

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 17 July 2023**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)

Mrs G Wilkins, Mrs C Moss, Dr C East, Ms. Buckley (part), Mr P Greenlay, Mr Tim Collins and Mr K Thomas (part).

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance

One resident (from item 4 to mid-item 7d)

Meeting started 19.16 hrs

- 13727** To take any questions or comments from the public.
- 13728** Apologies for absence were received from: Mrs Arnold (away) and Mr Thomas (prior commitment, arrived towards the end). It was AGREED that the apologies be accepted. The Ward Councillor had also offered apologies.
- 13729** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None.
- 13730** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2023: Proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Dr East the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.
- 13731** Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: None received.
- 13732** Reports from meetings attended by Parish Councillors.
Mr Farr reported attending the Village Hall Committee on 11 July 2023. No space for WW1 photo's in Village Hall.
- 13733** Planning matters
- a. To consider plans received between 6 June and 17 July 2023:
2023/0656/FUL – 1 Hall Cl.: conversion and extension of garage to form annex. It was AGREED that RCC should be asked to consider any permission be conditional on the annex being ancillary to the use of the main dwelling.
 - b. Planning updates received: 2022/1080/FUL – adj 55 Stapleford Rd; new 4-bed detached dwelling. Granted by RCC.
 - c. To consider progress of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan, towards adoption. RCC have agreed to progress and recommended Andrew Ashcroft as the Examiner. It was AGREED that the Parish Council are content that Andrew Ashcroft be asked, by RCC, to examine the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan.
- Ms Buckley joined the meeting**
- d. To consider response to LCC's consultation survey on their Flood Risk Management Strategy. The response was AGREED and will be entered online, focused on upstream flow management and discharge controls to reduce peak flow.
- 13734** The Banks
- a. To receive two Safety Inspection Reports related to the children's play areas and to consider any actions in response to findings. The loose screws have been tightened and the hedge behind the swings was cut in June. The cost of a baby's swing seat was estimated at c£125 plus installation, each. It was AGREED that in setting the 2023-24 budget this should be considered. Also AGREED for some maintenance matters and bird protection an order should go to the current contractor. An inspection visit will be immediately prior to the next Parish Council meeting.
 - b. To consider any other matters arising on the Banks: None.

- 13735** Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action:
- Update on repair of plinth of village sign. Order sent but works yet to start.
 - Notification of damage to four (4) of the posts around the Village Green. Total 5 (five) posts now snapped off at ground-level. It was AGREED to monitor.
 - To consider construction vehicle access to Stapleford Road site should full planning permission be granted for up to 66 houses. It was considered whether RCC should be asked implement a TRO. It was AGREED that consideration has already been given to access and no further representations are needed.
 - Any other highway/village issues: Footpath diversion Whissendine Lodge. It was AGREED the Parish Council has no objection to the proposed change.
- 13736** Coronation markers: replacement of lectern sign by Chapel Walk.
Permission has been granted by the Housing Association to replace the lectern. The Council considered materials and design criteria for the sign, in the context of the limitations of the permission granted by the Housing Association. It was AGREED that the sign should be a metal etched sign. Suggestions for content were offered.
- 13737** Financial Business
- To receive financial report for June 2023. As of 30th June 2023 there was £18,974.27 of this year's budget yet to be spent. Bank charges of £8.00 will be deducted on 21 July 2023. There are sufficient funds for currently planned expenditure this year. The accounts were reconciled up to 30 June 2023 and bank statements signed by Dr East (not mandated to authorize expenditure).
 - To consider invoices received and approve payments, as appropriate.

Bank's maintenance (June)	£ 388.80
Cutting hedge behind swings	£ 60.00
Meeting room bookings (Village Hall) [Jan-Apr]	£ 144.00
Village caretaking (June)	£ 91.00

The invoices were AGREED and the authorization book signed by two councillors.

Mr Thomas joined the meeting.

13738 On-going business not scheduled elsewhere on the agenda.

13739 Correspondence:

5/6/2023 email WGNS acknowledging receipt of grant.
 13/6/2023 email Longhurst Group: granting permission to replace lectern at Chapel Walk
 16/6/2023 email EMA Airspace Change: Stage 2 submission changed from June to October
 16/6/2023 email Trent Rivers Trust re Whissendine Citizen Science
 21/6/2023 email from Ward Member re Whissendine Windmill
 21/6/2023 email to owner Whissendine Windmill re-confirming outcome of PC debate.
 22/6/2023 email re overgrown hedge, referred to RCC Highways
 22/6/2023 email re Leics. Flood Risk Strategy consultation.
 23/6/2023 email from resident (JD) notifying posts on village green knocked over
 29/6/2023 email attach. letter from Alicia Kearns MP re defibrillators
 3/7/2023 email from RCC re new grass-cutting contract and schedule (from 2024)
 5/7/2023 email from PCC re Commissioner's Safety Fund
 6/7/2023 email: letter from Will Quince MP re defibrillator network 'The Circuit'
 6/7/2023 email LRALC July (monthly) training bulletin
 7/7/2023 email Neighbourhood Watch Network: security items for sale
 7/7/2023 email N. Rutland policing report for June
 11/7/2023 email Ward Member re Footpath Diversion: Whissendine Lodge
 15/7/2023 email from resident re maintenance of a footway, referred to RCC.

Meeting closed 21.11 hrs.

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