

THE PARISH MEETING OF WHISSENDINE 2022

This meeting was held at Whissendine Village Hall on Wednesday 16h March 2022, beginning at 7:04pm.

Present:

Mr Will Farr (Chairman),

Mr David Hatton, Mrs Pat Lake, Mrs Linda Arnold, and Mrs Cynthia Moss (Parish Councillors)

Dr Sue Lammin (Parish Clerk, taking minutes), Mrs R Powell, and 18 members of the public.

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman thanked residents for attending this year's AGM.

2. Apologies were received from PC Laurie Appleton, Gwen Griffiths, Ann Maddison (Sports Club: written report) and Paul Harris, Gillian Wilkins and Rob Comber (Parish Councillors).
3. Minutes of 2021 Village meeting 5 May 2021: Proposed by Pat Lake, seconded by Cynthia Moss and subsequently approved.
4. Parish Council Chairman: Will Farr gave a report on the work of the Parish Council in 2021-22, proposals for 2022-23 and took opinion on proposals: Will thanked the Parish Council and summarised the activities despite the Covid restrictions. The coming year includes the celebrations for the Queen's Jubilee on 4 & 5 June 2022 which are being largely funded by WPC. The Neighbourhood Plan should also be finalised this year. Consultations on spending the CIL and CIL compensatory funds will be undertaken this year.
5. Rutland County Councillor Mrs Powell: Rosemary described her role as an independent County Councillor. She also outlined the value of the Neighbourhood Plan and the issues around withdrawal of the draft Local Plan.
6. Report from representative of Whissendine Good Neighbour Scheme: Mrs Alison Keal described how the WGNS works for the 70 clients with 50 volunteers; to deliver 377 to 504 jobs pa. During 'lockdown' new volunteers came forward and a Food-Bank collection was established. The group is in need of more volunteers and committee members, including a treasurer.
7. Report from representative of Whissendine Environment Group: Mrs Jo Read described the jobs for the year including the April litter-pick of the approaches to the village. They plan to plant up the tyre and behind the teen-shelter on the Banks. They have been tidying the planting on the Sports Ground, and that will continue. The approach to the windmill, the verge in front of the Church and the no-man's-land by Chapel Walk are on-going work.
8. Report from representative of Whissendine Village Hall trustees: Mr Mike Dickinson advised the last 2-years have been challenging due to Covid restrictions and loss of the pre-school. The VH Committee subsidised the pre-school but it wasn't viable.

The increasing energy costs are impacting the running of the VH. They need more daytime bookings. The Committee is aging and new, younger, members are needed.

9. Report from representative of Whissendine Sports Club trustees: 4 trustees: Tim Edmunds, Stuart Maddison, Bob Atkinson, and Derek Miller, The land has never been registered so solicitors are working on it. There was a discrepancy between the plans and the land in use; this has now been resolved. Once the land is registered the Club can apply for grants. They are working towards a new building. The present building was second-hand 50 years ago. There will be information in the Grapevine this year. There is a successful table-tennis group, the bowling green has been leased. Brownies are due to plant trees at the beginning of April. The Club is hosting the Queen's Jubilee events.
10. Report from Alun Meadows on the Youth Club in Whissendine: Not present.
11. Report from representative of the Whissendine Craft & Produce Show Group: David Penny reported the 2020 show was cancelled so expected a low 2021 turnout; but it is the largest in the county with 424 exhibits (down from 800 in 2020). Efforts are in-hand to increase entries to the Children's sections. The Parish Council offer support and this years show is 3rd September.
12. The Parish Clerk will report on the Long Clawson Charity activity in 2021: The land at Long Clawson is commercially let for grazing, the income is received every six-months after payment of annual gifts this year there will be no remainder. The income received in 2021 was £1938.28 (2.2% annual return); plus £0.51 interest. St Andrew's PCC also donated £120, in November 2021.

The income for the year 2020/21	£2058.98	[£2058.79 (to 30/1/22)]
Gifts made in the year 2020/21	£2240.00	
From reserve	<u>£ 181.02</u>	

Account balance to go forward: £4379.69
13. Questions on any topic from the floor.

Flood Action Group: Mrs Edwards reported that temporary signs may only be placed by trained personnel, no one is currently trained. A highways issues notice for more signs has been submitted to RCC by the Parish Council. Mrs Edwards asked if the Parish Council would support their efforts and the Chairman confirmed they did.

A question was asked about the origin of the Poor's Land (Long Clawson Charity) and a description was provided.

A question was asked about the running costs of the Village Hall. Mike Dickinson advised that there is a current period of transition so it's hard to predict.

Meeting closed at 19.54hrs.