

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 5 February 2024**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mrs C Moss, Dr C East, Mrs G Wilkins, Mrs J Buckley and Mr Paul Greenlay.

In attendance

Also in attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
6 members of the public

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

13821 To take any questions or comments from the public:

DW (Ashwell Rd) re: 2024/0128/FUL- previous objections (to 2023/1270/HDG) still apply [Minute 13801, 13/12/2023]. New proposal nearer (42m) to apex of corner. Height of bank above road reduces clearance to overhead cables. Proposal involves changes to current public footpath. Ashwell Rd is very narrow in the application area there is insufficient room to allow a sizeable vehicle/vehicle + trailer to sweep round to access an entrance at 90 degrees to the road (and up a slope) at this point.

JW (Ashwell Rd) re: 2024/0128/FUL- Agrees previous objections stand also proposal image depicts a single parked car which is an under-representation of parking volume on that corner. Regular near-misses, identifiable from loud brakes/tyre noise, on that bend. Also the traffic survey conducted by the applicant under-represents traffic volume as the A606 at Burton Lazars was completely shut for the duration. It was also a winter monitoring and the traffic-flow during harvest is considerably heavier.

IH (for Whissendine Sports Club) re progress during 2023 and request to change WPC loan of £7000 [Minute13710 of 22/5/2023] to a grant.

13822 Apologies for absence were received from: Mr Tim Collins (prior commitment) and Mr K Thomas (unwell). It was AGREED their apologies be accepted. The Ward Councillor had previously offered her apology as she is still away.

13823 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: Mrs Wilkins declared and interest in planning application 2024/0128/FUL, as a near neighbour. She will leave the meeting prior to any relevant debate.

13824 To approve minutes of the meetings held on 16 January 2024: Proposed by Mrs Moss , seconded by Mrs Arnold; the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.

13825 Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:

a) Mrs Moss: Airspace (Zoom) meeting: only minor changes to air corridors. None come very close to Whissendine.

b) Mrs Moss: RCC Special Council meeting to investigate the impact of Storm Henk. Mrs Moss presented the deputation on behalf of the Parish Council. Motion passed to allow RCC Scrutiny to work with RCC Highways to look at s19 [Flood and Water Management Act 2010] investigation.

c) Mr Farr: Village Hall AGM in December the new heating system is now in.

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13826 Planning matters

- a. To receive confirmation that the details of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum on 29 February 2024 at the Village Hall have been published on the village noticeboard, as well as on the RCC website. Noted.
- b. To consider plans received between 16 January and 5 February 2024 including:

2023/1203/FUL: 26 Main Street – extensions and extra parking space etc. No comments, content provided the mature Chestnut trees are safe.

Mrs Wilkins left the meeting

2024/0128/FUL: Land corner of Ashwell Road: formation of agricultural access. Comments were AGREED regarding:

1. Road safety issues
2. Pedestrian safety
3. Ancient hedge and village boundary
4. Height of the bank above Ashwell Road
 - a. Increased surface water runoff down slope to road
 - b. Reduced clearance to overhead cables along hedge-line
5. Environmental impact:
 - a. Continuous corridor for bats, etc. breaks negative impact
 - b. As an ancient hedge significant bio-diversity; losses an issue
6. Other matters of note
 - a. Discrepancy with mapping: boundary does not correspond with land registry
 - b. Applicant's description of a grazing pasture as 'development site' is misleading
 - c. Historic access to field still exists, in the ownership of another.

The Clerk was instructed to construct a suitable response for the Planning Authority.

Mrs Wilkins rejoined the meeting.

- c. Planning updates:

2023/0947/FUL Black Hovel, Oakham Rd: Planning permission to demolish barn and erect a dwelling granted by RCC.

2023/0271/RES Land to the South of Stapleford Rd: Approval for reserved matters granted by RCC (conditions apply)

2023/1181/FUL 9 Lammas Cottages, Cow Ln: wheelchair ramp etc. approved by RCC

2023/1228/FUL 37 Main St: Ext and garage conversion, etc. approved by RCC (with conditions).

13827 The Banks

- a. To confirm progress of the bank protection south of the footbridge: work completed.
- b. Any other issues: None

13828 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: Post-mounted litter-bin on Cow Lane reported as missing.

13829 Financial Business

- a. To receive the details of expenditure and receipts up to 31 January 2024: there was £4401.33 in the current account. A VAT rebate has been claimed but not yet received. During January £21.01 was paid in for the wayleave). c20 February 2024 bank charges of £10.00 will be withdrawn, to include the additional charge of £2 for depositing the wayleave cheque.

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- b. To consider invoices received in January and approve payments, as appropriate:

Long Clawson Charity Vouchers (net nil)	£ 2280.00
Internal audit 2023/24 invoice	£ 290.00
Village Caretaking (Dec. '23)	£ 60.06
Stream bank protection	£ 865.00
These invoices were AGREED.	

- c. To confirm the monies spent to date in 2023/4 under s137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and the spending limit for the year: The s137 spending limit for 2023-4 is £10277.55. The amount spent to date under s137 is £1799.08.

13830 To agree the agenda for the Village meeting 20 March 2024: This was AGREED and the Clerk will publish the agenda on 7 February 2024.

13831 Correspondence

8/1/2024 Email to RCC et al re potholes in Cow Lane (JD)
8/1/2024 Email re post-flood 'issues' on The Banks (JD)
9/1/2024 Email from Sports Club Treasurer confirming attendance at February WPC meeting
10/1/2024 Email notification of Special RCC Council Meeting on Storm Henk
15/1/2024 Email re impact of Whissendine Brook on flooding (BB)
16/1/2024 Email Notification of EMA Future Airspace Stage 2 Information Sharing
18/1/2024 Email LLR GP Practice Surgery survey link
19/1/2024 Email from Police and Crime Commissioner re Parish Council surgery dates
19/1/2024 Email acknowledging WPC deputation content to RCC (BB)
19/1/2024 Emails (2) querying RCC response to question at Special RCC meeting
19/1/2024 Email from County Cllr Wise acknowledging clarification of WPC position
24/1/2024 Copy of email from resident to County Cllr Wise

20.44hrs hours meeting closed