

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 4 October 2021**  
**7.15 pm**, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

**Present.**

**Mr Will Farr (Chairman)**  
**Mr Hatton, Mr Comber, Mrs Arnold (part),**  
**Mrs Wilkins, Mr Greenlay and Mr Harris.**

**In attendance**

**Also in attendance.**

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)  
Mrs Rosemary Powell (RC Councillor) and two  
members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.16hrs

**13452** To take any questions or comments from the public:

Mrs Edwards requested prior consultation before any decision is taken on additional seating in the Banks.

**13453** Reply to question asked by Mrs Edwards at the previous meeting:

Details were requested of when Councillors' last had data protection training. The financial records show that broad-based Councillor training (including data protection) was paid for in September 2021 (date of training: 1/7//2021). Prior to that similar training (including data protection) was paid for in March 2021 (date of training 11/2/21) and July 2019 (date of training 10/6/2019).

**13454** Apologies for absence: Mrs Lake and Mrs Moss.

**13455** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

**13456** To approve minutes of the meetings held on 6 September 2021: Proposed by Mr Hatton, seconded Mrs Wilkins, approved and signed by the Chairman.

**13457** a) Report(s) from Parish Councillors on meeting(s) attended:

b) Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor:

A 'Highways Transport concern' has been submitted to RCC re the hill top bend at the Langham-end of the Oakham Road. Mrs Powell has been supplied with a list of road-traffic incidents on the Oakham Road. She intends to meet with WEG in October regarding a request for signs from Leicester, Leics. And Rutland Road Safety Partnership for: Pickwell Lane, Stapleford Rd and Station Rd. Community Speedwatch are issuing invitations for Parishes to take part; Whissendine has previously expressed an interest. RCC's Winter Policy, which is hampering deployment of grit bits was set for review. The Ward Councillor is pressing for a response from RCC.

**13458** Planning matters:

- a) To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group: The group last met on 21 September 2021. There are two 'planning and a pint' consultation sessions planned for 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021, at The White Lion. The consultant is attending on 8 October to walk the parish, with members of the group. A

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detailed questionnaire survey is planned for November and a postcard-drawing competition of 'Whissendine in the future' is being launched at the school.

- b) To consider plans received since 6 September 2021:

**2021/1130/PTA** 34A Main Street, Whissendine: To reduce 1no. pine tree by 30% - The Parish Council are concerned that any reduction in height of a pine may increase the tree's susceptibility to disease.

**2021/1096/FUL** 55 Main Street, Whissendine: Demolition of existing garage, erection of 2-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension with new garage – No comment.

- c) Planning updates received:

**2021/0111/FUL** 9 The Nook: Extension to rear elevation with balcony. RCC granted permission

**13459** The Banks and Village Green:

- a) Notification of increased maintenance costs and decision on whether to re-tender: The contractor has advised the Government's review of the use of reduced-duty diesel will impact the use of cutting machinery. The difference in fuel costs in September was 62.52p per litre (inc. VAT); fuel costs fluctuate. The cost of cutting is expected to increase from £138.00 per cut to £143.85 (inc. VAT) (based on September fuel prices); a 4.2% increase. [The September cut cost £210.00 + VAT; a 4.2% increase would be: £218.82 + VAT] It was AGREED that the cost will affect all contractors and a re-tender is not justified.
- b) Notification of timescales for tender process for Village Green posts: Four invitations to tender have been sent out; one invitee has declined the offer to tender. The closing date for receipt of tenders is 25 October 2021 so a report will come to the November meeting.
- b) Other business: Decision on art-work for A3 replacement signs was postponed to the November meeting, pending mock-ups of the options.

**13460** Highways and village maintenance, any matters for report and to agree any necessary action: nothing not already reported.

**13461** Financial Business:

- a) To receive the financial report to 30 September 2021: The second Groundwork Grant was received in September, to a value of £5775.00. This grant is ringfenced for work on the Neighbourhood Plan and comes with conditions, unspent grant must be returned in March 2022. The Parish Council had £34280.43 in their current account as of 30 September 2021. There are sufficient funds to meet planned expenditure.
- b) To consider invoices received since 6 September 2021 and approve payments, as appropriate:

Banks maintenance (Sept)	£252.00
Village Caretaker (Aug)	£ 72.14
Village Caretaker (Sep)	£ 83.12

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The payments were AGREED.

- c) To consider planned expenditure by the Neighbourhood Planning Group; to include:
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| Printing of 70 postcards -           | £31.00 ex VAT per 100 | £32.00 |
| Book tokens (as prizes)              | 2 @ £10.00            | £20.00 |
| Raffle prize                         |                       | £40.00 |
| Print costs for Parish Questionnaire |                       | TBC    |
| Survey software                      | c£384.00              | TBC    |

This expenditure was AGREED.

- d) To decide the possible change of banker. Change was considered desirable and the Clerk was authorized to progress.

Mrs Arnold joined the meeting.

- 13462** To consider the progress on The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Which may include a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022: A preliminary public meeting was held on 29 September 2021 and a second is scheduled for 3 November 2021. It was AGREED that £2022 be put aside to support the event.
- 13463** To consider the barriers to achieving a cycle-link between Whissendine and Oakham: Whissendine only village without a safe cycle route to access Oakham as the County-town. New Government initiative to increase cycle tracks has been reported. Clerk to check if there is legislation that allows a Parish Council to require provision of a safe cycle-route from the Highway Authority.
- 13464** On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda.  
It was AGREED that the expression of interest in SpeedWatch should be renewed.  
Clerk to ask RCC's Parking Manager if he has completed the parking-control viability study.
- 13465** To acknowledge correspondence received.
- 8/9/2021 Notice of Withdrawal of Rutland Local Plan 2018-2036
  - 9/9/2021 Royal British Legion re preparation for remembrance
  - 13/9/2021 RCC re Rutland Climate action
  - 24/9/2021 CEE Bill Alliance re Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Bill
  - 29/9/2021 RCC re Gambling Act 2005: Statement of Principles Review and Consultation
  - 29/9/2021 Thank you for use of Village Green for charity Bake Sale

Meeting closed 20.39 hours.