

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 3 October 2022**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mr D Hatton, Mrs G Wilkins, Mrs C Moss, Dr C East, Mrs J Buckley, Mr K Thomas and Mr Greenlay.

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
Mrs Rosemary Powell, Ward Councillor and
four members of the public.

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

13596 To take any questions or comments from the public: Chris and Jo Read from WEG:

- Succession planning at the Windmill raised as an issue.
- Any progress in future provision of a cycleway queried – advised WPC awaiting advice from RCC
- The Stapleford Rd planning application progress queried: WPC awaiting confirmation of developer and plans. Mr Thomas agreed to be the lead Parish Councillor on this matter and his details will be forwarded to the RCC Planning Officer.

Mrs Edwards WGNS (Chair):

- Concerned about the impact fuel costs over the winter. (see minute 13604)

13597 Apologies for absence: Mrs Arnold is away. It was resolved to accept Mrs Arnold's apologies.

13598 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13599 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2022 Proposed Mrs Wilkins and seconded by Dr East, the minutes were approved.

13600 Report(s) from Parish Councillors on meeting(s) attended

- Mrs Moss reported the next Tree Champions meeting Friday 14th October 2022
- Mrs Moss reported that Speedwatch now concluded with few cars exceeding the speed limit.
- Mrs Wilkins attended Rutland Climate Action meeting, discussions centred on conserving sensitive vegetation during drought.

13601 Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: The talk on the Whissendine Brook and flood measures is scheduled for 4 October with c20 potential attendees. There is a RCC Community Champions Award Scheme for unsung heroes.

13602 Planning matters:

- a. To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group. The Plan has been submitted to RCC and acknowledged. After 6 weeks it should be ready for Regulation 14 process.

- b. To consider plans received since 5 September 2022; including:
2022/1063/FUL- Whissendine Lodge, erection of double garage – No comments
2022/1117/PTA- 35 The Nook: (TPOs) Reducing 2 no. Chestnut Trees back to boundary line – The application submitted doesn't have sufficient information about the proposed work, including a lack of information about how much timber it is intended to remove from the tree and there is no sketch plan (only a google-maps over-view) to indicate the affected trees. The trees with TPO's seem to have trunks very close to the boundary which is a concern.
2022/1079/FUL – Land Adj 55 Stapleford Rd: Conversion of barn to dwelling – the barn may be considered a brownfield site but the rest of the land is greenfield. This barn is just outside of the planned limit of development although the land is within the limit. The Parish Council are content for this conversion to proceed provided adequate road safety provisions can be achieved and the design is sympathetic to the location at the edge of the village.
2022/1080/FUL – Proposed new 4 bed detached dwelling on land adj 55 Stapleford Rd- this is a greenfield site – If the barn conversion goes ahead this represents an in-fill development and the Parish Council would offer no objection provided adequate road safety provisions can be achieved and the design is sympathetic to the location at the edge of the village.
- c. Planning updates received:
2022/0389/MAF- Greens Lodge, Mount Pleasant Hill: COU from barn to stables. etc. Granted by RCC.

13603 The Banks and Village Green:

- a. To consider if the management of 0.73Ha known as The Banks requires review, in the context of the legal constraints: its planning designation as grazing pasture, its legal protection as a green space as a Field In Trust and the controls arising due to its proximity to Whissendine Brook (which may necessitate a EA permit for any works that may affect flooding frequency/extent). It was AGREED that the advice given in 2016 continue to be followed [in that intervention should be minimal with necessary cutting replacing natural grazing in appropriate areas] and the management practices should continue unmodified.
- b. To confirm progress of repairs to the swings: Two new seats were fitted on 20 September 2022. The Parish Council offered thanks to Mr Jonny Baker for fitting the seats.
- c. To consider whether a request to WEG to plant additional spring bulbs in the grass/flower-beds under the benches to the east and west of The Green should be confirmed. The WEG suggestion that any bulb-planting to be delayed until sufficient rainfall has adequately softened the ground was AGREED.
- d. Any other issues - None

13604 To consider what buildings/spaces there may be within the parish that could provide 'Warm Spaces' and what, if any, funding opportunities may be available to Parish Council's to facilitate a scheme. The Sports Club is difficult to heat and the Village Hall is expensive to heat but WGNS will bring forward proposals for the Parish Council to consider at their November meeting.

13605 To consider a request from a resident: that the Parish Council consider [acquiring land] and planting a woodland to commemorate Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth ii. It was AGREED that once the burial extension is procured that appropriate tree planting would be actively considered.

13606 Highways and village maintenance, any matters for report and to agree any necessary action: Water leak in Ashwell Road to be reported to STW by Mrs Buckley.

13607 Financial Business:

- a. To receive the financial report to 30 September 2022: There is £29248.42 available in the Current Account to fund expenditure decisions to the end of March 2023. £8 will be withdrawn during October for bank charges.
- b. To consider invoices received since 5 September 2022 and approve payments, as appropriate:

OLP (Swing seats)	£ 160.80
Banks Maintenance (Sept)	£ 285.48
RCC Payroll Q2 inc on costs	£ 2207.99
RCC Litter bins The Green + Loodal Ln	£ 730.85
No Butts Bin Co Ltd – sml bench	£ 189.00 (on delivery)
Village Caretaking (September 2022)	£ 66.67

- c. To receive a briefing on CIL funds available, spending deadlines and types of eligible capital outlay: the report of May 2022 was updated to reflect the RCC reclaim and the capital funds currently available. It was AGREED there should be a task and finish group to include Parish Councillors, Sports Club reps, Church rep. and VH reps. To discuss the potential for energy saving/generation at main social buildings in the village and where CIL funding may assist. Council reps would be Jane Buckley (lead), Cynthia Moss, Paul Greenlay and Carole East.

13608 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda.

- a. Local Plan: Rutland's Interim Housing Position Statement – No comment to offer.
- b. Mrs Wilkins reported that a place is available for a Parish Councillor to attend the Code of Conduct training on 11 October 2022.

13609 To acknowledge correspondence received:

7/9/2022 email: concern re culvert collapse on Ashwell Rd
Via Whiss.net 12/9/22 resident requesting "planting of a woodland"

14/9/22 email: as above

15/9/22 email; concern about planning 'appeal', no appeal details (social media gossip)

21/9/22 email from PC Laurie Appleton – leaving Rutland

Meeting closed 21.26 hrs

Next meeting 7 November 2022.