

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WHILTON

Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th April 2016 at 6:30pm

7 Parishioners attended the meeting, with Mr Ken Bowers, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council in the chair and Mrs Sue Porter, Clerk to the Parish Council, as secretary. Mr Bowers welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for taking the time to attend.

1. Report of the Chairman covering the activities of the Parish Council:
Ken Bowers, Vice Chairman, reported that in the past year the village sign had been agreed along with the location. The purchase of a new laptop has eased the working process for the Clerk. There has been the successful removal of asbestos from the allotments, and a regular inspection of the wall adjoining the road is taking place. The location for Captain Reynolds stone has been agreed, and the design approved. No order has been placed as yet, and the quote is valid until August 2016. A firework event for the celebration of the end of WW2 was a great success, and funding of £500 was provided by the Parish Council. The Green has been registered at last. The project of replacing all the street lights has been completed, at a cost of £280 per light. The Mill is now fully developed and there should be no further planning applications. The wind turbines installed in Watford were objected to, but the planning application won on appeal. There are still ongoing projects to which the Parish Council are committed, which is the introduction of the 20mph speed limit through the centre of the village and a review of the signage for the HGV's. Many thanks were given to the outgoing Chairman, Peter Wingrave, and the rest of the Parish Council for a very productive few years.
2. Presentation by a representative from the County Councillor – Steve Osborne
Councillor Osborne started by saying what a pleasure it is to serve the Parish of Whilton, and he also gave many thanks to the Chairman, Peter Wingrave, and said what a pleasure it was to work with him. Savings are needed at County Council to the sum of £66million for 2016-17. The cuts will mainly affect the youth and elderly budgets. The new building for the Council Offices is still going ahead. Councillor Osborne is on two committees – Personnel and Audit. County Council is looking around for partners, with little success. Many thanks were given from the Parish Council for Councillor Osborne's help and support.
3. Report provided by District Councillors Johnnie Amos & David Smith – A copy was read out and is attached to these minutes
4. Report from Brington and Whilton Pre-School – Apologies given
5. Report from PSCO – Apologies given from PCSO Kev Thompson, although he did report that no crimes have been reported within the past year.
6. Report from Whilton Spinney Management Committee (Janet Bowers) – This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes.
7. Report from Whilton Neighbourhood Watch – No report
8. Report from Whilton Gardeners Association (Roy Haynes) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes
9. Report from Whilton Village Hall Management Group – Maurice Clements reported and a copy is attached to the minutes.
10. Report from Whilton Parochial Church Council (Jon Brierley) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes
11. Report from Whilton Local History Society (Anthea Hiscock) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes
12. Report from Whilton Allotments Group (Brian Melling) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes

13. Report from the Editors of the Whilton Newsletter (Anthea Hiscock) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes
14. Report from Whilton Charities Group (Keith Hiscock) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes
15. Report from Whilton Warblers – No report
16. Report from Whilton Social Committee (Anthea Hiscock) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes.
17. Report from Working Party for Captain Reynolds Commemoration (Anthea Hiscock) - This was read out and a copy is attached to the minutes.

Anthea and Keith Hiscock gave their thanks to the outgoing Parish Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7:13pm and thanked everybody for attending.