

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on **Monday 4 April 2022**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance.

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

Chairman opened the meeting at: 19:15 hours.

- 13529** To take any questions or comments from the public: None
- 13530** Apologies for absence
- 13531** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13532** To approve minutes of:
- the Parish Council meeting held on 7 March 2022: the minutes were proposed by Mrs Lake and seconded by Mr Comber, approved and signed by the Chairman.
 - the Parish Meeting held on 16 March 2022: the minutes were proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mr Greenlay, approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 13533** Reports from Councillors:
- Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:
Mrs Moss attended the Village Hall Committee.
 - Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor:
Mrs Powell reported the £150 fuel rebates are in-hand. Local plan is progressing.
The Transport Concern about Oakham Rd is now being assessed by RCC.
- 13534** Planning matters
- Report from the meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (23 March 2022): Mrs Powell confirmed the Housing Needs Analysis and Design Statements have been received from the consultants.
 - To consider plans received between 8 March 2022 and 4 April 2022:
2022/0250/MAF Whissendine Lodge, Melton Road, demolition of existing agricultural buildings and erection of tractor shed, lambing shed, etc. and refurbishment of existing brick barns: No comments.
2022/0271/FUL Tpot Cottage, 21-23 Stapleford Rd: addition of balcony to rear elevation: No comments.
 - Planning updates received.
2022/0028/FUL 39B Main Street, Change of use from A1 to A3 and extension of hours. Refused by RCC as insufficient information provided.
2021/1220/FUL 79 Main St, variation of 2020/0685/FUL: granted by RCC.
2022/0079/FUL Home Farm, Melton Rd: demolition existing linked garage and new 1.5 storey extension, new garage, etc: granted by RCC.
2021/0029/APPEAL (APP/A2470/W/21/3285028) for Outline permission for up to 66 houses and access, land south of Stapleford Rd. Appeal start-date 21 March 2022.
To be decided at an informal hearing by Planning Inspector at a date to be advised.

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It was AGREED that should appearance in person be suitable Mrs Moss would put forward the objections of the Parish Council to the informal hearing.

13535 Any issues requiring attention on The Banks, etc.: None

13536 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree necessary action:

- a. Chapel Walk: on 21 March 2022 a tree adjacent to Chapel Walk was reported as having branches presenting a hazard. Tree Surgeon inspected and reported on 1 April: tree safe with no sign of Ash die-back. He recommends a crown raise to 5m at a cost of £300 plus VAT. It was AGREED the Clerk is to arrange for the work to be done.

13537 Financial Business

- a. To receive the details of the budget for 2022-23: The Parish Council had a reserve of c£74106. The reserve includes £984.30 Community Infrastructure Levy and £7003.38 Parish Compensatory Payment; these funds are constrained and if unspent may be liable to reclaim by 20/4/2026. There are no creditors, the grant repayments totaling £1677.05 were repaid before the end of 2021-22. There is the liability of a £30 cheque issued in 2021-22 that has yet to be drawn that has been carried over to 2022-23. The employees of the Parish Council are not eligible job-holders job under the Pension's Act 2008 and the non-eligible job holder has not chosen to opt into a qualifying pension scheme; so the council has no employer's pensions contributions to make in the coming year. Rutland County Council have remitted the precept of £31365.96 for the year 2022-23. The budget has been set with an anticipated expenditure of £32,912 for the year.
- b. To consider invoices received in March and so far in April and approve payments, as appropriate. The following invoices were approved for payment:
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| LRALC membership 2022-3 | £ 364.20 |
| Fields in Trust membership 2022-23 | £ 65.00 |
| Posters and tickets for Queen's Jubilee | £ 70.00 |
| Banks maintenance (March) | £ 190.32 |
| RCC Q4 payroll inc. on-costs | £ 2288.71 |
| Village Caretaking (March – nominal) | £ 51.76 |
- c. To consider any funding requests from the Neighbourhood Planning Group: None

13538 To review and revise the Code of Conduct for Whissendine Parish Council to allow reflection of current good-practice and LRALC guidance: (The Parish Council's intention to adopt, revise or replace its Code of Conduct was published from 25/3/2022 as required by Localism Act 2011 s28(12). The Parish Council was recommended to adopt the new LGA Model Councillor Code of Conduct, as amended 17 May 2021 (previously the 'Code' was common to all Parish Council's in Rutland and was published on the RCC website, it has recently been removed by RCC). It was AGREED the code be adopted with some amendments to the model:

- To note the Monitoring Officer is an employee of Rutland County Council (RCC) and undertakes investigation of any relevant complaints about the behaviours/actions of Councillors deviating from the code.
- Dispensations (section 6, Page 10 and Section 7, Page 11) can only be granted by the Parish Council (or Committee/Sub-Committee). The power to grant shall not rest with the Chairman nor be delegated to the Clerk).
- Any Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest must leave the room for the relevant agenda item.
- This adopted code will also apply to non-Councillors where they are able to vote on decisions at committees/sub-committees. [This will be rarely used as non-Councillors cannot lawfully vote, even at the Neighbourhood Planning Steering

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Group meetings; which is why all recommendations are decided at Pariah Council meetings.]

It was further AGREED the code should be published on Whissendine.net.

13539 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda:

Speedwatch training dates 14-16 September; 19 September to 2 October 2022 are project dates.

Paul Greenlay sought an update about the progress of parking considerations: and it was confirmed the matter is due to go to RCC's Highways and Transport Working Group.

13540 Correspondence

11/3/22 Speedwatch (via CM as lead)

25/3/21 R Drabble re Appeal ref APP/A2470/W/21/3285028

Meeting closed 19.52 hrs.