

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 1 November 2021**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance.

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.17 hrs

13466 To take any questions or comments from the public:

- a) Mr Aakash Odedra expressed a wish to introduce his new venture on Main Street, Little Spice Box:
He described his new venture, a café: breakfasts, coffee, Indian cuisine and desserts. Acknowledged limited opening hours within existing planning permission, would like to be open until 10pm.
- b) Any other issues:
Mr Harman raise the issue of floods (31/10/21) and associated issues re use of footpath by vehicles to get through the water and splashing of pedestrians. He wished to know if record of flooding events was available and if there is record of any works that have been tried to alleviate the flooding. Mr Harman was advised flood events since 2019 had been recorded and the record supplied to RCC in July 2021. Mr Harman was advised that RCC was both the Highways Authority and Drainage Authority.
Mr Harman volunteered to take responsibility for placing a flood sign west of the floods.

13467 Apologies for absence: Mrs Wilkins.

13468 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13469 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 4 October 2021: Proposed by Mr Comber, seconded Mr Hatton, approved and signed by the Chairman.

13470 a) Report(s) from Parish Councillors on meeting(s) attended: Mr Harris reported WEG met in October and is looking at litter picking, tree planting, etc. Next meeting January 2022.

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

Healthwatch have produced a report on GP services.

A new Health and Wellbeing Strategy is being prepared for Rutland which will respond to the requirement to have an Integrated Care System for the County.

The grit bin for Foxhill has been agreed by RCC and invoice will come to the Parish Council shortly.

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

13471 Planning matters:

- a) To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group: Mrs Powell reported: The group last met on 21 October 2021. The questionnaire is online and hard-copies due to be distributed in the next week. Drop-in session on 13 November 2021. Technical support has been applied for a housing needs survey.

- b) To consider plans received since 4 October 2021:

2021/1220/FUL 79 Main Street, Whissendine: remove condition 3 of application 2020/0685/FUL and retrospective application for storage shed. The Parish Council were minded to respond to the Planning Permission that condition 3 was placed on the permission for a purpose and as such should remain.

2021/1296/FUL Greendale Farm, Pickwell Lane: Demolition of conservatory, new extension and new dormers. No comments offered.

- c) Planning updates received:

2021/1130/PTA 34A Main Street: RCC granted permission for 30% reduction of 1no. pine tree.

13472 The Banks:

- a) Any maintenance issues: The Clerk advised that the sign provided in September on the stile by the small play area has been removed by persons unknown and is lost.
- b) Other business: Decision on art-work for A3 replacement signs, postponed from the November meeting, pending mock-ups of the options. Layout B was preferred with the original art-work. The Clerk was instructed to proceed with the replacement and insurance claim.

13473 The Village Green

- a) Consideration of tenders for Village Green posts:
Four invitations to tender were sent out; two potential contractors responded. Bid A was the preferred bid at £2277.73 ex VAT.

13474 Highways and village maintenance, any matters for report and to agree any necessary action: manhole outside school surcharged during heavy rain on 31 October. Station Road junction manhole still sunken and blocked. 'Give way to pedestrians' sign at Oakham Road end of Cow Lane not apparent. The streetlight on Melton Road, opposite the Sports Club is not lighting up.

13475 Financial Business:

- a. To receive the financial report to 31 October 2021: The Parish Council had £33873.18 in their current account as of 31 October 2021; including all time-limited and ringfenced grant funds. There are sufficient funds to meet planned expenditure.
- b. To consider invoices received since 4 October 2021 and approve payments, as appropriate:

RCC Q2 Salary costs	£1475.50
Village Caretaker (Oct)	£ 69.00
Banks maintenance (Oct cut)	£ 252.00

Neighbourhood Planning:

2 no. book tokens (prizes)	£ 20.00
1 no. Gift Voucher	£ 40.00
cost hosting plan + pint, 6 October	£ 53.20
Printing 60 no. postcards (inc VAT)	£ 38.40
Survey analysis software (26/10/21 to 25/11/21)	£ 22.80

The payments were AGREED.

- c. To consider planned expenditure by the Neighbourhood Planning Group; to include:
Print costs for Parish Questionnaire (estimate 1)

600 no. x 10 pages B&W	£ 396.00 + VAT
600 no. x 9 pages B&W + 1 page colour	£ 552.00 + VAT

Refreshments for drop-in 13 November	£ 30.00
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This expenditure was AGREED.

- d. Update on the possible change of banker. Change was considered desirable and the Clerk was authorized to progress.

13476 To consider the progress on The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. Which may include a 'Big Jubilee Lunch' on 5th June 2022: Next meeting 3 November 2021.

13477 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda.

- a. To consider the way forward to achieving a cycle-link between Whissendine and Oakham: The Neighbourhood Plan may consider cycle-links for the village. Clerk to enquire from Sustrans if any advice is available and at what cost.
- b. Feedback from RCC's Parking Manager- Advice regarding how RCC's Sustainable Transport Team intend to engage with the school is awaited. The feasibility study has yet to progress, RCC's Parking Manager would wish to list what remedies have been tried before asking RCC's Highways and Transportation Working Group to choose between imposing restrictions or not. The decision would rest on assessed needs and RCC priorities; the evidence of need remains weak in the view of the Parking Manager. A further discussion between the Parking Manager and the Parish Council is envisaged after the school engagement has been completed.
- c. Feedback from Speedwatch: the expression of interest in SpeedWatch 2022 lodged
- d. Confirm arrangements for the Christmas Tree: The White Lion is ordering on behalf of the Parish Council.

13478 To acknowledge correspondence received.

4/10/2021 email 21.48hrs re 2021/1130/PTA 34A Main Street Whissendine

Meeting closed 21.20 hours