

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 2nd March 2020**
7.15 pm in the Village Hall, Whissendine

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
Mrs R Powell (RCC Councillor), Ms. Jen
Sumner, Mr Robert Terry.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:15 hours.

13239 To take any questions or comments from the public:

Mr Terry, Harborough Close interested in item 13244b...he noted the plan is indicative and subject to change later.

Ms. Sumner, Willow Close expressed interest in the same item and noted that the draft local plan to 2036 has only 25 dwellings proposed and this application is for up to 66No.; she noted that the road will not be able to take 100 extra vehicles a day as there is a narrow bend with restricted vision.

13240 Apologies for absence: Mrs L Arnold and Mr P Greenlay

13241 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received.

13242 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 approved; proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mrs Lake.

13243 Reports from Councillors:

a) Local Report from Mrs Powell (County Councillor):

- Plan 2018-2036 Agreed at council meeting on 10th February- will now go to public consultation on whether the plan is 'sound' before being submitted to the Secretary of State. 2020-21 Budget and Council tax increase of 3.99% approved on 24th February
- Community Speed watch briefing attended (with Pat Lake) on 12 February. Rutland has 5 'slots' (possibly 6) for Speed watch with Leicestershire Police. Whissendine not included this year as ranked according to speeds recorded which were last noted for the village in 2012. Will be included next year in the summer- so need to be ready with volunteers. If there is a specific concern re speeding the parish can raise on a highways and transport online concern form.
- The data for 149 English Councils was compiled by the IMPOWER INDEX and shows that Rutland is achieving greater than average outcomes in Adult Social Care, from a less than average spend per head.

- b) Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:
 - i) Community Speedwatch meeting 12/2/2020, Mrs Lake reported: 5 slots available in 2020, Whissendine was not identified in the top 5 for need (based on 2012 data). Next meeting Friday 27 March; to outline training for volunteers.

13244 Planning matters:

- a. To consider a request that WPC write to RCC about site H1.18, South of Stapleford Rd and its unsuitability for building by virtue of the presence of mediaeval ridge and furrow. There will be a formal response process on the draft Local Plan and the Parish Council can use that route for feedback. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should object to inclusion of this site for development in the draft Local Plan as its been listed as historically important as a unique example ancient ridge and furrow; inclusion would render the Local Plan unsound. The Parish Council will use the formal feedback process for the draft Local Plan.

- b To consider plans received between 4 February 2020 and 2 March 2020:

2020/0172/OUT up to 66 No. dwellings on land to the south of Stapleford Rd.: In the absence of the formal adoption of the draft Local Plan 2018 to 2036 by the Minister this field falls outside the envelope of the village. The draft local plan 2018-2036 includes part of this field as a development site (H1.18) for 25 dwellings. This outline application includes an area considerably larger and outside the envelope of the village. The Parish Council have serious concerns about use of this site for development as its been listed as historically important as a unique example ancient ridge and furrow.

From road safety view-point it is considered that the increase in traffic flow arising from a development on Stapleford Road could reduce road-safety. This development accesses a country-road with no street-lighting that enters the main housing area via a sharp bend on a narrow stretch with a junction with other lanes, and with restricted visibility. It is also a stretch affected by the congestion at school start/finish times and acts as a short-cut to Melton Mowbray for through traffic.

This site acts as a holding site for rain water, with increased surface area due to ridge and furrow. The village is vulnerable to flooding in the centre from the Whissendine Brook and the Parish Council would wish to see as much water-holding land as possible retained to reduce the time it takes the water to reach the flood plain and cause the brook to back up. Any drainage schemes that rely on use of local water courses will exacerbate the flood problem.

The infrastructure and services that exist within the village are not believed to have capacity to cope with a large development in this location.

2019/1361/FUL revised plans for demolitions and erection 4 No. dwellings and conversion to form 1 No. dwelling; Manor Fm, Station Rd. No further comments offered.

- c Planning updates received:

2019/1133/FUL Retreat Stud Fm, Pickwell Ln: proposed gallop -planning permission granted by RCC.

2019/1394/FUL 15 Melton Rd: Plans inc. single storey rear ext, bay window, car port and porch- planning permission granted by RCC.

2019/1344/LBA 95 Main Street- listed building consent for new roof light to front-granted by RCC.

13245 The Banks

- a Update on Gate security:
New locks provided to bollard and vehicle access gate by playarea. The Parish Clerk has the bollard key and the code to the gate.
- b Update on play equipment contract:
Installation commenced, on schedule, 19 February 2020 and completed on 21st. Work as per quotes and equipment safe to use.
- c Update on fencing contract
The contractor has obtained the materials and is waiting for ground conditions to improve. He is aware that vehicular access is now possible.
- d. Update on hedging contract
The contractor is waiting for ground conditions to improve. He is aware that vehicular access is now possible.
- e. Consideration of options for moving between levels on the Banks
Steps and handrail were requested. A path was suggested. The Parish Council were concerned about over-development of the site. There is no funding in 2020-21 so no immediate provision is possible. It was agreed that a vision will be created for the Banks based on keeping as natural an environment as possible. A walking inspection will be scheduled for the summer.
- f Maintenance matters arising: None

13246 Highways and Village Maintenance matters: Pot hole on Bishops's Corner.

13247 Financial Business

- a To receive the details of expenditure to date: The accounts were reconciled with bank statements on 2 March 2020 and there were 2 outstanding cheques with a value of £128.11, there was a VAT rebate from HMRC to the value of £1003.61; leaving £12737.79 available without accessing reserves.
- b To consider invoices received in February and approve payments for:

Village caretaking (Jan)	£ 52.26
New Locks at the Banks	£ 110.00
New play equipment + supp. Repairs	£ 19265.25
Membership Fields in Trust	£ 65.00

The payments require that £3994.72 be drawn from reserves.

13248 Ongoing business: None

13249 Correspondence

Email from Lord Lieutenant re Honours Symposium 4/3/2020

Meeting closed 20.45hrs

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