

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 6 June 2022**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mr D Hatton, Mr Comber, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Moss and Mr Greenlay.

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance.

Mr K Thomas

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:17 hours.

- 13556** To take any questions or comments from the public: None
- 13557** Apologies for absence: Mrs Linda Arnold and Mrs Rosemary Powell (RCC)
- 13558** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13559** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2022: these were approved, proposed by Mr Greenlay and seconded by Mrs Wilkins; and signed by the Chairman.
- 13560** Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: Mrs Powell could not be present but supplied a written report that was read out. She acknowledged the recent grant of outline planning permission for up to 66 houses off Stapleford Road and urged the Parish Council to pro-actively engage with RCC planning officers to seek optimal size, design and layout for the development; as there are 20 reserved matters subject to future detailed application(s). She indicated the development should attract monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy in due course.
She also urged that the rate of development of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan be maintained; while confirming her resignation from the group due to the changes at RCC resulting in new responsibilities.
- 13561** Planning matters
- a. To consider plans received between 10 May 2022 and 6 June 2022:
- 2022/0529/MAF** Land South of Melton Road: residential development, revised proposal; no significant change noted. The ordinary watercourse that this development is proposing to use for drainage is the same as the new Stapleford Road development is seeking to rely on. This watercourse drains into the floodplain north of the village and any increase discharge at peak times is likely to worsen flooding in the village centre and access roads.
- 2022/0636/FUL** 23 Hall Close: single storey rear extension and flat roofed dormers to front and rear. No comments.
- 2022/0545/FUL** Arnescote Fm, Stapleford Rd: extension to existing equestrian stables, etc. and relocation of horse walker, etc. No comments offered.
- b. Planning updates received:
- 2022/0271/FUL** Tpot Cottage, 21-23 Stapleford Rd: rear balcony, granted by RCC
- c. To hear about progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group: Mr Thomas reported that 6 days of consultant's support is still available. He is aiming for draft prepared by July 2022.
- 13562** The Banks
- a. To consider matters of safety affecting the children's play areas.
The ROSPA safety reports were considered. A hazard upgrade of the rotary seesaw was recommended by the Clerk and the actions to date were reported:

covering the pinch point as far as practicable, putting up clear signage that the ride is 'broken un-usable' that an urgent inspection and costing of repairs has been requested. It was AGREED that repair was urgent and should the quote for repairs be less than £1750 the Clerk should place the order without delay; a higher quote should be reported to the July meeting for consideration.

The Clerk reported that additional bark has already been ordered.

It was AGREED the wooden bench and the log-swing be removed and the rotten fence-post replaced; the Clerk to arrange.

- b. To receive update from the task and finish group on seating: AGREED that wooden bench in Tots Playarea replaced with plastic bench. Clerk to get prices.
- c. To consider any other matters arising on the Banks: Cutting schedule to be reviewed in Autumn.

13563 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:

- a. To consider repair of plinth of village sign. Clerk to get a price.
- b. Station Road gully sunk again, a hazard; Mrs Moss will report on Fix-my-street.

13564 Financial Business

- a. The report of expenditure and income in May 2022 was received and the reconciliation with the bank statements noted. A grant has been received to assist in completion of the Neighbourhood Plan of £4349.00. As of 30 May 2022 the PC held £37,817.78 in their current account. Bank charges in May were £8. Of the two payments (approved at the last meeting) for the Jubilee weekend only one has been paid. The invoice for the Hog Roast (£1700 [£1350 + VAT]) is due 7/6/2022 and will be paid on receipt.
- c. To consider invoices received in May and approve payments, as appropriate:

Caretaker (May)	£ 80.00
RoSPA Play Safety	£184.80
Ben Creasey Tree Services	£ 360.00
Banks Maintenance (May)	£ 432.24
Bank charges for June not yet advised by HSBC	
- d. To consider the request, from the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group, for financial support to prepare the plan to draft-stage: They hope they will not need funds to cover the cost of preparing the plan to print-stage but they may yet need support.

13565 To consider any outcome of the advertising of the vacancies on the Parish Council. The two vacancies arising from 9 May 2022 were advertised from 11 May 2022 to 31 May 2022. Rutland County Council have not notified any request for election. One resident of the village has expressed an interest in being co-opted (email 26 May 2022). Situation will be considered and date of co-option meeting agreed at July meeting.

13566 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda. Chairman expressed his thanks to all volunteers who made the Jubilee events happen.

13567 Correspondence

13/5/22 email re RCC's P&L Committee 26/5/22 (RT)
14/5/22 email re RCC's P&L Committee 26/5/22 (RD)
17/5/22 email from RCC re Rutland Climate action meeting 27/4/22
19/5/22 email in connection with development land off Stapleford Rd (RT)
20/5/22 email re tree-roots by stream following STW SW drain clearance (ER).

Next meeting 11 July 2022.

Meeting closed 20.24 hrs