

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Parish Council Meeting: **Monday 8 January 2024**  
**7.15 pm**, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

**Present.**

**Mr Will Farr (Chairman)**

**Dr C East, Mrs C Moss, Mr T Collins, Mrs G Wilkins, Mrs L Arnold, Mr P Greenlay. Ms. Buckley.**

**In attendance**

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public

Meeting started 19.15hrs

- 13806** To take any questions or comments from the public:  
Prior to the meeting a resident requested their objection to Planning Application 2023/1350/FUL be reported to the Parish Council. The grounds of the objection, in planning terms, were not clear.
- 13807** Apologies for absence: Mr Thomas (unwell): it was AGREED to accept his apologies. Mrs Powell, Ward Councillor offered her apologies; she is away.
- 13808** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda; Mrs Moss is a near neighbour of 37 Main Street. Should there be any debate on the relevant item below Mrs Moss will withdraw from the meeting.
- 13809** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023: proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Mrs Arnold the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.
- 13810** Reports from Councillors:  
a. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: No report available.  
b. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:  
Mrs Moss and Mr Thomas met to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan. Referendum day is Thursday 29 February 2024.

Ms. Buckley joined the meeting.

- 13811** Planning matters  
a. To consider plans received between 13 December 2023 and 8 January 2024  
**2023/1350/FUL** Land Adj 55 Stapleford Rd: demolition of barn and construction new dwelling. The Parish Council are pleased to note the dwelling is to be sited on the footprint of the existing barn. The barn might be considered a brownfield site but the rest of the land is greenfield. This barn is just outside the planned limit of development although the land is within the boundary. The Parish Council is content provided adequate road-safety provisions can be achieved and the design is sympathetic to the location at the edge of the village. There is potential increase for road hazard due to the significant development being undertaken opposite and the only vehicle-access to that site being very close to the entrance to this site.  
**2023/0947/FUL** Black Hovel, Oakham Rd: demolition of barn and erection dwelling. Notification that the application is to be heard at RCC P&L Cttee 16/1/24. No comments offered above those of the RCC Officers.  
**2023/1228/FUL** 37 Main Street: feedback from architect re WPC comments. The comments were noted no discussion ensued.

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b. Planning updates received.

**2023/1065/LBA:** 3 Ashwell Rd EV charger – granted by RCC (to be removed when redundant)

**2022/1461/MAO:** Land off Stapleford Rd, 73 houses: Outline permission refused by RCC.

**13812** The Banks:

- a. Notification of emergency work to the stream sides near the bridge: Due to recent serious flood episodes the east bank of the stream has eroded towards the footbridge support. An estimate for remedial/protective work was £865 inc. VAT [20/12/23]. On 20 December 2023 the Clerk issued an order for essential repair works under delegated authority (Financial Regulation 4.5). More flooding and ground conditions have prevented completion of the work to date. It was AGREED the work was necessary.
- b. Any other matter: None.

**13813** Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: Several reports to go on Fix-My-Street.

**13814** Financial Business

- a. To set the precept for 2024-2025:
  - i. To consider the increase requested for maintenance of the burial grounds and the impact on precept required. An increase from £900 pa to £1000 has been requested and was AGREED.
  - ii. To consider if the Clerk's salary should be adjusted further and the impact on precept required. It was AGREED the increase already granted be back-dated to April 2023, payable in the new financial year.

After considering all budget-heads and likely financial demands next year, it was AGREED the precept should increase by £1005 pa to £35,215; to meet the estimated demand; c2.9% increase.

- b. To receive the details of estimated expenditure to date:  
As of 30 December 2023 the Parish Council held £80,021.77 on deposit (including ringfenced CIL and CIL Compensation Scheme funds). There was £4388.32 in the current account/budget. There will be bank charges of £8 deducted on/around 20/1/2024. There should be sufficient funds for planned expenditure in this financial year.
- c. To consider invoices received in December and approve payments, as appropriate: None in hand.

**13815** Correspondence:

5/12/23 email from PCC Treasurer with accounts and request for funding for 2024.

7/12/23 email from LaRALC re Subscription fees 2024-5

8/12/23 email from RLT statutory admissions consultation, closes 19 January 2024

12/12/23 email from resident re queries re recent flood and 'flood group'

13/12/23 email from LRALC: P&CC has pulled out of Parish Project

14/12/23 email from resident of Leics. Re: access to allotments.

14/12/23 email from Leics Police re PC Engagement Campaign inaugural meeting

15/12/23 email from Alicia Kearns MP re Rutland Local Plan consultation

18/12/23 email from RCC with External Examiner's final report on Whissendine NP.

21/12/23 email from CPRE re notes from their 14/12/23 meeting re Rutland Local Plan.

28/12/23 email from CPRE re Public Info. event on Energy Security on 17/1/24

4/1/24 email from resident (JD) re road repairs, erosion of bank of stream, etc.

4/1/24 emails (3) from resident (CR) re A606 Melton Mowbray closure from 8/1/24

4/1/24 email from RCC confirming date of Whissendine NP referendum as 29/2/2024, location TBC

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5/1/24 email from Alicia Kearns MP offering practical assistance with flood effects e.g. portaloos.  
5/1/24 email from resident (JD) headed '...2023/1350/FUL and pic of damage...'  
5/1/24 email (2) from resident (JD) registering objection to 2023/1350/FUL and covering other issues.  
7/1/24 email from CPRE with their response to Rutland Draft Local Plan  
8/1/24 email from resident (CR) re A606 Melton Mowbray closure – ill-effects apparently over-estimated.  
8/1/24 email invitation from RCC for WPC rep to Rutland Parish Liaison Meeting 17/1/24.

Meeting closed 20.36 hrs.