

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 5 September 2022**  
**7.15 pm**, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

**Present.**

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

**In attendance**

Also in attendance.

**Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)**

Mrs Michelle Edwards, Mr Kevin Thomas, Mrs Jane Buckley and Dr Carole East.

**13581** To take any questions or comments from the public: None

**13582** Apologies for absence: Mrs Powell, (County Councillor)

**13583** Co-option to fill casual vacancies arising, since May 2019 election, due to the resignations from the Parish Council: The notice of vacancy following Mr Harris' resignation was duly published on 11 May 2022 and the two notices following resignations of Mr Comber and Mrs Lake were published on 13 July 2022. The deadlines for electors to request an election have all passed and no requests have been received by RCC. The positions are now eligible for filling by co-option. Three applications had been received by 3 September and had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting: Dr Carole East, Mr Kevin Thomas, and Mrs Jane Buckley. All three were duly co-opted and each signed the acceptance of office.

**13584** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

**13585** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2022: Proposed by Mr Hatton and seconded by Mr Greenlay the minutes duly AGREED.

**13586** Report(s) from Parish Councillors on meeting(s) attended; including EM Airspace Consultation.

Mrs Moss attended EM airspace consultation the impact on Whissendine seems minimal the nearest edge of the flightpath is Loughborough but at their October meeting they will look at any issues arising from joining up.

Mrs Moss attended the VH Committee who are looking at a heating levy for room-rentals. WW1 display still due to go into entrance hall.

**13587** Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: Mrs Powell asked for her report to be read in her absence, as her presence was required at an RCC meeting. She has arranged for Jon Lewis of the Trent Rivers Trust to give a talk, via Zoom, on 4 October: "Whissendine Brook: Natural Flood Management and its wider benefits". (see min. 13592c below).

**13588** Planning matters:

- a. To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group and to consider approval for the submission of the draft Neighbourhood Plan to RCC for the necessary adoption process to commence. Mr Thomas and Mrs Moss attended an RCC meeting which recommends 5-year reviews of NP's. The draft NP has been circulated and needs to be submitted for screening by RCC (6-8 weeks) asap. There are background docs: re: flooding, windmill operation/preservation, etc. It was AGREED that the plan should go forward for screening.

Mr Thomas asked if the PC would register for the Parish On-line free trial, this was AGREED.

- b. To consider plans received since 11 July 2022; that are still open for consultation responses:  
2021/1018/PAD Black Hovel, Oakham Rd – redesign of dwelling Class Q p.d.- No comments offered.
- c. Planning updates received:  
2022/0545/FUL Arnescombe Farm, Stapleford Rd – extension to stables granted by RCC  
2022/0674 2 Stanilands -single storey rear extension retrospective permission granted by RCC.  
2022/0665/FUL 7 Melton Rd – conversion garage to annex, granted by RCC.  
2022/0705/FUL 44 Hall Close, side, front and rear extensions granted by RCC.
- d. To consider feedback on progress on legal matters and expected governance/admin. changes at the Sports Club; as it may affect CIL spending: The next Sports Club AGM is in Dec. 2022 when there will be a change in committee. The boundary details are currently with Land Registry to be finalised.
- e. To consider the response to the specific questions accompanying RCC's current consultation on their Local Plan. All 62 consultation questions were considered and a response agreed.

**13589 The Banks:**

- a. To consider proposal to purchase two replacement swing seats, to replace the worn/broken seats. It was AGREED that 2 like-for-like seats be purchased at a cost of c£150 plus delivery.
- b. To receive update on the repair of the see-saw roundabout: The roundabout has been repaired and is in full working order.
- c. To receive update on the purchase of a replacement bench for the Tot's playarea: The bench was ordered in August but has a c10 week delivery lag. The company will advise when delivery is imminent. No payment has yet been made.
- d. To consider the specification for the maintenance of The Banks prior putting a new contract out to tender. The 2017 specification was AGREED as fit for purpose for letting a new contract.
- e. Any other issues arising on the Banks: An email has been received alleging "dangerous rubbish" in the base of the stream. On inspection nothing was obvious but the barbed wire allegedly removed may have been from the stream-bank belonging to a neighbouring landowner – the Parish Council has not installed barbed wire on their land.

