

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 4 September 2023**  
**7.15 pm**, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

### Present.

**Mr Will Farr (Chairman)**

**Mrs C Moss, Dr C East, Mr P Greenlay, Mrs L Arnold, Mr Tim Colins, Ms. J Buckley and Mr K Thomas.**

### In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance

Two members of the public.

Meeting started 19.18 hrs

**13740** To take any questions or comments from the public:

- A resident of Ashwell Rd re lesser house flies problems and apparent link to Loodal Farm Chicken sheds. He noted he had 40 years residence and experienced no problem with lesser-house flies until the chicken sheds were built. Once operational (c2004) there were fly problems most summers. He wanted it noted that the sheds ceased operating in 2022 and there have been no lesser-house fly problems during the summer of 2023.
- A resident of Melton Rd re planning application **2022/1461/MAO** (for 73 dwellings south of Melton Road). She wished to enquire why there had apparently been few objections. She was directed to the RCC Planning Portal and the c110 docs. displayed.

**13741** Apologies for absence: Mrs Wilkins (away); it was AGREED her apologies be accepted. It was noted the Ward Councillor had also sent apologies due to a meeting clash.

**13742** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None.

**13743** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2022: Proposed by Dr East and seconded by Mrs Moss; the minutes were AGREED and duly signed by the Chairman.

**13744** Report(s) from Parish Councillors on meeting(s) attended: None

**13745** Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: None

**13746** Planning matters:

- a. To consider feedback on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan to adoption and to provide clarification to the Examiner based on his Note of 21 August 2023. The details of the clarification were considered and it was It was AGREED that the planning consultant from Urban Vision Enterprise CIC should be asked to assist in providing a response and the Parish Council would meet any costs arising. It was further AGREED that the Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group and Parish Councillor, Mr Thomas should liaise with the consultant and there will be an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 22 September 2023 to consider the response to be submitted the Examiner.
- b. To consider any plans received since 17 July 2023; that are still open, including: **2022/1461/MAO** Outline Planning Application for up to 73 no. dwellings (All Matters Reserved), Land off Stapleford Rd – revised plans/documents: Extensive comments were offered (copy to be attached to minutes).

It was AGREED that if Mrs Moss is unavailable then Mrs Arnold should represent the views of Whissendine Parish Council to any RCC Planning and Licensing Committee scheduled to hear application 2022/1461/MAO or application 2021/1263/OUT - 2023/0271/RES.

Also: To consider request from Edith Weston Parish Council to offer comment to RCC on **2023/0822/OUT** Demolition, site clearance and redevelopment for residential +168 sq m GIA, open spaces landscaping, infrastructure and assoc. works; Officers' Mess. St Georges Barracks, Welland Rd, Edith Weston. It was AGREED that no comments be offered.

- c. Planning updates received:  
**2023/0381/FUL** 4 Station Rd: sing. storey rear and two storey side extensions: Granted by RCC  
**2023/0265/FUL** 37 Main St: two storey side extension, sing. story rear ext + balcony, 2<sup>nd</sup> flr ext. + balcony, conversion and ext. garage, etc. Refused by RCC  
**2022/0250/MAF** Whissendine Lodge: Approval by RCC of lighting scheme re Bats  
**2023/0656/FUL** 1 Hall Close: conversion & ext. garage – Granted by RCC
- d. To consider the Government's consultation on any changes to permitted development rights. This matter was deferred to the first review of the Whissendine Neighbourhood Plan.
- e. To consider the Government's consultation on protecting hedgerows. This matter was deferred as the next Rutland Tree Champions meeting has the matter on the agenda and Mrs Moss is due to attend.

#### **3747** The Banks:

- a. To consider feedback on the Council's inspection visit on 2 September 2023. No urgent actions identified as necessary some routine maintenance AGREED.
- b. To receive update on the installation of the bird spikes on play equipment: completed in July. Work completed.
- c. Any other issues arising on the Banks: None

#### **13748** Highways and village maintenance:

- a. Any matters for report and to agree any necessary action: Foot path between Hall Close and Foxhill needs attention Clerk to ask WEG.
- b. To consider a replacement Litter Bin for the one lost in July from the post by the Village Hall. Total cost c£150. Purchase AGREED.
- c. To consider the impact of RCC's decision to reduce grass-cutting of verges and other grassed areas in the village from 10 cuts per season to 6 cuts between late-March and the end of October. Further to decide if the Parish Council wish to opt out of RCC's arrangements, receive c£1660 from RCC in contributions and let their own cutting-contract. It was AGREED to stay within the RCC contract.
- d. To consider responding to the 'Speeding Survey' being run by MP Alicia Kearns. No issues identified to report.

