

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 2 January 2023**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance.

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

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

- 13635** To take any questions or comments from the public: None
- 13636** Apologies for absence: Mrs Arnold and Mrs Wilkins. It was RESOLVED that the apologies should be accepted.
- 13637** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13638** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2022: Proposed by Mr Thomas, seconded by Mrs Moss, the minutes were approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 13639** Reports from Councillors:
- a. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: RCC budget goes to vote in February 2023. One third of their budget is Social Care, Government grant is based on 2% + 2.99% increase in Council Tax by RCC.
 - b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:
Dr East reported on Parish Forum 7 Dec. 2022. RCC call for sites for Local Plan, imminent. Sites to be objectively assessed and based on sustainability and access to local services. Also 10 year forward strategy; needs discussed.
Mrs Buckley reported on CIL T&E- Kimboulton VH in Hereford has been contacted about IR heating.
- 13640** Planning matters
- a. To consider plans received between 6 December 2022 and 2 January 2023: Notification (20/12/2022) of temporary access road off Main St, construction from 3/1/2023 for 4/5 weeks – RCC have requested further information from FLI Water Ltd. No comments currently required from Parish Council.
 - b. Planning updates received:
2022/1079/FUL Land adj 55 Stapleford Rd, construction single dwelling: granted by RCC with conditions.
2022/1229/PTA 3 Stapleford Rd, pollard T1 Poplar and T2 Sycamore: granted by RCC.
2022/1216/FUL 39 The Nook, single and 2-storey ext'n: granted by RCC.
2022/1058/FUL Whissendine Lodge, Melton Rd, rear ext'n: granted by RCC.

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13641 The Banks

- a. To receive results of tender and appoint a contractor from April 2023:

Three invitations to tender were sent out on 3 October 2022. Adverts were also placed on the Notice Board and in the Grapevine. The closing date for submissions was Monday 21 November 2022. By the closing date two sealed bids were submitted. Opened 11/12/2022 by Clerk & Chairman. Neither bid includes VAT and both are based on the WPC Specification. Both contractors are competent and insured.

Bid A £1953.00 extras £22.00 per hour

Bid B £2750.00 extras £55.00 per hour

It was AGREED that bidder A be awarded the contract: Farm and Garden Ltd.

- b. Other issues: None

13642 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: The Nook is wearing near the play area. Main Street light on Station Rd on/off.

13643 Financial Business

- a. To set the precept for 2023-2024:

A summary of inflationary impacts and costs arising in 2023/4 was discussed. There is no spending-cap imposed for the coming year. It was AGREED the precept should be set at £34210 for 2023/4. This represents an increase of c9%.

- i. To consider the increase requested for maintenance of the burial grounds and the impact on precept required: The PCC has requested an increase of £100, to £1000 to cover both grounds-maintenance and improvements to the ramp in the burial-extension. The ramp-repair cost was first requested in October 2020 and considered by WPC on 7 December 2020 (minute 13348b). The PCC were advised that Local Government Act 1894 expressly prohibits the Parish Council from spending money on maintaining or improving church property. The latest request was declined. The budgetary allowance was held at £900 for 2023-4.
- ii. To consider if the Clerk's salary should be adjusted to reflect to increase in NALC Pay-scales and the impact on precept required: The recent NALC pay award, if applied to the Clerk's salary would uplift the hourly rate by £1 per hour. It was AGREED that the upgrade should be implemented from 1 February 2023.
- b. To receive the details of estimated expenditure to date: As of 31/12/2022 there is £21751.69 in the current account. There are sufficient funds to meet the planned expenditure to March 2023.

- c. To consider invoices received in December and approve payments, as appropriate.

Councillor training (8 December 2022) £ 45.00

Grapevine £ 2000.00

13644 To further consider any commemoration of the coronation of Charles III:

No further suggestions have yet come forward.

13645 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda: NP: 3 responses so far.

13646 Correspondence:

6/12/2022 email Ward Cllr confirming design and costs for flood signs sent for RCC approval.

15/12/2022 email Parish Forum notes from RCC

21/12/2022 email Mr & Mrs Penny thanking WPC for Christmas Tree on Village Green

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