

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 3 January 2022**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
County Councillor Rosemary Powell

Chairman opened the meeting at: 19:17 hours.

13494 To take any questions or comments from the public:

- a. Presentation from the 'Flood Group': Due to Covid isolation and other reasons the group had no representatives available.
- b. Any other matter: None.

13495 Apologies for absence: Mr Harris is away.

13496 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None.

13497 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2021: Proposed by Mr Hatton, seconded Mrs Moss, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

13498 Reports from Councillors:

- a. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: Details of the Local Government settlement for the coming year have been received by RCC; from Central Government. This should equate to a 7% increase in RCC budget for 2022-3 but most of this is dependent on RCC increasing Council Tax by 5%; only £800k is 'new' funding. There is still a £2M funding gap during the next 5-years. RCC will set their 2022-3 budget in February.
- b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors: None.

13499 Planning matters

- a. To consider plans received between 6 December 2021 and 3 January 2022; None
- b. Planning updates received:

The No 9. (Land Around Whissendine Cottage, 32 Main Street, Whissendine) Tree Preservation Order 2021 – was not confirmed by RCC.

2021/1296/FUL: Greendale Farm, Pickwell Lane, dormer windows – permission has been granted by RCC

2021/0924/FUL: 4 Foxhill, conservatory alterations – permission has been granted by RCC

- c. To consider the response to Rutland County Council's Village Services and Facilities Survey 2021. Response agreed.

13500 The Banks

- a. Update on replacement of lectern signs: The signs have been replaced. The insurance company has agreed to pay the full cost (less VAT) and the claim has been completed.

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b. Other issues: None

13501 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: Mrs Moss is to report the breakdown of the tarmac around a manhole on the walk-way on Main Street via Fix-My-Street.

13502 Financial Business

- a. To set the precept for 2022-2023: The budget was agreed as £32912 for the financial year 2022-23. Reserves are adequate and some expenditure is being carried forward so an increase of 0.05% on the 2021-22 precept was agreed.
- b. To receive the details of estimated expenditure to date: There was £27333.96 left in this year's budget at the end of December 2021. There is sufficient to meet the Parish Council's obligations although some of the individual budgets are overspent: subscriptions (5%), village magazine (<3%), and parish property. The parish property budget is technically 51% overspent, however this figure includes the replacement signs and doesn't include the insurance refund; once the refund is included the overspend reduces to 12% (before reclaim of VAT).
- c. To consider invoices received in December and approve payments, as appropriate:

Village Caretaking (Dec)	£ 70.17
Replacement lectern signs	£802.46
Survio software 26/11- 25/12/21 (reclaim K. Thomas)	£ 22.80
Survio software 26/12- 25/1/22 (reclaim K. Thomas)	£ 22.80

13503 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda

- a. RCC response on cycle links and associated policy and plans: RCC's Cllr Razzell reply (20/12/21) to the Clerk's enquiry: he has asked RCC Officers to advise WPC on the best way to proceed.
- b. Progress in preparations for the Queen's Jubilee June 2022: The band has been contracted. A caterer is still being sought as is an operator for the bar. The deposit for the band (£50) has been deducted from the £2022 budget and £1972 has been included in the 2022-3 budget.
- c. Village meeting scheduled for 16 March 2022.

13504 Correspondence

6/12/21 email from R Drabble re Mallard Pass Solar Farm, Essendine.
10/12/21 email from Whissendine (St Andrew's) PCC re burial ground maintenance 2022-3
16/12/21 email from Village Hall re grant requested for 2022-3
16 to 26/12/21 various emails from Whissendine Flood Group re temporary signage.
22/12/21 email from RCC re tax-base and form for precept request
22/12/21 Empingham PPG Newsletter
23/12/21 email RCC re Rutland Climate Action Agenda 4/1/22

Meeting closed at 19.53 hours.

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