

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 5 July 2021**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance.

Seven village residents

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.16hrs

13422 To take any questions or comments from the public:

- a) Mr Aakash Odedra had expressed a wish to introduce his new venture on Main Street: Little Spice Box; but has since sent his apologies as he has a prior appointment.
- b) Any other issues:
 - Mr K Thomas: Follow on question from April meeting re TPO No.5 [now replaced by TPO No.9.]. He has objected to both. He is discontented with response from WPC about what he believes is their involvement in TPO. He requested his objections to TPO No. 9 be relayed to RCC. He sought confirmation there was no WPC plan for ongoing TPO's and received confirmation there is no plan/strategy to increase the number of TPO's in the village.
 - Mrs A Newell: Question about why No 32 was focus of TPO. She would like to understand process. She is worried about a tree that is leaning.
 - Mr Wyn Edwards: Was keen to understand why 32 Main Street was the focus of a TPO rather than the Village Green. Mr Edwards was advised that the Chestnuts on the Village Green already have TPO's.
 - Mr M Harman: Worried that his home is being characterized inappropriately by an unnamed Parish Councillor. He was given details of the Council's disciplinary procedure.

13423 Apologies for absence: County Councillor Mrs Powell sent her apologies. Mr Paul Harris sent apologies (unwell).

13424 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13425 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 3 May 2021 and 23 June 2021, and the Village Meeting on 5th May 2021.

3 May 2021 proposed Mrs Moss seconded Mr Comber, minutes were AGREED
23 June 2021 (Extraordinary) proposed Mrs Lake seconded Mrs Moss, AGREED
5 May 2012 Village Meeting proposed Mrs Wilkins seconded Mrs Moss, AGREED
The three sets of minutes were signed by the Chairman.

13426 Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: Mrs Powell had supplied a written report:

- Planning Application Stapleford Road: RCC's planning meeting on 29th June 2021 failed to hear the application, for 66 houses. A complaint has been made regarding the number of agenda items and the order in which they were taken and a new date, before the next planning meeting at the end of July, requested. [to be 13 July 2021].
- Cottesmore Tip: The booking system will continue at least until the end of the current COVID restrictions.

- Rutland Showground: The legal event at the showground finished on 25 June 2021. Problems arose with complaints of anti-social and criminal behaviour around Oakham during the week. Rutland County Council we will get a full debrief in due course.
- Local Plan: The next steps in the Local Plan Examination are due to be discussed at a special meeting of Rutland County Council on 26th July 2021.

13427 Planning matters:

- To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. It was noted: A grant for expenditure relating to community engagement has been accepted. Advisory leaflets have been delivered to every household in the village. Two A1 laminated maps have been purchased. Consultants have been invited to quote for assisting with the plan. (2 quotes received). The classic car rally (9 July) offers an opportunity for an information table. The Neighbourhood plan website is up and running
- To consider plans received since 4 May and before 5 July 2021; that are still open for consultation responses:
2021/0735/LBA Stoup Cottage, 11 Ashwell Rd: Proposed extension to garage to form workshop. No comments offered.
- Planning updates received:
 - 2021/0294/FUL The Chimes. Pembroke Pastures, Hortons Ln. Wooden garden store; permission granted by RCC.

13428 Consultation re licence to be issued by RCC under the Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960 for Greendale Caravan and Camping Park: No comments.

13429 The Banks:

- To consider the safety report on the Play Areas and matters deemed to require attention, following independent inspection on 24 May 2021; including the rotted bench in the Small Children's Play Area: There were no high risks identified. The areas of medium risk were discussed. Most issues have been remedied. It was AGREED more bark should be ordered for under the swings and the small rotted bench should be removed and the ground made good.
- To consider report from the Clerk regarding replacement of the two interpretation signs; both stolen on or around 13 June 2021: it was AGREED the Clerk to produce new artwork to A3 size for approval. It was further AGREED that work be started to procure the replacement of the two lectern signs. It was also AGREED the Clerk make enquiries of the insurers to see if any of the financial losses are recoverable.
- To consider the report from Parish Councillor Mr Greenlay on provision of additional seating on the Banks: Mrs Moss has concern about the proposed location of the picnic table. There was a preference expressed for picnic benches rather than seating. A working party of: Mrs Arnold, Mrs Moss and Mr Greenlay agreed to look at options and report back.
- Any other matters arising on the Banks:
 - Letter from RCC regarding the stream, dated 25 June 2021: It was noted a visit has been arranged for Wednesday 14 July for RCC officers to explain to Chairman, in presence of the Clerk, exactly what obstructions to flow are that are of concern to RCC. It was AGREED the Clerk should obtain prices for clearing the branches over the stream adj. No 5 The Nook that are bending below the banks of the stream.
 - Mrs Lake reported a dog was taken into Younger Children's Play Area: It was AGREED the Clerk should acquire a No Dogs sign to affix to the stile leading from the Teen Play Area.

13430 The Village Green:

- a. To consider the removal of the metal bench around the Chestnut tree or management of the area around the tree. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- b. To consider investigating the replacement of the missing wooden posts around the Green and the straightening of those that are aslant. It was AGREED the posts should be replaced. The replacements should be timber posts or recycled plastic posts; the Clerk to bring back suggestions and costings.

13431 Highways and village maintenance:

- a. To consider any issues arising with verge maintenance by RCC's contractor and whether the Parish Council wishes to investigate the costs of contracting the work directly. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should encourage RCC to improve the service rather than take on the letting of the contract themselves.
- b. Other matters for report and to agree any necessary action:
Ash Tree in Harborough Close, by electricity sub-station South Lodge, is overgrowing into neighbouring garden. Western Power Distribution are believed to be the landowner. It was suggested the garden's owner should contact Western Power.

