

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 12 April 2021**
7.15pm, virtually via Zoom

Present.	Mr Will Farr (Chairman) Mrs Moss, Mrs Arnold, Mr Greenlay, Mr Comber, Mr Harris, Mrs Lake and Mr Hatton.
In attendance	Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk) County Councillor Mrs Rosemary Powell
Also in attendance.	Mr Keith Fairbrother, Mr Mike Harman, Mr Richardson, Mrs Dunn, Mrs Wilkins, Mr Kevin Thomas, Mr & Mrs Williams and Mr Edwards.

Prior to the meeting the statement was read out regarding the agreed manner of dealing with disruption as per minute 13377 of 1 March 2021.

Meeting opened at 19.19 hrs

One minute's silence was observed to mark the passing of HRH Duke of Edinburgh.

13389 Any questions or comments from the public:

Mr Fairbrother asked for short-form joining instructions for future PC meetings via Zoom to be provided to him. He was asked for an email address so a link could be forwarded.

Mr and Mrs William's property is included in a provisional Tree Preservation Order served by RCC on 25 March 2021. They were seeking further information regarding the background to the Order. The Clerk was asked to provide those details the Parish Council had and to facilitate a discussion between the couple and RCC's Tree Officer.

Mrs Dunn provided a comment that a full tree survey is being undertaken in the village, started in 2020.

Mr Thomas wanted to know if the Parish Council knew of the TPO prior to service and whether they supported it. He advised he had lodged an objection to it with RCC.

Mr Fairbrother cited an instance where a stand of mature trees had been cleared, within the village, by a developer and the loss was deemed significant.

Mrs Powell offered to assist Mr and Mrs Williams in communicating with RCC officers regarding the TPO.

13390 Apologies for absence: None

13391 Co-option to fill vacancies advertised since 2 May 2019 election:

As only 6 persons were nominated for 9 vacancies in 2019 the vacancies were advertised on the notice board and in the Grapevine. It was noted the remaining places may be lawfully filled by co-option. Two had previously been filled, leaving one vacancy. As two applicants came forward: Mrs J Dunn and Mrs G Wilkins; the decision was subject to a vote. As a result it was AGREED Mrs Wilkins should be co-opted onto Whissendine Parish Council.

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- 13392 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13393 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021: proposed by Mrs Arnold, seconded by Mrs Moss and AGREED.

13394 Reports from Councillors:

- a. Report from Parish Councillors on meetings attended:
Mrs Moss reported attending a meeting on B(ee) Lines: encouraging tree/shrub cultivation to make corridors to join up areas for bee movements.

Mrs Moss also reported she will be attending a Tree Consortium meeting next week.

Mr Farr reported attending a meeting, with other Parish Councillors, on 7 April on 'Rutland Health Matters: The journey to this point'.

Mr Comber reported attending the Parish Forum on 15 March, which covered 'Covid19' condolence book, a 'Climate Change' summit on 12 May, the priorities of the new High Sheriff in 2021, Langham PC's rewinding/verges project, Clipsham PC's B(ee)-line launch event. Next meeting of the Parish Forum: 19th April 2021.

- b. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor:
The £29.4M Housing Infrastructure grant (HIF) for St Georges Barracks: RCC voted not to accept the grant on 22 March 2021 (13 to 12 with 2 abstentions). This means the Rutland Local Plan is now on hold, (despite having already been submitted for s19 inspection). The Local Plan must be viable so RCC will have to look at available funding for St George's Garden Community (without the HIF) or consider revising the Local Plan. RCC expect to receive recommendations in May 2021. MOD owns St George's Barracks and would have been responsible for delivery of infrastructure but RCC would have remained legally responsible for grant-spending. The imposed timescales were very tight with infrastructure required by March 2024 and RCC could exert little influence on MOD performance.

Cottesmore CA Site is due to re-open on 17 May 2021, for pre-booked slots only. Booking system opens 4 May 2021.

The Rutland Future Conversation has launched. Surveys are running on various subjects and the information gathered should inform the long term Strategy for Rutland.

Mr Paul Harris left the meeting.

13395 Planning matters

- a. Report from the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, 25 March 2021: Progress is being made. The current focus is on communications and evidence gathering.
- b. To consider plans received between 2 March 2021 and 12 April 2021:
2021/0162/CLP had been circulated on 21 March, the consultation window is now closed.
2021/0294/FUL The Chimes, Pembroke Pastures, Hortons Lane: construction of wooden garden store in back garden. No comment offered.

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- c. Planning updates received:
2020/1276/FUL erection of polytunnel on agricultural land off Stapleford Road: RCC has granted permission.

