

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 5 June 2023**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

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

In attendance

Also in attendance

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

Prior to the meeting Mr Thomas had already signed a Declaration of Office in the presence of the Clerk to the Council.

- 13712** To take any questions or comments from the public. Ian Horn thanked the PC for the loan for the mower and CIL grant to the Whissendine Sports Club.
- 13713** Apologies for absence: Mrs Wilkins (out of country). It was AGREED her apology be accepted.
- 13714** To receive a report from a representative of Severn Trent Water Rivers Team on discharges to Whissendine Brook. Mr Gareth Mead, River Rangers Manager, reported on the pollution figures that should pertain to the STW and pumping station outfalls in the village. He noted there is a combined sewer network in village. During heavy rainfall sewage is discharged to the water course – permitted release. The monitor had been incorrectly sited so published EDM data are incorrect, not measuring outflow. This monitor has now been moved (for 2024 data). Discharges during rainfall 95% rainfall and 5% sewage. Current STW improvements are to reduce phosphate levels for permitted release (0.3mg/l by end 2023); works will have no impact on storm discharges. No storm water is discharged from STW; it is discharged from the pumping station, <150 times a year. By end of 2023 there will be live data published on the Severn Trent website from the monitoring.

Mrs Arnold joined the meeting.

- 13715** Co-option to fill ordinary vacancy arising, since May 2023 election. One application received; from Mr Tim Collins. It was proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Dr East and AGREED Mr Collins should be co-opted. He signed his acceptance of office and joined the meeting.
- 13716** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda.
- 13717** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 22 May 2023. Proposed by Mrs Arnold and seconded by Mrs Moss the minutes were AGREED.
- 13718** Report(s) from Parish Councillors on meeting(s) attended: Mr Thomas gave a fuller report of the Mulberry Homes meeting on 3 April 2023. The new developer is assuming 66 houses, their financial projections are on that basis. Mr Thomas suggested a higher mix of affordable and first-time homes; if they could not reduce the number of homes. The access is fixed, already having planning approval. Parking has been considered by the developers. Attenuation tanks are being planned. During construction there will be a yard with a separate access off Stapleford Rd. 500m from access the verges will be inspected before commencement and any restoration necessary will be completed by the developers at the end.

13719 Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: RCC has a new Leader, the Council has no overall political control.

13720 Planning matters:

- a. To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan: RCC Cabinet this week are due to consider approval for public consultation (Reg 18) and assessment
- b. To consider plans received since 15 May 2023; that are still open for consultation responses. None
- c. Planning updates received. None

13721 The Banks:

- a. To receive update on Teen Shelter turf repair. It is healing naturally it was AGREED waiting is appropriate to see if healing is successful before intervening.
- b. Any other issues arising on the Banks: The safety report has been received and will be on the July agenda. The hedge behind the swings needs cutting back to the fence-line. A quote of £60 for the job has been offered. It was AGREED to accept the quote and the Clerk will issue instructions to the contractor.

13722 The Village Green:

- a. To receive update on work required to the village sign plinth. The instruction has been sent. While the work has been verbally agreed the instruction email has not been acknowledged.

13723 Highways and village maintenance matters for report: None

13724 Financial Business:

- a. To receive financial report for June 2023: There is £19605.85 in this year's budget, prior to setting this month's invoices. There should be sufficient funds for planned expenditure for the rest of the year. £8 bank charges are expected on/around 16 June 2023.
In reserve is: earmarked CIL: £9966.70 allocated to Village Hall/Sports Club repairs and improvements; earmarked CIL Compensatory payment: £7003.38 allocated to Village Hall/Sports Club repairs and improvements; £40,000 earmarked for burial ground extension/acquisition and preparation; and £31,949.14 for unexpected/emergency issues arising prior to receiving the next precept.
- b. To consider invoices received since 15 May 2023 and approve payments, as appropriate:

RoSPA Play Safety (Playground inspections)	£192.60
Maintenance of The Banks (May)	£313.20
Village Caretaking (May*)	£117.78

These payments were AGREED.

13725 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on agenda.

13726 To acknowledge correspondence received. None.

Meeting closed 20.17 hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 17 July 2023

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