

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 3rd February 2020**
7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Whissendine

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mr D Hatton, Mr R Comber, Mrs L Arnold,
Mrs C Moss, Mrs P Lake, Mr P Greenlay

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance.

Mrs R Powell (RCC Councillor), Mr Kevin Thomas and Mr R Drabble

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

13227 To take any questions or comments from the public: Mr Drabble of Willow Close presented his views of RCC's draft Local Plan particularly the site identified a suitable for development of dwellings: (WHA09/09A/09B) H1.18 off Stapleford Road and east of Willow Close. In his opinion a site of environmental and heritage importance and a LE7796 Natural England registered site and Historic Environment Recorded site MLE 24620 with fossilized medieval ridge and furrow surface. As such he believes the site should be protected from development.

13228 Apologies for absence: None received

13229 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received.

13230 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 approved; proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mrs Arnold.

13231 Reports from Councillors:

- a. Report from Mrs Powell (County Councillor):
 - The draft Local Plan 2018-36 didn't proceed to vote on 27 Jan.; the decision has been adjourned to the 10 Feb 2020 Rutland County Council meeting. There are 2 sites proposed in Whissendine: Melton Road (25 houses) and Stapleford Rd [H1.18] (12 houses).
 - RCC propose that their precept be increased 3.99% (1.99% plus 2% adult social care precept).
 - The grounds maintenance/verges map being is reviewed by RCC and is expected from RCC's contractor by the end of March.
 - RCC's Highways and Transport Working Group is aware that the finger posts in the village are in need of repair.
- b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:

Mrs Moss reported on the recent meeting of the Village Hall Trustees: They noted they have provided a new boiler system and were dealing with maintenance issues. They acknowledged the grant received from the Parish Council.

13232 Planning matters:

- a To consider plans received between 6 January 2020 and 3 February 2020:

2020/0054/FUL 20 Sherrard Close: Development relies on removal of garage and will thus lead to loss of on-site parking. The site plan purportedly to scale misrepresents the space between the building and boundary on completion; it is narrower than depicted. Clerk to advise planners.

- b Planning updates received:

2019/1405/CLP Brunton House, 27A The Nook: single storey rear extension - certificate of lawful proposed use granted.

2018/1273/FUL Brunton House, 27A The Nook: Plans inc. gabion baskets around brook and by lake; planning permission granted.

13233 The Banks

- a Update on play equipment contract:

Installation due to commence week beginning 17 February 2020 and removal and replacement works and assoc. repairs should be completed within 1 week (as per schedule).

- b Decision on supplementary ground surface repairs, following recent flooding:

The supplementary ground surface contract, to resurface the area under the 'spinner' and the shelter, will be £697 and this was AGREED.

- c To consider request for installation of steps and handrail on the slope.

There will be a need to obtain a working design and three estimates of cost. Preliminary investigations will be undertaken and this matter will be included in the March agenda.

- d Other issues:

The contractor has confirmed he proposes no increase to charges for grass cutting, etc. so rates will remain as per 2019 rates.

13234 Highways and Village Maintenance matters:

It was noted that 2 rainwater gulleys in Station Road carriageway are blocked, the eastern one seems to be collapsed (reported 6/2/2020).

Path on west of bridge towards treatment works, hole in path and loose kerb stones (reported 5/2/2020).

13235 Financial Business

- a To receive the details of expenditure to date: The accounts were reconciled with bank statements on 4 January 2020 and there was £17857.08 available. £1705.52 expenditure was allocated in January and two payments were received leaving £16242.56 available for allocation in the rest of the financial year.

It was noted that two donations to the Parish Magazine have so far been received.

- b To confirm signatories for change of mandate: It was AGREED that for the bank accounts held by Whissendine Parish Council with the HSBC Bank plc the signatories shall remain: Dr Susan Lammin (as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer); with elected-Members Mr Will Farr, Mrs Pat Lake and Mrs Linda Arnold continuing as authorized signatories.
- c To consider invoices received in January and approve payments for:
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| Village caretaking (Jan) | £ 60.97 |
| Whissendine.net (C Miles) | £ 78.11 |
| Village Hall (room rental) | £ 81.25 |
| Whissendine Primary School (hall rental) | £ 50.00 |
| RCC HR Invoice 9122547 | £ 1478.05 |
| Long Clawson Charity | £ 2760.00 (reimbursed from Charity A/C) |

13236 Preparations for Village meeting 11 March 2020:

It was noted that a short presentation on the efforts to resolve the parking issue will be provided, Colin Miles will provide an update on whissendine.net, Gary Marsh will talk about Whissendine Grapevine Group, 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 report and the Craft and Produce Show committee intends to send a representative to outline their efforts. There is also the yearly review of Parish Council activity and the formal Long Clawson Charity report.

It was suggested a rep from the Whissendine Feast Week Committee should be invited.

13237 Ongoing business: None

13238 Correspondence

Email from LRALC advertising their internal audit service
 7/1/2020 Email from Kevin Thomas forwarding details of STW Community Fund
 16/1/2020 Email from RCC re SpeedWatch Info event 18.00-20.00 12/2/20
 16/1/2020 Email from Rutland CAB with 2019 Annual Report
 20/1/2020 Home Instead Rutland Safer Internet Day 13:00-15:00 10/2/2020
 3/1/2020 Email from Richard Drabble covering Historic Environment and Heritage Asset Protection in Whissendine (WHI 09/09A/09B)

Meeting closed 20.23hrs

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