

WHISSENDINE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on **Monday 8 April 2024**
7.15 pm, held in the Village Hall, Whissendine.

Present.

Mr Will Farr (Chairman)
Mrs C Moss, Mrs G Wilkins Mrs J Buckley,
Mr K Thomas, Mr T Collins, Dr C East and
Mr P Greenlay.

In attendance

Dr S Lammin (Parish Clerk)

Also in attendance

1 member of the public.

Meeting started 19.15 hrs.

13849 To take any questions or comments from the public: None.

13850 Apologies for absence: Mrs Arnold (away from village). It was AGREED her apologies be accepted. Mrs Powell, RCC Ward Member also sent her apologies.

13851 Declaration of any pecuniary interest in any matter on the agenda: None

13852 To approve minutes of:

- a) the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20 March 2024: proposed by Mr Thomas, seconded by Mrs Moss the minutes were AGREED and were duly signed by the Chairman.
- b) the Village Meeting held on 20 March 2024 were proposed by Mr Thomas, seconded by Mrs Moss and AGREED and were duly signed by the Chairman and approved for publication.

13853 Reports from Councillors:

a. Reports of meetings attended by Parish Councillors:

-Mr Thomas attended a 13 March meeting in Melton Mowbray with the EA re recent flood event. Rutland comes under Lincs. & Northants EA area- no meetings were scheduled for Rutland. Flooding is LL&R but EA area mis-fits. LCC's Flood Resilience forum had no representatives present.

-Mr Thomas attended Sports Club AGM. Low attendance but discussions positive. No grant applications yet. Chair and Treasurer remain in post, with full committee.

-Mr Farr reported meeting with Mr Alan Odom on 15 February to undertake refurbishment of the Village Pump. It was AGREED the work should be undertaken this year.

-Mr Farr reported attending the Village Hall meeting on 26 March. The new treasurer, Alex Martin, is now in post. The VH Trustees take responsibility for the Notice Board (it can come off WPC asset register).

-Dr East reported attending a course about engaging with young people (<40 years old). British Youth Council survey 2024: biggest issue health and well-being.

- b. Report from Mrs Rosemary Powell, Rutland County Councillor (submitted): A meeting is being arranged between the Ward Councillor and RCC Planning Officers in the next couple of weeks to discuss the conditions attached to 2023/0271/RES that have yet to be determined. The Parish Council is invited to nominate a Parish Councillor who may also attend. Nominees: Mrs Moss and Mr Thomas. A meeting is also being arranged between the Ward Member and RCC officers to discuss the recent petition regarding flooding in Whissendine (This is in addition to

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the s19 Inquiry by RCC as Lead Flood Authority for the area). The Parish Council nominees: Mrs Moss and Mr Thomas.

13854 Planning matters

- a. To consider plans received between 20 March 2024 and 8 April 2024, including:
- i. **2024/0391/FUL** 6 Station Rd, application to remove Condition 1: agricultural Occupancy from **74/0336/9**. No comments offered.
 - ii. **2024/0355/FUL** 3 Ashwell Rd: Proposed double garage workshop, garden store: No comments offered.
 - iii. **2023/0271/RES** Land to the south of Stapleford Rd: application to vary condition 2 of approved plans for layout, scale, landscaping appearance and access re **2021/1263/OUT**. Comments as follows to be supplied: 1. Change of wording I the condition, from social-rented to affordable-rented, It was noted that RCC is not a stock-holding authority so that social-rented could cause confusion. However, the Parish Council would wish that any change in terminology still makes clear the expectation that the rented properties described will be managed, or any tenancies made accessible, via a Housing Association. 2. Change in route of access road or associated routes: Any change that would bring the roadway closer to protected the trees or where equipment storage areas are proposed close to protected trees are not considered desirable. Significant separation between vehicle movements and existing trees/hedges is requested.
 - iv. **2023/0271/RES** Land to south of Stapleford Rd: to consider any new information pertinent to the pending discharge of condition 15 (Land Drainage consent) re **2021/1263/OUT**. PC nominees will encourage discussion at the meeting with planners.
- b. Planning updates received:
- 2024/0128/FUL** Formation new agricultural access, Ashwell Rd: Refused by RCC
2024/0173/FUL 6 Station Rd, sing. storey extensions: Granted by RCC.

