

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 3 August 2020**  
**7.15 pm, virtually via Zoom**

**Present.**

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

**In attendance**

**Also in attendance.**

**Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)**  
**Mr Keith Fairbrother – public observer**

Meeting opened at 19.22 hrs

13293 Any questions or comments from the public: None

13294 Apologies for absence received from: Mr Greenlay who is away; and County Councillor Mrs Powell

13295 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None received

13296 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 6 July and 13 July 2020: 6 July proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mr Farr; and 13 July proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mr Farr.

13297 Report from meetings

- a. Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor was unable to attend and notified that she had nothing material to report.
- b. Mrs Moss attended the Village hall meeting on 3 August, just prior to this meeting. There will be no casual bookings before January 2021. The pre-school will run as usual. WPC's offer of grant is not needed as a grant has been received from RCC to cover loss of income from room-bookings. AGM will be in November. The front hedge is to be trimmed.

19.30hrs Mrs Lake joined the meeting- no pecuniary interest to declare.

13298 Planning matters

- a. To consider plans received between 6 July 2020 and 3 August 2020:  
**2020/0685/FUL:** 79 Main Street – Single storey storage shed.- No comments offered,
- b. Planning updates received:
  - **2019/1390/FUL** 3 Stapleford Road: 2-storey dwelling to rear: planning permission granted by RCC with conditions and reserved matters.
- c. To consider protection of important trees within the village and receive an update from Mrs Moss:  
Some photo's have been taken of potentially important trees. The final draft of the description of the attributes of an important tree is almost ready for circulation to volunteer assessors.

- d. To receive an update on identification of important heritage sites within the village from Mrs Moss and Mrs Lake:  
An assessment from the Green to the east of the village has been undertaken and Mrs Moss is providing descriptions to accompany the photographic record. The west of the village will be assessed in the near future.
- e. To consider Central Government's current proposals for devolution of some planning decisions and other related matters to lower tiers of Government:  
The planning White Paper is still being developed with regular announcements, more detail from the Minister expected Weds/Thurs this week. This represents a fundamental overhaul of the planning regime and is significantly different from that under the Town and Country Planning Act 1947 which, with its successor legislation, has provided the basis for decisions. The new regulations are scheduled for late 2020/early 2021. The new regime may include wider permitted development rights; and devolution of decisions, on land designated for renewal, to parish councils. A reduction in pro-active consultation with residents and PC's expected to check the planning hub for new applications rather than neighbours and PC's being alerted by the planning authority. Neighbourhood Plans will continue to be part of the process but there is likely to be a time-limit introduced, after which new NP's will not be accepted for adoption.

13299 The Banks

- a. To consider the quote of £577.50 for delivering and fitting the new beam to the saucer ride and approve as appropriate: It was AGREED the quote be accepted.
- b. To consider how a formal receipt of funds towards the play area refurbishment from the Whissendine 6ix committee may be achieved under pandemic conditions: It was AGREED an outdoor photo-opportunity be scheduled with litter-pickers both to achieve social distancing during transfer of a cheque and for comic effect in the photos.
- c. Update on loose logs near the Banks northern boundary; The Clerk contacted Mr Richardson but he reported that he's self-isolating due to the current pandemic restrictions and declined to direct the Clerk to the location of the logs. The Clerk is still unable to find any pile of logs that should cause a problem.
- d. Any other matters arising on the Banks:  
There has been a complaint that there is creeping thistle flowering on the slope down from the kiddies playarea. Inspection has revealed 4 or 5 young plants among the nettles and annual thistles. It was AGREED Farm and Garden should be asked if they are qualified to apply pesticide in a public area; and if someone qualified is available they be asked to spot-treat the creeping thistle on the bank. This may involve roping off the area during and after the pesticide application.

13300 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:

Mrs Lake reported that Ann Rushton has asked if she may have the village pump painted at her own expense. It was AGREED that Mrs Lake should relay the permission of the Parish Council and their thanks for her care of the village asset.

13301 Financial Business

- a) To receive financial report for July 2020: The accounts for July have not been fully reconciled. There is £23,951.51 available within the budget. This allows for the £128.11 worth of cheques issued but still to be drawn at the last reconciliation.

- b) To consider invoices received in July and early August and approve payments, as appropriate:

Village caretaking	£ 61.47
Banks maintenance	£ 252.00
External audit	£ 240.00

13302 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda:

The issue of long-term parking outside the Village Shop was discussed. There have been complaints in addition to that received on 3 August (correspondence). It was AGREED that the Parish Council has no powers in this matter but that the issue will be covered in the write-up of this meeting for inclusion in the September Grapevine.

13303 Correspondence:

21 July email from RCC Highways: the gully in Station Rd is to be investigated in the next 3 months.

25 July email from a Mr Singer disagreeing with WPC's decision not to comment on the Planning Application to MBC for Holygate Farm

31 July email via County Councillor from resident of Main Street requesting construction of a chicane in front of 89/91 Main Street.

3 August via County Councillor from a resident of Main St who objects to 2 vehicles being parked close to the PO/Coffee shop for long periods, one in the 15-minute parking bay.

3 August email from PKF Littlejohn LLP AGAR Section 3 External Auditor Report

Meeting closed at 20.29 hrs

Any member of the public may view copies of letters and documents held by the parish council by appointment with the Clerk: [whisspcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:whisspcclerk@gmail.com)