

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 6 December 2021**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
County Councillor Rosemary Powell
Two members of the public.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.17 hrs

13484 To take any questions or comments from the public:

Mr Thomas advised a new flood action group had formed in the village.

Mr Richardson asked what Whissendine Parish Council will do about flooding of Main Street. The Chairman confirmed this was not a new issue and advised the Parish Council has met with RCC (as drainage authority) and keeps abreast of developments. The last meeting was in July 2021. Unfortunately, there is no engineering solution known to the Parish Council at this time.

13485 Apologies for absence: None

13486 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13487 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 1 and 15 November:

1 November 2021: proposed by Dave Hatton, seconded Cynthia Moss, approved and signed by the Chairman.

15 November 2021: proposed by Cynthia Moss, seconded Linda Arnold, approved and signed by the Chairman.

13488 Reports from Councillors:

a. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors

Mrs Moss reported attending the Village Hall Committee AGM (23/11/2021) and bi-monthly meeting: Pre-school to finish at Christmas. This makes the main hall available during the day. Hiring charges are due to go up as costs have increased.

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

- RCC Councillor will meet with new village flood group, when invited.
- RCC consultations: i) Waste Collection and recycling (consultation closing date 19 Dec. 2021); ii) New Rutland Health & Wellbeing Strategy (consultation closing date 7 Jan. 2022),
- Catmose Swimming Pool to close- replacement approved to design stage but development dependent on external capital becoming available.
- 'Share the Road' signs are now in place on Pickwell Ln, Stapleford Rd and Station Rd.

13489 Planning matters

- a. To consider any plans received between 6 November and 6 December 2021: None
- b. Planning updates: None received by midday 6 December.

13490 Any issues arising on The Banks:

- a. The eastern stream bank immediately beneath the bridge on the Banks has now been strengthened.
- b. Three quotes have been obtained for the replacement lectern on the Banks: The Acrorn workshop - £1340; Fitzpatrick Woolmer £1638; and Viking Signs £802.46. The quotes have been forwarded to the insurers to complete the insurance claim. Viking Signs have been provided with artwork agreed at November meeting. They will provide 2 No. A3 signs engraved on 1.5mm stainless steel mounted on a backplate, including fitting to existing posts. They have been instructed to proceed and this was AGREED.

13491 Any issues arising with highways and village maintenance:

The posts around the village green have been replaced. There are four more posts required to prevent parking across the corners. These posts have been procured and the contractor has agreed to install them at a rate pro-rata to the first 40. It was AGREED the additional posts should be provided.

13492 To consider the progress on The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022

- c. To agree to contract with Fen Blow Barn Dance Band for the village dance on 4 June 2022:
Three bands have been contacted; The Bang on The Wall band was booked, Hilltop Cellidh wanted £900 and Fen Blow Dance Band want £560 (with a deposit of £50). It was AGREED that Fen Blow Dance Band be contracted to play on 4 June 2022 and a deposit of £50 be forwarded. The Parish Clerk was authorized to sign the contract on behalf of the Parish Council.
- d. The next meeting of the task and finish group is on Monday 13 December 2021.

13493 Financial Business

- a. To receive the financial report to 30 November 2021:
As of 30 November 2021 there was £32,038.22 in the PC's budget; this includes grant-funds which are restricted to specified spending and where the unspent amounts are refundable at the end of the financial year. In addition, there are three invoices approved for payment in November that are yet to be settled which total: £136. The net funds available this month are: £31902.22. There are sufficient funds to meet planned expenditure.
- b. To consider invoices received since 1 November 2021 and approve payments, as appropriate:

RCC for Grit bin (Foxhill) [min.13385 b]	£ 265.78
Farm and Garden (bridge strengthening) [min. 13443 a]	£1074.48
Kedel limited 40No. posts [min 13473a] (Clerk's reclaim)	£ 809.26
Kedel limited 4No. corner posts [min 13473a] (Clerk's reclaim)	£ 119.31
RGC Contracting Services (install 40No. posts)	£1468.47
Deposit to Fen Blow Dance Band for 4.6.2022	£ 50.00
Village Caretaker (November)	£ 56.46

Neighbourhood Planning:

A £30 donation to Whissendine WI (minute 13475 c of 1 November 2021)

- c. To consider request for grant support from Craft and Produce Show for £150: The grant was AGREED. This brings the s137 spend total for the year to date to: £2792.10 with c£6500 remaining for financial year 2021-22 (of which £300 is within budget).
- d. On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda
 - a. To consider the response from Sustrans regarding examination of possible routes for cycling: Sustrans replied on November 8 by email and advised there would be cost in commissioning a study based on the number of days involved in the research, development and production of a report. "It is unlikely to be less than £1000 and possibly more." Sustrans are quite busy at the moment and could not comment on their availability.
It was AGREED the Clerk will write to the new RCC Lead Member for Highways stressing the need for a cycle-link for Whissendine to Oakham and to the Highways Manager to ask if there is likely to be any funding for cycle links connecting villages to Oakham in the next 2-years.
 - b. Operation London Bridge: the Parish Council are not a lead-Authority should the operation be initiated RCC will lead locally and LRALC will be available to provide information and advice.
 - c. Flooding: A recent article in Grapevine, submitted by the new Flood Group, stated that 'flooding' would not form part of the Neighbourhood Plan; it was agreed this was in error. Development controls to prevent worsening of flood incidence and/or severity are likely to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan.
- e. Correspondence: None.

Meeting closed 20.15 hours