

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 3 April 2023**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
Mrs R Powell (Ward Member)
24 members of the public.

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

13676 To take any questions or comments from the public:

Mr IH: Sports Club AGM on 27 March 2023 resulted in new Committee with the aim to replace the Sports Club building. They submitted a letter to the Parish Council for consideration.

Ms. AB: Request for at least one new street light on Station Rd between The Manor and Moor Lane. [Actioned 4/4/23 RCC conc-0194].

Mr TC: re 2023/0271/RES sought assurance that representations were being made regarding associated traffic, including construction traffic.

Ms. ME: re 2023/0271/RES sought information about how comments to the planning authority may be restricted by this application being confined to reserved matters.

Mr GC: re 2023/0271/RES felt the proposals were significant overdevelopment resulting in too many new inhabitants for a small village, He commented there were no drainage details included but the surface-water attenuation relied on a pond within the development. This pond is adjacent to the single estate road and Mr C believes this may make the area liable to flooding, cutting off access/egress into the site.

Mr CR: re 2023/0271/RES commented there was a large doc. on RCC planning website that detailed reserved matters from the original outline permission. This allows focus on main issues identified by RCC to date.

Mr IH: re Former phone box in village centre, housing defibrillator, requires repairs to the door. (matter to go to May agenda).

Mr CM: re 2023/0265/FUL (speaking on behalf of near neighbours also) concerned that proposals: are overdevelopment, include balconies at first and second floor level on a property already significantly elevated above village will likely cause loss of privacy; includes another 3 bed dwelling next to an existing large dwelling, plus 4 car carport/ gym (2-storey) and a new vehicle access from Cow Lane. He noted that boundary lines, on the application drawings, are incorrect and over-estimate the surface area available to contain any development and the new 'driveway' shown as running south to Cow Lane actually would cross a wide embankment that is in reality Highway-owned verge.

13677 Apologies for absence: Mr Hatton.

13678 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: Mrs Moss declared interest in Planning Ap 2023/0265/FUL: she will leave the room.

13679 To approve minutes of:

- a) the Parish Council meeting held on 6 March 2023: were proposed by Mr K Thomas, seconded by Mrs L Arnold and AGREED and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- b) the Village Meeting held on 15 March 2023 were proposed by Mrs C Moss, seconded by Mrs L Arnold and AGREED and were duly signed by the Chairman.

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13680 Reports from Councillors:

a. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors

Mr Tomas reported re Neighbourhood Plan: RCC have provided a comprehensive response to the Reg 14 consultation, it needs careful consideration and response before the Plan is ready to submit for Reg 16. Reg 16 submission planned for this weekend if RCC accept it.

Mr Thomas: Sports Club AGM 27 March 2023, new committee. Vote of thanks to Mr and Mrs Maddison who have been operating the club to date.

b. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor
RCC have accepted the first stage of levelling up fund from Government.

13681 Planning matters

a. To consider plans received between 7 March 2023 and 2 April 2023, including:

i. **2023/0271/RES** South of Stapleford Rd, for 66 dwellings (follows 2021/1263/OUT):
A comprehensive response was provided for RCC planners [sent 22:49hrs 3/3/23] and will be appended to these minutes.

ii. **2023/0257/FUL** 39 The Nook: revision to extension [2022/1216/FUL]: No comments

Mrs Moss left the meeting.

iii. **2023/0265/FUL** 37 Main St: New extensions and vehicle access, etc. The Parish Council expressed strong objections to this proposal on grounds of: Inaccuracy of site boundaries on application drawings over-estimating the area of the site; overdevelopment of the site; overdominance of the street scene (Main Street); overdominance of neighbouring properties; loss of privacy to neighbours; loss of light to neighbours; inappropriate access onto Cow Lane; increased flood risk (to Cow Lane); loss of mature trees/screening; risk of splitting the site into two dwellings. [Full consultation response supplied to RCC 23:56 3/4/23].

Mrs Moss rejoined the meeting

b. Planning updates received: None

13682 Any issues requiring attention on The Banks, etc.

The commemoration plaque for the village green was discussed further having regard to the benefit accruing to residents from provision of the plaque. It was AGREED that the plaque marks a historic occasion for villagers and the cost of procurement and installation is justified.

13683 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action, including:

a. To consider a request for submission of capital request to RCC for an additional street light between the present light and the junction of Moor Lane on Station Road. AGREED to ask RCC for additional street lighting.

13684 Financial Business

a. To receive the details of the budget for 2023-24: The precept of £34210 has been acknowledged as sent by RCC [confirmed received by 4/4/2023]. Bank charges of £8 will be withdrawn on 15th April 2023

b. To consider invoices received in March and so far in April and approve payments, as appropriate. The following payments were AGREED:

Rutland County Council (Q4 22/23 payroll)	£1907.57
LRALC (2023/24 membership)	£ 396.02
Village Caretaking (Mar: notional)	£ 43.68

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- c. To receive the summary of accounts for 2022-23 and approve publication:
The Statement of Accounts was AGREED; which included earmarked reserves for community buildings (village hall improvements and sports club rebuilding) totaling £16970.08 and £40,000 for burial ground extension acquisition and preparation. The statement also includes the list of the Parish Council's assets. The document was signed by both Chairman and RFO and will be published on whissendine.net as usual.
- d. To receive the final summary expenses sheet for 2022-23. This was noted to reconcile with the Statement of Accounts and was AGREED.

13685 Correspondence

7/3/2023 email from RCC re consultation on term dates for school in N. Luffenham
8/3/2023 email from Whiss. VH rep thanking PC for donation to Coronation Tea Party
15/3/2023 email to broker including completed insurance renewal questionnaire
25/3/2023 Email to RCC to request permission to erect new lectern sign (Chapel Walk)
25/3/2023 email from 2 residents of Harborough Close; concerns re 2023/0271/RES
30/3/2023 email from resident about private land owner's swing gate across Whissendine Brook.
2/4/2023 confidential email from resident about heritage asset.
3/4/2023 letter from Whissendine Sports Club (provided at the meeting)

Meeting closed 20.43 hrs.