

## WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes Parish Council Meeting: **Wednesday 20 March 2024** (immediately following the Annual Village meeting)  
held in Whissendine Village Hall.

### Present.

**Mr Will Farr (Chairman)**  
**Mrs L Arnold, Mrs C Moss, Dr C East, Mr K Thomas, Mr T Collins, and Mr Paul Greenlay.**  
Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

### In attendance

Meeting started 20.37 hours

- 13843** To take any questions or comments from the public: None
- 13844** Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Jane Buckley (work commitments) and Mrs G Wilkins (out of the country). It was AGREED their apologies be accepted.
- 13845** Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None
- 13846** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2024: Proposed by Mrs Moss and seconded by Dr East the minutes were AGREED and signed by the Chairman.
- 13847** To consider planning matter:  
**2024/0128/FUL** Formation of agricultural access off Ashwell Rd: new layout and extent of excavation: The following comment was offered "This application is disingenuous. It is not an agricultural access.  
In order to grub out some of the hedge on the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, access was gained to this site, with a digger, on behalf of the applicant using the traditional access from the neighbouring field.  
The proposals seem to involve an over-engineered design for an agricultural situation and a disproportionate solution to the challenges of such a small site. The design means the existing footpath safety would be hindered and safety is a significant concern because pedestrians from the public footpath would be forced to descend to road level, and would be denied the height offered by the bank to listen for oncoming traffic around the blind corners, prior to entering the road.  
The new proposals do not allay the significant concerns raised by the parish council and residents."
- 13848** To respond to the RCC Flood Survey for Parish Councils, etc. (closing date 27 March 2024); The response was submitted during the meeting. The survey was on Survey Monkey so no copy could be retained. The survey concerned emergency planning and preparedness and the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Resilience Forum. The questions seemed to be predicated on a supposition that the flooding was river-flooding (fluvial) and subject to early warning and that the effects would require evacuation. Neither scenario is true for Whissendine which is subject to pluvial/flash flooding from surface water and minor water courses. Where residential accommodation is internally affected immediate evacuation is seldom necessary/practicable; the immediate issue during flood events is usually isolation of dwellings and groups of dwellings due to inundation of the road-network in and around the village.

Meeting closed 20.58 hrs.

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