13396 Any issues requiring attention on The Banks, etc:

It was AGREED the Clerk should contract with someone to clean the plastic that had lodged in the tree-roots within the stretch of brook within The Banks, as a result of the winter floods.

13397 Highways and village maintenance matters for report:

Main Street- blocked sewer cleared but obstruction present that will require excavation by STW (Sewerage Div.)

Water leak by school: STW attended, referred to STW (Drinking Water Div.)

Main Street by school- road surface deteriorated and hole formed.

Station Road gulley repaired by RCC on 12/4.21.

13398 Financial Business

- a. To receive details of the budget 2021/22.

It was reported the precept of £31209.96 has been received. The new monthly expenditure sheet had been circulated showing budgeted expenditure of £33826. It was confirmed that there are sufficient reserves to meet the budgeted expenditure.

- b. To consider invoices received since 2 March 2021: The following payments were AGREED:

LRALC Membership	£ 355.02 (BACS)
Village caretaking	£ 80.04 (BACS) includes annual pay rise (as per minute13058c of 5/11/2018)
Banks maintenance (mar.)	£ 84.00 (BACS)
Q4 Salary + oncosts (RCC)	£1476.25 (BACS)
Mill Grove Grit bin (RCC)	£ 216.74 (BACS)
Hall Close Grit bin (RCC)	£ 53.36 (BACS)
Clerk's reclaim	£ 32.13 [dog sign + non-slip tape for stiles]

Note:

Fields in Trust (Subscription) £ 65.00 now to be paid by cheque

It was also AGREED the Clerk should renew the 'Zoom' membership for 28 April 2021 to 27 April 2022.

- c. To consider requests for funding from the Neighbourhood Planning Group, totalling £1538:

The expenditure was AGREED, as follows:

Up to £115 for printing 600 A5 folded colour leaflets (2 estimates: £65 and £115 not including design support)

£80 for room-hire for 4x 2hr sessions after 21 June 2021.

Up to £1320 for 3 days consultant support @ £440 (subject to comparative estimates)

Website hosting c£23

- d. It was AGREED to temporarily delegate payment of invoices to the Clerk plus two signatories on the mandate in the event that lawful meetings cannot be held after 6 May 2021, in accordance with 16.2 of the Council's Financial Regulations (as confirmed in March 2020) the delegation arrangement to persist until lawful meetings can resume.

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- 13399 To use Standing Order 3b to move the Annual Council meeting to a Bank Holiday, 3 May 2021:
Standing Orders currently say: "In a year which is not an election year the Annual Parish Council Meeting shall be held on the second Monday of May, unless the Council directs otherwise." This year a meeting in person before June 21 is not permitted under the legal restrictions due to Covid19. However, the meeting must be held before the end of May to comply with the Local Government Act 1972 (Sch. 12), so must be held remotely. Remote meetings are permitted under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. However, these regulations do not apply to meetings on or after 7 May 2021. The second Monday of May is 10 May so no lawful meeting would be possible. It was therefore AGREED the meeting be held on 3 May 2021, despite it being a Bank Holiday.
- 13400 To agree the agenda for the Village Meeting 5 May 2021.
The Village Meeting is proposed to be held on 5 May 2021, as it occurs before the loss of powers to hold remote meetings and the meeting must be held before 1 June (Local Government Act 1972 s14(1)). The draft agenda was agreed and is to be posted on 13 April 2021.
- 13401 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda: None
- 13402 Correspondence
3/3/2021 Rutland North Beat police report received
3/3/2021 Response to reply to 26/2/21 email re various concerns of a resident
9/3/2021 Report on condition of the brook received from Whissendine resident.
11/3/2021 Email from insurance agent re: 2021 renewal
16/3/2021 Rutland Health & Soc. Care Policy Consortium: Health and Social Care Plan for Rutland
16/3/2021 RCC re: The Future Rutland Conversation
16/3/2021 RCC Cllr Cross: Litter and fly-tipping FPN details
17/3/2021 Further request about position of memorial bench on Green, the Banks suggested.
19/3/2021 Request for copy of correspondence received in February, fulfilled.
22/3/2021 RCC Cllr Lucy Stephenson re: Rutland network of Climate Action Groups.
25/3/2021 RCC: copy of provisional TPO
27/3/2021 Query from resident re: RCC's vote on grant for St George's Barracks.
31/3/2021 Comment from resident re Mill Grove Grit bin and lack of planted flowers in verges.
9/4/2021 Rutland North Beat report received.

Meeting ended 20.53hrs

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