

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 4 March 2024**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present. **Mr Will Farr (Chairman)**
Mrs C Moss, Dr C East, Mrs G Wilkins, Mr K Thomas, Mr Tim Collins and Mr Paul Greenlay.

In attendance Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)
Also in attendance Mrs R Powell (Ward Councillor)
No members of the public

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

- 13832** To take any questions or comments from the public
- 13833** Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Mrs Buckley (work commitments). It was AGREED her apologies be accepted.
- 13834** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13835** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2024: The minutes were proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Dr East, AGREED and were signed by the Chairman.
- 13836** Reports from Councillors:
- a. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors
- i. Mr Thomas reported the Whissendine Sports Club AGM is scheduled for 7pm on Monday 25 March 2024. He will attend.
- ii. Mrs Moss reported on the Neighbourhood Plan referendum (29 February 2024). 35% turnout and 98% positive acceptance. The result is published on the RCC website.
- iii. Mr Thomas outlined the next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan. The adoption of the plan by RCC will be completed within 8-weeks. The Neighbourhood Planning Group is now defunct as it was a task and finish group. Thanks will go to all those who assisted. A vote of thanks was also AGREED for Hannah Barter (Urban Vision Enterprise CIC) for her help. The licence for the dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website expires 25 May 2024. It was AGREED that the six core documents forming the legal Neighbourhood Plan will migrate to a page on Whissendine.net and the Neighbourhood Plan website would be discontinued.
- b. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor: The main issues arising from the Ward Councillor's February surgery were: Flooding in Whissendine and the future of the Rutland Sports Centre (Oakham).
- 13837** Planning matters
- a. To consider plans received between 6 February 2024 and 4 March 2024, including: **2024/0173/FUL** 6 Station Rd: extensions: No comments offered
- b. Planning updates received:
23/1203/FUL 26 Main Street; extension. Permission granted by RCC.

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- 13838** Any issues requiring attention on The Banks, etc. including notification of maintenance costs for 2024 season.
- A forecast projection of the new costs was requested from the Clerk. The increase to £90 per cut of areas 1-4 and £34.50 for each strim/cut of areas A&B was noted. It was proposed by Mr Thomas and AGREED that the increases be accepted.
 - An email from a resident regarding the new bridge-protection-structure and other issues was considered. It was AGREED to seek to increase visibility of the tension wires from the steam-bank to the metal support where necessary and practicable.

- 13839** Highways and village maintenance matters, to agree any necessary action.
A new post-mounted litter bin for Cow Lane ordered from RCC will incur cost.

13840 Financial Business

- To receive the details of expenditure and receipts up to 29 February 2024: there was £4075.06 in the current account, including the VAT rebate. c20 March 2024 bank charges of £8.00 will be withdrawn.
- A VAT rebate of £898.79 was received in February and has been included in the current account total under item 13840a above.
- To consider invoices received in February and approve payments, as appropriate:

Rutland County Council (Litter bin)	£182.75
TSO Host webhosting (C Miles reclaim)	£ 86.26
GoDaddy domain name (C Miles reclaim)	£ 23.96
Village Caretaking (Jan 2024)	£100.10
- To consider request from the Whissendine Sports Club [6/2/2024 Minute 13821(III)] to change loan of £7000 (already given) [Minute 13710 of 22/5/2023] to a grant. This matter was DEFERRED to the April meeting [after the Sports Club AGM].
- To consider a request from Whissendine Environment Group for a grant of £294.16 to cover liability insurance and £70 towards sundries. Grant of £295 was AGREED.
- The Insurance Pre-renewal Questionnaire was considered and some proposed core cover considered unnecessary/excessive, the Clerk is to request adjustments to both core cover and to contents cover, to reflect assets currently held.

13841 Administration:

- To consider replacement schedule and costs for replacement of WPC laptop: Mrs Wilkins volunteered to make enquiries.
- To consider HM Government's suggestion that the Parish Council should adopt a '.gov.uk' domain in place of the village website. The Parish Councillors considered the NALC 'briefing on Council Email addresses' (9 February 2024). It was AGREED that the additional costs of making a change was not warranted.

13842 Correspondence

16/2/2024 Email to RCC (Highways) notifying missing pole-mounted litter bin, Cow Ln.

16/2/24 RCC Weather warning for 17/2/24

18/2/2024 Email from resident re Stapleford Rd finger post – referred to RCC.

29/2/24 Email from resident various issues [minute 13838]

1/3/24 Email from Sports Club Committee (IH) new grant request

3/3/24 Insurance renewal information request

Close:20.30 hrs

Annual Village Meeting 20 March 2024 7pm Whissendine Village Hall

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