

MINUTE 129

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 P.M. ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2008

The following Councillors attended:

Mr Mike Lewis in the chair, Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Jonathan Hanslip, Mr Greg Lye and Mrs Susan Wingrave.

One parishioner, County Councillor Steve Osborne and District Councillor Wendy Amos attended.

Apologies were received from Miss Nora Swinford and Mr Michael Thomas.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was a discussion concerning planning matters.

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

No declarations were made.

2. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2008, with the removal of the sentence "Mr Lye and Mr Bowers were asked to write a resume of water problems" on page 430 . It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 23 July 2008 with the alteration in item 5 on page 434 from £43 to £43,000,000.

3. FINANCE

a) Financial Statement

Current account : £2271.33

Reserve account: £4095.67

b) Resolution to confirm expenditure

It was resolved to approve the following:

Cheque no.			Gross	VAT to reclaim
689	Mr Roy Haynes	Expenses for mowing	86.49	11.10
690	Orchard Print Services Ltd	Printing Newsletter	72.90	

4. PLANNING

- Planning Application DA/2008/0814: Conservatory at the Coach House, The Green: it was agreed that the Parish Council approves this application.
- Planning Application DA/2008/0870: Replacement dwelling and associated landscape works (amended design), Roughmoor Grounds. It was agreed that the Parish Council approves this application.
- Approval by DDC of application DA/2008/0471: 7 South View: outline planning permission for new dwelling with off road parking for new and existing dwelling; demolition of outhouse.
- Whilton Parish Design Statement: it was agreed the distribution of copies, archives and a policy for updating will be considered at the next meeting.
Mr Lewis agreed to liaise with the DDC over these decisions while the Clerk is on holiday.
- WNDC: Notification has been received of the appeal by Capel House Property Trust Ltd re proposed development including 1000 dwellings at Monksmoor Farm, Welton Lane. Any further representations to be made by 29 September.

- WNDC: Notification has been received of the appeal by Croudace Homes, the House Trustees Ltd and Lower Thrupp Ltd re proposed urban extension at Churchfields, Long Buckby Road. Any further representations to be made by 2 October.

5. ROADS AND SAFETY

Traffic survey: the Clerk reported that she had contacted James Butlin of NCC about ways of recording the speed, volume and type of traffic at the Whilton turn. Mr Lewis offered to liaise further with Mr Butlin about the best way to record traffic through the village and along the main road. Notification has been received that Carillion WSP will now be managing agent for the Highways Agency in this area.

6. VILLAGE GREEN AND STREET FURNITURE

The Clerk had obtained a quote for installing the new street furniture and removing the allotment steps, but Councillors agreed that a further quote should be obtained before any decision was made.

The Clerk reported that she had received several suggestions for the new village sign. The Chairman agreed to find costings for printing a design on aluminium before any decisions are made.

7. WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES TO WHILTON

The Clerk reported that Anglia Water have supplied a map showing the routes of water coming into the parish.

The Clerk reported that the jetting of the drains is scheduled for later in the autumn and cannot be brought forward unless there is a new problem. There was a discussion about causes of flooding at the lower end of the village. Mr Bowers agreed to follow this up while the Clerk is on holiday.

Following discussion about electricity cuts in Whilton, the Clerk was asked to record the concerns of the parish to Central Networks, especially in view of the proposed growth of Daventry and the need to improve the service for all.

8. PARISH COMMUNITY

- An “Age Concern” questionnaire had been received. It was agreed that Whilton prefers to keep its informal caring for the elderly as at present.
- Police Community Liaison Officer surgeries have now been arranged in the Village Hall for the following times:

Friday, 24 October:	4 - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 29 November	1 – 2 p.m.
Friday, 19 December	2 – 3 p.m.

9. LIAISON WITH DDC

District Councillor Wendy Amos encouraged everyone to complete the questionnaire in *Daventry Calling* and said the One Stop Shop is working well.

Information received from the DDC included:

- Minutes of Parish and Town Councils meeting, 24 June, to be circulated
- DDC Communities Desk poster (posted on the board)
- DDC Grant Aid Programme 2009/10: for information of the chairman
- DDC: car sharing scheme: to be circulated.
- DDC: “Healthier You, Healthier Planet” day, 1 October: to be circulated
- DDC: a request for volunteers for the Standards Committee; a copy was provided for each councillor.

10. LIAISON WITH NCC

County Councillor Steve Osborne reported that he considered the new contract with May Gurney was working well.

A copy of *Northants Minerals and Waste Development: locations for waste development DPD: supplementary options* will be circulated.

12. NORTHANTS CALC AND ACRE

Northants CALC Update July / August 2008 will be circulated,

13. INFORMATION RECEIVED

The following are available from the Clerk:

- Information re new East Midlands Fire and Rescue Control Centre
- East Midlands Development Agency News: Summer 2008.
- Glasdon street furniture catalogue

14. MATTERS TO RAISE ON THE NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed to consider the best way of ensuring that the Council follows up decisions and to review the Parish Council approach to planning applications.

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday 3rd November 2008.

All are welcome to attend.