

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Parish Council Meeting: **Tuesday 17 October 2023**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)

**Mrs L Arnold, Mr Tim Colins, Dr C East, and
Mrs G Wilkins.**

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Mrs Rosemary Powell, Ward Member

Mr Mike Dickinson (Village Hall Trustees)

Meeting started 19.16 hrs

- 13756** To take any questions or comments from the public: Mr Dickinson made the case for installation of IR heating for the village hall to replace the gas heating in rear meeting room, toilet area and entrance area; for greater energy efficiency. Main Hall heating to remain on gas. Grant request also to cover supply of thermostatic controls to the radiators.
- 13757** Apologies for absence: Mrs Moss (away) and Mr Thomas (away). it was AGREED their apologies be accepted.
- 13758** Declaration of any interest in any matter on the agenda: In the spirit of openness Dr East declared her seat on the Board of Rutland First CIC. Rutland First CIC are assisting Whissendine Youth Group to manage their finances. The Youth Group have applied for grant-support [see minute 13765c below]. (The interest was deemed non-pecuniary and Dr East was not required to leave the meeting for the debate regarding Whissendine Youth Group).
- 13759** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2023: Proposed by Mrs Linda Arnold and seconded by Mrs Gill Wilkins; the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.
- 13760** Reports from Parish Councillors on meetings attended:
- a. It was reported on Mrs Moss' behalf that she attended RCC's Planning and Licensing Committee and spoke on behalf of the Parish Council on 19 September 2023.
 - b. Mr Farr attended the Village Hall meeting 5 September 2023.
- 13761** Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Ward Councillor: Mrs Powell attended the RCC meeting on 19th September and spoke on the matter of the reserved matters application for 66 houses on Stapleford Road. Her main arguments for refusing the reserved matters application were: the density of housing on the site, lack of adherence to the Neighbourhood Plan, loss of habitat biodiversity. The proposed conditions for the committee had suggested making up the 45% biodiversity-loss by offsetting. The new rules for managing biodiversity net gain are not yet enacted. The Ward Councillor is pressing for RCC to ensure that it has robust policies in place. This matter was deferred and should be heard at the next or following planning meeting (Oct/Nov).

The deferral was based on requesting review of positioning of affordable housing within the site and relooking at biodiversity and open spaces. The Ward Member has been contacted by the agents (2/10/23); they have drawn up some revised layouts and would like to have a Teams meeting. Meeting date not set. Invitation extended for Parish

Council to be represented at the meeting. The revised plans will also come back to the Parish Council before any RCC decision-meeting.

The Ward Councillor has offered to write an article for the Grapevine to clarify the planning position and intends to run two surgeries at the White Lion on Wednesdays 11th October and 15th November.

It was AGREED that Mrs Moss, Mr Thomas, Mrs Arnold, Mr Colins, Mrs Wilkins and Mr Farr would be invited to a Teams meeting with the developer and Ward Councillor.

- 13762**
- a. Feedback Neighbourhood Plan: Response to Examiner provided (via RCC): 25 Sept.
 - b. Nominate representative to attend RCC's briefing on the Local Plan on 11 October 2023 at RCC Offices Catmose: It was AGREED that Will Farr will attend.
 - c. To consider plans received since 4 September 2023:
2023/0953/FUL 27 Ashwell Rd- sing. side-ext., porch and rear dormer, etc. No comments.
2023/0947/FUL Black Hovel, Oakham Rd- demolition of barn & build 1 no. house. No comments.
 - c. Planning updates: None received.
 - e. Notification from RCC of Tree Preservation Order 2023/0010/TPO affecting land west of Stapleford Road received. No comments offered.
- 13763**
- Any issues on The Banks and Village Green:
- a. Update on progress in maintaining the plinth of the village sign- scheduled to be completed by end of October.
- 13764**
- Highways and village maintenance:
- a. Update on progress in design for replacement sign at Chapel Walk. It was AGREED the new sign be etched metal with line drawing of the windmill and updated information.
 - b. Update on cut-throughs Fox Hill/Hall Close: WEG have done some work and are seeking to make contact with RCC.
 - c. Any matters for report and to agree any necessary action
Hedge on western edge of Ashwell Road from Loodal Lane to pavement overgrown- already reported, to be monitored.
The sunken gully on corner of Station Rd continues to be an issue- but RCC Highways has listed it completed; without addressing the underground collapse.
- 13765**
- Financial Business:
- a. To receive the financial report: as of 30 September 2023 there was £13956.01 in this year's budget, and the current account. There will be an £8 charge from the bank during October. There are sufficient funds to cover planned expenditure.
 - b. To consider invoices received since 4 September 2023 and approve payments, as appropriate:

Village caretaking (Sept.)	£ 78.26
Banks maintenance (Sept.)	£ 417.60
Security software to 17/10/24 [Clerk's reclaim]	£ 109.99
Paint. etc for play equipment [Clerk's reclaim]	£ 23.58
 - c. To consider a request for grant for a new village youth group up to £792. It was AGREED that £792 be granted.

- d. To receive a briefing on CIL funds available, spending deadlines and types of eligible capital outlay and to agree the allocation of costs incurred so far this year to CIL/CIL Compensatory fund. It was confirmed £3000 has been allocated to CIL/CIL Compensation (as per 22 May 2023 minutes).
- e. To consider a request for grant of up to £10,564.17 for changes to the heating system, etc. at the village hall and to further consider, in offering any grant, allocating any monies from the CIL/CIL compensatory fund. (Report attached). It was AGREED the Village Hall grant be awarded, in line with the CILT&F Group's advice, and allocated as £4003.38 from the CIL Compensation funds and £6560.79 from CIL funds. Full grant of £10,564.17. It was AGREED that £10,000 be transferred from deposit to current account to maintain sufficient float for the remainder of the year.
- f. To consider progress in obtaining additional land for burials: The land originally identified has been confirmed as unavailable. An alternative parcel has been identified and the land agents (Shoulers) have been approached to ask about the possibility of sale. No other suitable land has currently been identified within the parish.

- 13766** To receive notification from RCC re polling district, polling place and polling stations review 2023. No effects expected within the parish.
- 13767** To receive notification of proposal to change LRALC articles (circulated). Change noted.
- 13768** To consider nominating a Police Liaison Representative to attend LRALC strategic meetings at Police HQ Enderby. No nominee identified.
- 13769** To receive notification of CAB AGM on 13 November 2023. No nominee identified.
- 13770** To acknowledge correspondence received:
 - 5/9/23 email introducing Rutland and Stamford Sound
 - 7/9/23 RCC email preliminary notice of polling district, polling place and polling stations review.
 - 7/9/23 email from resident re WPC rep at RCC Planning & Licensing Committee 19/9/23
 - 19/9/23 email from WEG re Foxhil/Hall Close cut throughs
 - 20/9/23 email from Village Hall Committee re IR heating, etc. proposal
 - 20/9/23 email from CAB re AGM
 - 21/9/23 RCC email re Local Plan briefing 11/10/23
 - 21/9/23 RCC email re TPO: 2023/0010/TPO
 - 22/9/23 email from Trent Rivers Trust re Survey results
 - 26/9/23 RCC email re future Parish Forum meetings and WPC contact details
 - 29/9/23 email from Fields in Trust: new guidance re restrictions of use/permissions
 - 30/9/23 2 no. emails from (JD) re land near Walton Close (GDPR will restrict accessibility)
 - 30/9/23 email from resident re discharges to Whissendine Brook (reply sent).

Meeting closed 20.22 hours

Next meeting 6 November 2023.