13855 Any issues requiring attention on The Banks, etc.: None.
The Play Area safety inspection is scheduled for May.

13856 At the request of Mr Greenlay: "To discuss the grass cutting regime, on agreed areas of The Banks, which reduces the intensity of the cuts." A background report regarding the current management approach and related Government guidance/academic research results was provided. No additional benefit was seen in leaving a small area uncut until midsummer. The tendency of the area to revert to scrub was described. It was AGREED no changes were appropriate.

13857 Highways and village maintenance matters for report and to agree any necessary action: Water on surface of Main Street is probably from a natural spring.

13858 Financial Business

- a. To receive the details of the budget for 2024-25: The precept of £35,215 has been acknowledged as sent by RCC [confirmed received by 4/4/2024]. Bank charges of £9 will be withdrawn on 15th April 2024 (includes £1 cheque charge for WEG grant).
- b. To consider invoices received in March and so far in April and approve payments, as appropriate. The following payments were AGREED:
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| Rutland County Council (Q4 23/24 payroll) | £ 2726.60 |
| Maintenance of The Banks (March 2024) | £ 108.00 |
| LRALC (2023/24 membership) | £ 631.07 |
| Village Caretaking (Feb and Mar [notional]) | £ 132.50 |

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- c. To consider grant requests:
 - i. Request from Whissendine Sports Club [6/2/2024 min 13821iii] to change loan of £7000 (already given [min. 13701 of 22/5/2023]) to a grant- matter deferred from 4/3/2024. Sports Club is only a small part of the village (c100 current members); disproportionate support seems inappropriate. This loan equates to 20% of the entire PC precept. Their progress over the last 12 months has made the club financially stable. The motion was to decline the £7000. It was AGREED to convert £3500 to grant. The remaining £3500 to be repayable at a rate of £50 per month (0% interest) with a depreciating lien on the mower until the principal is paid off.
 - ii Request from Whissendine Sports Club for grant towards running repairs (est. material costs c£4000): It was noted that sufficient funds had been raised since the application. It was AGREED that no grant should be offered but the Sports Club Committee are invited to come forward in future with specific requests and detailed plans, through their Parish Councillor representative.
- d. To receive the summary of accounts for 2023-24 and approve publication: The Statement of Accounts was AGREED; which included earmarked reserves: for the burial ground extension (£40,000), community buildings (£3405.91 CIL + £1000), repair/replacement of village signs (£2000), replacement Parish Council laptop and software (£2000). The statement also includes the list of the Parish Council's assets and s137 expenditure. The document was approved and signed by both Chairman and RFO and will be published on whissendine.net as usual. The accounts reconciled with the end-of-year bank statements so the bank statements were also signed.
- e. To agree projects for 2024-25 including use of set aside-ringfenced funds: Village Pump (budgeted), new swing-seats (budgeted) and Chapel Walk lectern sign (ear-marked reserve). It was noted that minor-repairs to the support for the Millenium Village Sign had yet to be completed and no available tradesman had been found.
- f. To receive CIL/CIL cs summaries for 2023-24: At the start of the year there was £7003.38 (CIL Compensatory fund) in hand: £3000 was provided to Whissendine Sports Club for preliminary drawings for a new building; £4003.38 was provided to the Village Hall towards the heating/insulation scheme. At the start of the year there was also £9966.70 (CIL) in hand: £6560.70 was provided to the Village Hall towards the heating/insulation scheme. No new funds were received during the year so there is currently; £3405.91 (CIL) earmarked for future spending.

13859 Correspondence

20/3/2024 email: (JD) asking about for future use of private land- not within WPC remit
 20/3/2024 RCC email confirming presently Biffa have no-one qualified to install litter bin
 20/3.2024 RCC email with copy TPO: No10 (Land south of Stapleford Rd) TPO 2023
 26/3/2024 RCC email Notice of Election for Police and Crime Commissioner
 28/3/2024 MP email: Parish Council summit 2024: Friday 19 April 2024: K Thomas nominated.
 4/4/2024 Resident's email: re 2024/0209/DIS re Condition 15 (land drainage) of 2023/0271/RES.

Meeting closed 21.28 hrs

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