

THE PARISH MEETING OF WHISSENDINE 2020

This meeting was held in the rear dining room of The White Lion Inn, Main Street, Whissendine on Wednesday 11th March 2019, beginning at 7:15pm. [The school hall had been booked but was locked- alternative arrangements were made on the night and the attendees moved en-masse with a person remaining to relay the new venue details to late-comers]

Present:

Mr Will Farr (Chairman),

Mr Rob Comber, Mr David Hatton, Mrs Pat Lake, Mrs Linda Arnold, Me Paul Greenlay and Mrs Cynthia Moss (Parish Councillors)

Dr Sue Lammin (Parish Clerk, taking minutes)

Mr Gary Marsh, the Editor of the Grapevine, P.C Laurie Appleton of Leicestershire Police, Mr Colin Miles as manager of whissendine.net, Mr Keith Dugmore from the Allotments Committee, Mrs Rosemary Powell (Rutland County councillor), Mr David Penny from Whissendine's Craft and Produce Show Committee and others. (attendance c. 30 persons).

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman thanked residents for attending this year's AGM.

Apologies were received from: Ms Kate Hiseman, Mr Mike Dickinson, Village Hall Trustee, and Mrs Ann Maddison, Whissendine Sports Club Committee.

2. Minutes of 2019 Village Meeting, held 13 March 2019.

These minutes had been made available in advance on the website: whissendine.net. Paper copies were available at the meeting. They were accepted on the proposal of Mrs Moss and signed by the Chairman.

3. Report from Rutland Police

PC Laurie Appleton reported that 10 crimes in the last 12 months, no burglaries in the village. Leicestershire Police moving back to a Community Policing model from today. @rutlandpolice is on Facebook. 'Neighbourhood link' being launched and can be found by Google search to find latest police information.

4. Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

Will Farr reported that: The Christmas Tree was provided by the Parish Council. Cow Lane passing place now installed. Biggest investment was on the Banks: new play equipment and play surface. Hedging and fencing contracts have been let and will be completed in spring. Full assessment of the Banks due in Summer. 3rd defibrillator, at the Church, has yet to be installed; discussions on-going. Grass-cutting in village is RCC contract, it was below par last year so PC will monitor in 2020. RCC's Local Plan has been considered by PC (covered later in agenda). Next big project is a new graveyard extension, by 2030. Still 2 seats vacant on Parish Council.

5. Report from Ward Councillor, including update on RCC Local Plan 2018-36

Rosemary Powell reported: In the last year RCC's draft Local Plan (LP) in preparation, approved by RCC in January 2020. Plan goes on to Secretary of State for final approval. 2/12 sites put forward for housing in Whissendine have been included in LP. Further consultation on whether LP is sound, dates to be advertised; grounds for objections strictly limited, Cllr Powell will provide advice if wanted.

Rutland County Council tax increase for 2020/21 will be 3.99%, maximum allowed without referendum.

Grounds maintenance contract has 2 years to run; then will be re-let as part of a bundle of contracts.

6. Debate regarding development of Neighbourhood Plan for Whissendine

Call for volunteers to work as part of a group to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

7. Report on road safety due to parked vehicles in the village and progress to date

The Parish Clerk outlined the history to complaints received and Mrs Powell outlined progress to date, the next steps in the process towards yellow-lining some parts of the village. She outlined how those with views on either parking restrictions or a permissive approach could feedback to RCC's Parking Manager ahead of the RCC Working Party considering the issue.

On a show of hands the majority favoured yellow lines on the corners, while some people had strong views against. Those with strong views were invited to contact RCC's Parking Manager or the Parish Clerk, who will forward the details to the Parking Manager.

8. Report on matters relating to village website

Colin Miles reported that: Quiet year, apart from the rave. Publish: PC minutes, information and accounts; plus village news and events. Sue Spencer took on a lot of the responsibility for uploading this year.

9. Report on the village magazine, The Grapevine

Gary Marsh reported: An independent Group has now been established. The editor is content to continue. No recommendations for improvements were offered.

10. Report from the Allotment Committee

Keith Dugmore reported: 15 plots in Station Rd been in existence for 100 years. Another PC grant in 2019 allowed provision of more gates to increase security. Number of plots restricted so there is a waiting list. Took part in Open Gardens Scheme for the first time.

11. Report from Whissendine's Craft and Produce Show Committee

David Penny reported: the group is not-for-profit non-fund raising. Last year they had 90 exhibitors showing 623 exhibits. This year's show is Saturday 5th September 2020. Children's exhibits down last year 41 from 80 in 2018; looking at ways to encourage junior entrants. Committee grateful for financial support from PC.

12. Report from Trustees of the Village Hall

Mike Dickinson had submitted a written report: Major additions to the Hall now complete; including the kitchen re-build, the new boiler and costume storage. Next year they'll be refurbishing the entrance hall and designing a stage extension with under-stage storage. They are also looking to upgrade the lighting with dimmable LEDs. The chairs are set to be replaced. The Committee thanked the PC for both past financial support and anticipated support.

13. Report from the Whissendine Sports Club Trustees Committee

Mrs Ann Maddison's was unable to attend. She sent a report, received after the meeting: The land at the Sports Club is now registered and arrangements for appointing new Trustees are with solicitors. The new trustees are: Mr Bob Atkinson, Mr Tim Edmunds, Mr Derek Miller and Mr Stuart Maddison.

14. Report from Whissendine Environment Group

Since the last Village meeting a new Chairman and Committee have been established. Mr Paul Harris is the new Chairman. He reported: new bulbs have been planted under the village name signs. There was a verge litter pick last year, next one 4 April 2020, 10am.

8 floods this autumn/winter. The warning signs are put out by Chris, at the pub as Flood Warden.

Possibly planting trees on the Sports Club fields edges.

15. The Parish Clerk's report on the Long Clawson Charity Activity in 2019

Sue Lammin reported that: The Poor's Land (Clawson Gift) known as the Long Clawson Land Charity was active in 2019. The income from the land in Long Clawson yielded £1938.28 (down £191.72 on 2018). The Church of St Andrew, Whissendine also donated £250 of their charity funds to this in November 2019. Grants were given in December 2019; 29 requests for support were received and 28 were accepted as within the terms of the charity. The gifts made in 2019 amounted to £2760. The charity currently holds funds on deposit of £4848.80 and income is expected during the coming year.

16. Questions on any topic from the floor.

1. Mrs Penny asked about Coronavirus - is there any local support in progress- Good Neighbour Scheme exists and informal support is often offered within the village.

2. Road between Whissendine and Langham lots of potholes and churned verges. The questioner was advised to report the matter to RCC's to Fix-My-Street.

Meeting closed at 20.36 hrs.