**13590 The Village Green:**

- a. To receive update on work required to the village sign plinth: A contractor has agreed to re-form the corners with concrete and intends to do the work in the winter.

**13591 Highways and village maintenance:**

- a. Any matters for report and to agree any necessary action.  
3 potholes outside 27 the Nook; subsidence on Ashwell Road halfway downhill from bad corner over culvert.
- b. To receive update on Community Speedwatch in the Village: There are c16 volunteers and training is scheduled for 7 September 2022. The Speedwatch risk assessment have been completed and the insurer advised, monitoring is due to run from 19/9/22 to 2/10/22.

- c. To consider results of RCC's Litter Bin audit and the RCC request to fund a replacement for the floor-mounted Victorina unit on the village green (W3W) due to rot; and the post-mounted bin on Cow Lane due to lack of lid. Total cost c£500. It was AGREED both bins should be replaced and an additional bin requested for layby by Loodal Lane.

**13592 Financial Business:**

- a. To receive financial report for August 2022: There was £32107.28 in the current account at the end of July. In August the account attracted £8 in bank charges and received £20 from RCC (reason unknown) so on 31 August 2022 the Parish Council had £32119.28 in the budget. Bank charges of £8 will be payable in September.
- b. To consider invoices received since 11 July 2022 and approve payments, as appropriate:
 

External audit	£ 240.00	
Room bookings Jun-Aug	£ 64.00	
Banks maintenance (Jul & Aug)	£ 454.44	
Repair of play equipment	£ 1836.93	
Village Caretaking (Jul)	£ 80.00	
MacAfee software to 17/9/23	£ 99.99	(Clerk's reclaim)
Village caretaking (Aug)	£ 87.50	
- c. To consider two requests from the RCC Ward Councilor
  - i. that the Parish Council enter into a new contract to use the Zoom platform and host a seminar, on Zoom, from the Trent Rivers Trust on Tuesday 4 October (which she will publicise). The cost of a 12 month contract will be £119.90 but the Clerk advised that the Parish Laptop was proving unreliable and she had concerns that it may not be sufficient to the task. It was AGREED that there was no need for a new Zoom contract.
  - ii. that the Parish Council make a donation to Trent Rivers Trust (a registered charity) in recognition of their assistance in providing the seminar at the request of the Ward Councillor This decision was deferred to the November meeting.
- d. To consider the notice of conclusion of audit of 2021-22 accounts and to note no comments were received from the external auditor. The outcome was noted.
- e. To consider if the Parish Council wishes to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements and commence the (complex) legal processes to appoint their own external auditor. It was a AGREED not to out.

**13593 General administrative issues:**

- a. To consider code-of-conduct training offer. Five Parish Councillors requested training.
- b. To consider the invitation to send attendees to LRALC AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022: No one available.
- c. To consider the details of Dementia-Friendly Communities: Noted.
- d. To consider if there is any evidence to support an assessment of the number of species of flies that predominated in village homes this summer; any evidence that any one species arises at a particular commercial/trade premises; and [if there is a particular species and evidence of a commercial link] to consider the value of asking RCC for early annual intervention at those premises.- Discussion centred on three separate species, including cluster flies, no source was confirmed. It was AGREED that the Parish Council should ask RCC EH to visit to request laval control at the large chicken shed in Spring 2023.

**13594 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda.**

**13595 To acknowledge correspondence received.**

18/8/22 Email from resident of Sherrard Close re car parking in close  
 18/8/22 Anon. letter with allegations re events at property in village (follow on from 28/6/22 letter  
 21/8/22 Email (cc to RCC) from resident in Stanilands about rendering of new wall.

30/8/22 Email from resident re their concerns that fields nr Walton Close were surveyed & bus shelter on Oakham Rd 'a mess'

3/9/2022 Email from resident alleging that there is 'rubbish' in the stream bed on The Banks.

Meeting closed at 21.45 hrs

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