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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY 2008

The following Parish Councillors were present:

Mr Mike Lewis in the chair, Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Greg Lye, Miss Nora Swinford, Mr Michael Thomas and Mrs Sue Wingrave.

Apologies were received from Mr Jonathan Hanslip.

As no members of the public were present, there was no public forum before the meeting.

1. DECLARATION OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS RELEVANT TO MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA.

No interests were declared.

2. FINANCE

It was resolved to approve the following expenditure:

| Cheque no. | | | Gross | VAT to reclaim |
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| 686 | Northants CALC | Fees for 2 new councillors' courses | 58.00 | |
| 687 | Streetmaster | New seat | 815.45 | 121.45 |
| 688 | E.ON | Electricity | 126.86 | 6.04 |
| 689 | Mr Roy Haynes | Expenses for mowing | 86.49 | |

3. CONFIRMATION OF PARISH VOLUNTEER

In addition to those named at the last meeting, it was agreed to confirm Roy Haynes as volunteer for grass cutting in the churchyard.

4. GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE THROUGH COUNTY COUNCILLOR

i) Following information from County Councillor Steve Osborne that grant money is available if applied for by the end of August, Councillors discussed the following possibilities:

- A street light for the Locks
- Necessary repairs to the parish clock on the church
- A new village sign.

Mr Lye declared an interest in the parish clock, as he is a member of the PCC, and left the room during this item.

After discussion, it was considered that there is not sufficient time to allow for consultation and design for a village sign and that costs of a new light should be dealt with under the precept. The report on the clock has now been received. It was proposed by Mr Bowers, seconded by Miss Swinford, and agreed that an application should be made towards the £1955 required to repair the striking mechanism of the parish clock.

It was agreed that if we do not receive the whole amount, a further application should be made to "Awards for All". Mr Thomas agreed that he will deal with this application if it is necessary.

ii) The new seat purchased with the previous grant has now been delivered, and Mr Bowers, Mr Lye and Miss Swinford agreed to mark out its position on the Green, so that it can be erected there as soon as possible.

5. DAVENTRY INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY REPORT

Mr Lewis and Mr Lye reported on their intended response to this. The main issues are:

- Concern about provision for sewage for the new developments, with proposals to relax controls on discharge consents until the new updated Whilton Sewage Station comes on stream at an estimated cost of £43.

- Apparent lack of interest and concern about the large increase in traffic, which will be generated outside the development area, and which will have a serious affect on villages, such as Whilton.
- This will also be an opportunity to improve the electricity supply to Daventry and the area including Whilton.

6.WATER SUPPLY TO WHILTON

After the recent problems with water from Pitsford reservoir, it became clear that different parts of Whilton parish are fed from different sources. It was agreed that it would be helpful for the Parish Council to have details of this, which would be particularly useful when reporting water problems. The Clerk was asked to request a plan from Anglian Water.

7.MATTERS TO RAISE ON THE NEXT AGENDA

- A new village sign on the Green
- Information on traffic surveys

The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.