

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 6 March 2023**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mrs C Moss, Mrs G Wilkins, Mr K Thomas,
Mrs L Arnold and Mr P Greenlay.

In attendance

Also in attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
One member of the public

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

13663 To take any questions or comments from the public: None

13664 Apologies for absence: Dr East and Mrs Buckley (work commitments) and Mr Hatton all offered apologies for their absence. It was AGREED that their apologies be accepted. The Ward Councillor also sent apologies.

13665 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13666 To approve minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2023: Proposed by Mt Thomas and seconded by Mrs Wilkins the minutes were AGREED and duly signed by the Chairman.

13667 Reports from Councillors:

a. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors

Neighbourhood Plan: Mr Thomas reported that documents are still due to be submitted, by 11 March 2023.

Village Hall Cttee.: Mrs Moss reported income still down but daytime bookings increasing. Roof needs repairs and insulation. Looking at solar panels and IR heating. A first draft of the 'WWI commemoration book' has been circulated. A recent meeting identified some external grant sources.

Tree Champions meeting: Mrs Moss could not attend.

Mrs Arnold joined the meeting.

b. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: (Sent by email) RCC approved a 4.99% increase in council tax for 2023/24 but still need to make savings in order to balance their budget by 2027/28. There are hardship funds available through application to Citizens' Advice or RCC. For 4th May elections voters will need photo id. Preparation of the Local Plan progresses.

13668 Planning matters

a. To consider plans received between 7 February 2023 and 6 March 2023:

2023/0164/FUL Whissendine Lodge: reprofiling existing field, etc.: No comments.

2023/0195/FUL West farm Lodge, Stapleford Rd: Kitchen ext. & conversion store to annex.: No comments offered.

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2023/0199/LBA 41 The Nook: installation EV charging point. No comments offered.

b. Planning updates received:

2022/0529/MAF Land S. of Melton Rd: residential development Refused by RCC.

13669 Any issues requiring attention on The Banks, etc.: No immediate maintenance issues.

13670 To receive information about a local Trent Rivers Trust project: Poppy-Ann is to speak at the Village Meeting, 15 March 2023. She attended a preliminary informal meeting on flooding and planning (16 February) which involved some Parish Councillors and RCC Highways officers.

13671 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action.

13672 To receive an update on RCC Parking Manager's feasibility study of parking issues at the west end of Whissendine and the evolution of the school's Travel Plan, etc. (follow on from Minute 13343 of 7 December 2020): RCC officers are recommending: 1. The limited waiting bay (outside the Village Shop) to be retained; 2. School parking issue in abeyance due to: lack of accident statistics, mixed response from residents' to the 'Grapevine' consultation, general compliance being observed recently, and the presence of parked vehicles reducing traffic-speed - so no further formal assessment deemed appropriate by RCC; 3. RCC undertaking informal monitoring in response to a resident's concern about parking in Sherrards Close.

13673 Financial Business

a. To receive the details of estimated expenditure to date: As of 1 March 2023 there was £17577.46 in the current account. £10 will be taken in bank charges on 21 March 2023. The current account includes grant funds, the unspent grant is due to be returned during March (under the terms of the agreement). Interest has accrued from funds on deposit during the year, by 28 February 2023 this amounted to £269.82; there will be interest earned during March. Available funds can be assumed as: £15691.28, there are sufficient to cover invoices to the end of the year.

b. To consider invoices received in February and approve payments, as appropriate:

Village caretaking (February)	£ 67.27
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Whissendine.net hosting etc. (C Miles)	£110.25
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c. To consider details of grants received and repayments due before 1 April 2023: Of the £4349 grant awarded by Groundwork, £2193 has been spent. Under the terms of the agreement £2156 (plus £269 VAT rebate) is due for repayment before 1 April 2023. It was AGREED the unspent grant monies should be returned.

d. To approve a grant of £500 to the Village Hall Trustee's for a Coronation 'Afternoon-tea' in the Village Hall (see also Minute 3661). A £500 contribution was AGREED.

13674 To consider suggestions for items commemorating the Coronation of HM King Charles III and to receive details of legal constraints that may apply to any suggestion. Suggestions include: renewing the lectern-sign adjacent to Chapel Walk, putting a fifth commemorative plaque somewhere in The Banks, putting a commemorative plaque somewhere on the village sign support, putting planters on the village green and planting a crab-apple tree (*Malus sylvestris*) on the village green.

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It was noted that those suggestions that included alterations to the Village Green would likely be contrary to s12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 together with s29 of the Commons Act 1876. The terms of s12 are very wide and prevent anything of the sort suggested being erected, or anything causing disturbance or interference with the green or ground. The provision of a new lectern sign at Chapel Walk was confirmed. It was also AGREED to put a plaque on the plinth beneath the Village Sign.

13675 Correspondence

22/2/23 Newsletter from office of Police and Crime Commissioner

22/2/23 Request from Ward Cllr seeking reasons for low response-rate to Local Plan q'aires.

24/2/23 Query from Member of the Public re celebratory Coronation events planned in the village

28/2/23 RCC confirmation that requested Flood Signs ready for placement.

1/3/23 Proposal to erect permanent memorial to Her Late Majesty QEII from Lord Ltnt. Rutland

3/3/23 WEG notification of Litter Pick of verges 29/4/23

Meeting closed 20.06hrs.