13432 Financial Business:

- a. To receive financial report for June 2021: As of 31/5/2021 there was £35,657.74 available to spend. After paying invoices on 8/6/21 there was £34,182.72 to carry forward to July (as at 17/6/21). The Bank Statements have been reconciled with the accounts.
- b. To receive information on the grant of up to £1831.00 received towards the production of the Neighbourhood Plan in 2021-22 and the conditions attached. The grant was received on 18/6/21; it is useable towards identified costs of producing the Neighbourhood Plan, any unspent allocation is refundable to Groundwork at the end of March 2022.
- c. To confirm invoices paid on 6 June 2021 under delegated authority as the Parish Council could not lawfully meet under Covid restrictions:

Maintenance of The Banks in May	£ 252.00
600 Neighborhood Plan Leaflets	£ 115.00
Burial ground maintenance 2021	£ 900.00
RoSPA Play area inspections (May)	£ 185.40
Neighbourhood Plan Web-domain	£ 22.62

This expenditure was retrospectively AGREED.

- d. To approve return of £129.97 of the CIL Compensatory payment of £7133.35 received 23 April 2021. Required by RCC due to RCC calculation error leading to overpayment. This was AGREED.
- e. To consider invoices received since early June and approve payments, as appropriate.

2x A1 posters for Neighbourhood Plan	£ 50.16	(Clerk's reclaim)
Banks Maintenance (June)	£ 192.00	
Caretaker (May & June)	£ 116.59	
Clerk's reclaim: stationary + Ronseal	£ 23.20	
- f. To consider request for grant received from Citizens' Advice Bureau: It was AGREED to grant £100.
- g. To consider request for s137 grant from Village Hall Committee, carried forward from 2020: It was AGREED to grant £1500.

13433 To consider the report from the Clerk on The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations
Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. Which may include beacon lighting on 2nd June and a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on 5th June 2022. The cost of the beacon was considered to be high. This matter was deferred to a future meeting to allow local organisations to be canvassed about a 'Big Lunch'.

13434 Ongoing business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda:
Offer of 100 saplings from anonymous donor: It was noted the donor has clarified that their vision is for villagers to plant a sapling, or if they have room a number of saplings, on their land. The donor will source and supply the sapling(s) on demand. The donor intends to supply: sapling, sapling guard, cane and planting instructions. It was AGREED the Clerk will communicate the offer to residents.

13435 Correspondence

5/5/21 RCC notification of free PPE
6/5/21 Confirmation premium payment received by Insurance agent
6/5/21 Confirmation of submission of AGAR 2020/21 Part 3 from PKF Littlejohn LLP
5/5/21 Copy of Open Letter to MP regarding her comments in Rutland Times 22 April 2021 from 'Cathie Gwilliam'
17/5/21 Response to FoI supplied.
24/5/21 Leics. CCG Public consultation on Mental Health
25/5/21 Confirmation of receipt of NP grant application from Groundwork
25/5/21 RCC notification of free bus travel over B/H and week following.
25/5/21 West Leics. CCG Building Better Hospitals notification report of findings published.
26/5/21 RoSPA Play Area inspection reports
26/5/21 West Leics CCG notification of live event on GP's and pressures on primary care
27/5/21 Notification AGM Fields in Trust
28/5/21 RCC notification of Rutland walking & cycling outdoor festival 29/5 to 13/6/21.
28/5/21 Leics City CCG notification public consultation event 1/6/21
28/5/21 RCC copy of revised TPO The No 9 (Land around Whissendine Cottage, 32 Main St)...made on 27/5/21.
5/6/21 Concerned village resident about neighbour exercising the new development rights: advised to contact LPA.
7/6/21 Invoice for RCC for overpayment £129.97 in Parish Compensatory Payment
11/6/21 PCC Treasurer: confirmation of receipt of funds for burial ground maintenance.
11/6/21 RCC Tree Officer notification of LA Treescape Fund aimed at riverbank, hedgerow planting, etc. Applications had to be in by 30/6/21.
13/6/21 Request from villager to speak at July WPC meeting
14/6/21 Groundwork notification of grant for up to £1831,00 for 2021/22.
15/6/21 RCC notification of consultation on potential shared cycle/footway along Burley Road, Oakham.
15/6/21 Theft of signs notified to Leics Constab.
17/6/21 Query from prospective purchaser of house, re: wind turbines: advised to contact LPA
17/6/21 Rutland Cllr (Parish Liaison for RCC's Climate Action Group) requesting named contact: Mr P Greenlay named a contact.
19/6/21 Online report of theft of signs in The Banks
19/6/21 Mr R Drabble re RCC P&LCtee 29/6/21
24/6/21 West Leics CCG invitation to virtual Better Hospitals consultation 1/7/21
25/6/21 RCC notification (to incorrect (email) alleging brook in the Banks silted and clogged with vegetation, giving until 16/7/21 to clear (RCC attending The Banks to clarify 15/7/21)
27/6/21 Question from villager re houseflies affecting one house.
28/6/21 RCC notification of Climate Action Network meeting 8/7/21.
28/6/21 Mr R Drabble re RCC P&L Cttee 29/6/21
30/6/21 FOI, etc.- notification recipient not content with response & request for future agenda item.
3/7/21 Confirmation from anonymous donor re their vision for supply 100 trees.

Meeting closed 21.38 hrs Next meeting: 6 September 2021

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