

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 4 January 2021**  
**7.15pm, virtually via Zoom**

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

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

**Also in attendance.** **Mr Keith Fairbrother, Mr Wyn Edwards**

Meeting opened at 19.17hrs

13353 Any questions or comments from the public:

Mr Fairbrother queried why parking controls in Oakham could not be replicated in Whissendine without using yellow lines. Mr Fairbrother was advised it was a matter for RCC and outwith the control of the Parish Council. Mrs Powell, as Ward Councillor, kindly outlined the current study being undertaken by RCC Parking Officer following the last meeting of the Parish Council.

Mr Edwards raised queries about policy of Leicestershire Constabulary in relation to parking fines, etc. His questions also related to matters outwith the control of the Parish Council.

13354 Apologies for absence: None

13355 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13356 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2020: proposed by Mr Hatton and seconded by Mrs Moss.

13357 Reports from Councillors:

- a. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: Mrs Powell had two main areas to report. There is a RCC Full Council meeting scheduled for 11 January. One issue is the CIL payments system; a review has shown under-collection by RCC from developers and thus less funds to parishes. The Council will consider if RCC should recompense parishes for lost capital receipts. Should RCC agree Whissendine should receive c£6510. The second area of interest was the new Rutland Conversation Leadership project; designed to engage with residents and businesses to inform RCC's strategy and policy development.
- b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:  
Mrs Moss expressed an intention to attend a meeting in January involving RCC's Tree Officer. The subject of the meeting is set to be TPO's in Whissendine and Langham.  
Mr Comber reported that due to IT difficulties he only succeeded in joining the recent Health meeting at the end. He was awaiting publication of the minutes.

13358 Planning matters

- a. To consider plans received between 8 December 2020 and 4 January 2021: None
- b. Planning updates received:  
**2020/1208/PTA** The Elms, Melton Rd – Horse Chestnut crown reduction consented to by RCC.  
**2020/1220/PTA** 67 Main Street – Crown lift of Lime Tree consented to by RCC
- c. To consider progress on establishment of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and to agree to enter into SLA with RCC for support and to sign O.S licence agreement: Two introductory meetings were held: 9/12/2020 with 22 participants and 17/12/2020 with 7 participants. The first meeting of the Steering Group is planned for 26 January 2021 and the agenda will be available from the 16<sup>th</sup> January. The Parish Council were satisfied that the Parish Council could fulfil their obligations under the SLA with RCC. It was AGREED the Chairman should sign both the SLA with RCC and the OS License Agreement; on behalf of the Parish Council.

13359 Any issues requiring attention on The Banks: None

13360 Highways and village maintenance matters for report:

The pothole on Ashwell Rd persists although RCC have scheduled repair.  
Many of the road gulleys are silted following recent heavy rain/flooding.

13361 Financial Business

- a. To set the precept for 2021-2022: It was suggested that a modest net increase in the precept of £520 (c1.7%) to c£31,210 was sufficient to meet the increased cost of insurance, professional services, increases in the National Minimum Wage and contributions to the production of a Neighbourhood Plan for the coming year. This increase was AGREED.
- b. To receive the details of estimated expenditure to date: The details of expenditure were received: as of 31 December 2020 the Parish Council will have £14912.17 remaining in the budget. The accounts are reconciled. There are sufficient funds for planned expenditure. VAT has been reclaimed up to November 2020 but monies have yet to be received.
- c. To consider invoices received in December: Village caretaking £70.69
- d. To consider the CIL funds accepted to date and agree use of those funds: In the year to date £127.85 has been received from RCC as a CIL Parish Payment (16/4/2020). Payments may be spent on capital improvements. It was AGREED the £127.85 shall be used to contribute to the cost of provision of the new Pod Beam in the Play Area which cost £577.50.

13362 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda:

The Parish Council advertised in November 2020 for applications for an internal auditor, to replace the current auditor who has retired. No applications were received. However, in December LRALC indicated they would be willing to undertake the role. LRALC are competent. The cost would be £210/£250 depending on the electorate being +/- 1000. This would represent either no change/£40 increase in fees. LRALC have accepted Whissendine Parish Council as a client, subject to confirmation. It was AGREED that LRALC Internal Audit Service be appointed as internal auditor.

Annual Village Meeting for 2021. Covid19 makes preparations uncertain. It was AGREED if the law permits this year's Village Meeting will be on Saturday 20 March 2021 and will either be in the open air on the Village Green during the day or by Zoom in the evening. The choice will depend on the Covid restrictions and legal duties in force at the time. The draft agenda will be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

13363 Correspondence

7/12/2020 email from would-be contributor to 7 Dec. meeting requiring clarification as to process and role of 'public forum' at Item 1.

8/12/2020 email from observer at 7 Dec. meeting re parking debate, etc.

11/12/2020 email from Parishes Support Officer confirming receipt of WPC letter and confirming PCC due to meet in January 2021.

13, 14 & 16/12/20 several emails about damage to grass verges caused by delivery lorries

4/1/2021 email from Mr W Milsom re planting tree saplings.

Meeting ended 19.59

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