedures: It was AGREED that the NALC Arrangements outlined in the document LTN22 of November 2019 should be adopted in full and the procedure be followed should relevant circumstances arise.

13215 Correspondence: None received

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