

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 11 July 2022**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mr D Hatton, Mrs Arnold, and Mr Greenlay.

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
County Councillor Mrs R Powell

Mr Comber tendered his resignation at 19.17 hrs.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19:18 hours.

13568 To take any questions or comments from the public:

Ms. D has requested the Parish Council intervene to achieve removal of barbed wire on a post on private land.

13569 Apologies for absence: Mrs Wilkins (away), Mrs Moss (Covid +ve), Mr K Thomas (Chair of Neighbourhood Planning Group).

13570 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None.

13571 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2022: Proposed by Mr Hatton, seconded by Mr Greenlay, the minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

13572 Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: Local Plan consultation on Issues and Options has opened and closes on 16 September 2022.

13573 Reports from meetings attended by Parish Councillors:

- a. Mrs Moss had submitted a brief report of her attendance at the virtual meeting of "East Midlands Airport Future Airspace Stage 2 Phase One" on Tuesday 28 June 2022. She does not believe Whissendine is likely to be directly affected by current proposals but will provide a fuller briefing at the September meeting.
- b. Mrs Moss had submitted a report on the last Village Hall meeting. WPC was thanked for the financial assistance. General management issues and feast-week were discussed. The placing of the WW1 pictures and information in the VH are subject to further discussion and a small working group is to be formed to oversee. Next meeting of VH Committee 30 August 2022.
- c. Mrs Moss had submitted a report of the recent Tree Champions meeting. It was noted Whissendine does not have Conservation status and it was strongly suggested that with the assistance of the ward Councillor, RCC should be pushed to grant village Conservation Area status. It was also noted that specifying 'native' trees for planning conditions may be counter productive as there are only 51 UK native species and 33 of these are widespread and only 10 are suitable for this area: Sessile Oak, Hornbeam, Beech and Lime (both short leaved and broad leaved). Others are common but non-native: Sweet Chestnut, Walnut, Elms, Pear, Apple, Cherry, London Plane, etc. Before planting information about soil type and soil structure is key. Discussions on verge-cutting were lively as several parishes have opted out of the RCC contract.

13574 Planning matters

- a. To consider plans received between 7 June 2022 and 11 July 2022:

2022/0665/FUL, 7 Melton Road. Whissendine: convert existing garage and stores to carer's annex: It was suggested the annex should be tied to the use of the house by condition.

2022/0674/FUL, 2 Stanilands: Retrospective application for single storey rear ext.: There is concern that the proximity and position of this extension will negatively impact the neighbour. As this is a retrospective application and the work is apparently complete the standard of finish falls below that described in the application.

2022/0705/FUL, 44 Hall Close: sing. storey side/front and rear ext.: No comments.
2022/0529/MAF, Land South of Melton Road, Whissendine; In addition to previous comments the Parish Council would draw attention to the fact that the windmill is a working windmill and thus needs a turbulence-free air corridor. The developers may need to demonstrate that the house designs and planting schemes will not cause disruption of air flow to the sails of the windmill.

b. Planning updates received:

2021/1473/PAD conversion agr. building adj. 55 Stapleford Rd to residential: Granted by RCC.

- c. To consider consent for the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group's submission of the draft plan to RCC. The design standards and the draft Neighbourhood Plan had previously been circulated. The following comments were offered: Mrs Moss had submitted comment that the current draft Neighbourhood Plan seems to have insufficient detail regarding the flooding issues and the developer considerations. She suggested if approval were delayed she would work with the Clerk to prepare the necessary detail for inclusion. Mr Farr noted that the village's broadband connection had been misdescribed. Mr Greenlay noted some typos and omissions. It was AGREED that the additions/changes should be incorporated and the document brought back to the September meeting of the Parish Council.
- d. To consider response to the 'Issues and Options' consultation for RCC's Local Plan. The consultation link had previously been circulated. It was AGREED that the findings of the Housing Needs Assessment for Whissendine should be conveyed, in the context of the large new development that has since been granted permission and one significant development pending which is on a site that previously came forward for the local plan. The limitations of infrastructure in the village were highlighted: the sewerage system is 60+ years old and designed for a village less than half the present size and the roads are narrow and lack footways in places and are subject to congestion due to parking. The village is also subject to flooding and any development would need to ensure as far as possible that all surface water is handled on-site.

13575 The Banks

- a. To receive updates on matters of safety affecting the children's play areas: The rotted bench and swing-beam have been removed. The loose fence-post by the tots climbing-unit has been braced and is secure. Fresh bark has been spread beneath the swings. The swiveling see-saw has yet to be repaired. The warning signs and tape have been refreshed and the quote for works accepted, £1530.76 (exc. VAT). The suppliers have been chased for a date from their contractors for work to start but have yet to reply with a firm date.
- b. To consider procurement of a 'plastic' bench for the "tots" play area. Details of two types of recycled-plastic bench have been circulated. It was AGREED that the cheapest bench should be procured and RGC Services should be contracted to postcrete it in place.
- c. To consider any other matters arising on the Banks.

13576 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:

- a. To receive update on repair of plinth of village sign: three requests for quotes have been sent out. Only one reply has been received and they decline to quote as they are too busy to undertake the work. It is possible one of the contractors who are yet to respond are planning to.

13577 Financial Business

- a. To consider request for financial support from Whissendine Sports Club. Adjourned to the September meeting.
- b. To receive financial report for June 2022: On 30 June 2022 the Parish Council had £35558.74 in their current account with June bank-charges still to pay. Bank charges of £9 were deducted on 20 June 2022. Bank charges of £8 will be deducted on 21 July 2022. This end of month funds included a donation from Whissendine Feast Week Committee of £1025 towards the cost of the Hog Roast provided at the Queen's Jubilee celebrations on 4 June.
- c. To consider invoices received and approve payments, as appropriate:

Ink Cartridges	£ 44.99 (Clerk's reclaim)
RCC payroll Q1 and admin	£ 2555.99
Banks maintenance (June) + bark	£ 423.48
Village Hall room rentals (inc. NP)	£ 164.00
Removal of broken play equipment, etc.	£ 175.00
Village Caretaking (June)	£ 80.00

13578 To receive update on the advertising of the vacancies on the Parish Council and agree a date for a co-option meeting. Rutland County Council has confirmed that no election has been called. The Parish Council may now co-opt new members on to the Council to fill the two advertised vacancies. It was AGREED that the co-option meeting will be 7pm on 5 September 2022 and the matter will be considered prior to the main business of the Parish Council meeting on that evening.

13579 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda.

13580 Correspondence

8/6/2022 email from East Mids Airport re Stage Airspace Modernisation Prog.
9/6/2022 email from RCC with Co-option docs. for two WPC vacancies
9/6/2022 email from PCC acknowledging receipt of graveyard maintenance funds.
13/6/2022 Anon. & confidential letter re car-parking in Stapleford Rd.
13/6/2022 auto email from Ext Auditor confirming receipt of LE0267 Docs.
14/6/2022 quote for repairs to rotating see-saw
16/6/2022 submission draft of Langham Neighbourhood Plan
20/6/2022 query from RCC Councillor re how waste bin defects reported to RCC
20/6/2022 report of overgrown RCC footway.
28/6/2022 email from RCC with New Local Plan newsletter; Issues and Options Consultation
8/7/2022 query from RCCllr re completion of works in verge in The Nook requested by resident
8/7/2022 email from resident re fly numbers. {Start of heatwave}
8/7/2022 email forwarded by whissendine.net from resident (b) re fly numbers
10/7/2022 email from resident (b) requesting WPC urge RCC [to do something] about 'flies'.

Meeting closed at 20.39 hrs

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