#### **13749** Financial Business:

- a. To receive financial report for August 2023: As of 31 August 2023 there was £18274.47 in this year's budget, and the current account. This is £8 less than the total on 31 July 2023 as there were bank charges of £8 in August. There will be a similar £8 charge during September. A copy of the July statement was duly signed by Mr Kevin Thomas, as he is not mandated to sign for bank withdrawals.
- b. To consider invoices received since 17 July 2023 and approve payments, as appropriate

RCC Costs of May Elections	£ 285.19
Additional Bark for the swings on The Banks	£ 157.66
Maintenance of The Banks (July)	£ 313.20
Inks for the printer (Clerk's reclaim)	£ 64.79
External Audit costs	£ 252.00
Provision of bird spikes to play equipment	£ 121.82
Payroll Q1 2023 (inc. RCC admin charge)	£ 2666.46

Meeting room hire (May to July inc.)	£ 64.00
Maintenance of The Banks (August)	£ 208.80
Village Caretaking (July)	£ 76.44
Village Caretaking (Aug)	£ 100.10

- c. To consider the notice of conclusion of audit of 2022-23 accounts and to note comments received from the external auditor. There were no comments on the figures. However, an error occurred in transposing the information from the recorded minutes; the signing of Section 2 of the AGAR was reported as 15/5/2023 minute ref 13702b and should have been recorded as 15/5/2023 13702c. This was corrected on the master as soon as the error was known, 3/8/2023 and was published, with the corrective annotation, on whissendine.net in the 'Notice of Conclusion of Audit' documents. A note will be required under assertion 3 on the 2023-24 audit return.

**13750** General administrative issues:

- a. RCC drop-in sessions for bus users as part of the current bus network review and offer to invite member of RCC Transport Team to a future Parish Council meeting. It was AGREED an invitation be extended.
- b. To consider a response as the Whissendine.net website has been hacked twice this year, last time 25 July 2023. The hacks involve redirection of users to inappropriate links. There are options to secure the site; 'incident response' costs c£77 and annual advanced protection and response costs c£188pa. It was AGREED protection be purchased
- c. To consider the letter that has come from the Minister for Levelling Up and The Minister of State for Prisons and Probation with information re national Community Payback and Immediate Justice schemes. As Whissendine experiences minimal levels of crime the details are unlikely to be immediately applicable. The content was noted.

**13751** To acknowledge correspondence received:

22/7/2023 notification from WPC to RCC of lost bin by VH  
 25/7/2023 email notification Whiss.net hacked  
 25/7/2023 email from resident re perceived need to prevent developer from using Harborough CI to access development site.  
 31/7/2023 email from resident re damaged white finger post at Oakham Rd triangle  
 1/8/2023 email request for Flower Festival banners on green- request granted  
 4/8/2023 examination note from Whiss. NP examiner  
 9/8/2023 email notification that McAfee PC security will need renewing from October 2023  
 11/8/2023 email confirming completion of External Audit  
 14/8/2023 email notifications of current Government consultations  
 15/8/2023 email from MP re speeding survey  
 21/8/2023 email from resident (JD): email to RCC's Tree Officer re tree in Sherrard Close  
 21/8/2023 3x emails from resident (JD): email to RCC's Footpath officer disagreeing with mapping of footpath E8  
 21/8/2023 email from resident (JD) email to RCC complaining about a number of alleged highway defects  
 22/8/2023 email from RCC agreeing to provide grounds maint. Spec/map for Whissendine.  
 23/8/2023 email from resident (JD) continuation of Highway defects correspondence  
 27/8/2023 request for funding on behalf Whissendine Youth Group [for October agenda]  
 31/8/2023 supplementary form submitted to RCC for street-lights on Station Rd.

Meeting closed 20:38 hrs

Next meeting 22 September 2023 (Extra Ordinary)  
 2 October 2023

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