

MINUTE 126

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PARISH CHURCH FOLLOWING A SITE MEETING AT 7 SOUTH VIEW AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2008

The following Councillors attended:

Mr Mike Lewis in the chair, Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Jonathan Hanslip, Mr Greg Lye, Miss Nora Swinford and Mr Michael Thomas.

2 parishioners attended the latter part of the meeting.

OPEN FORUM: No members of the public were present at the beginning of the meeting.

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

Mr Lye and Miss Swinford declared that they had an interest in Item 6: planning application for 7 South View, and they have been notified of this application by the DDC.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 12th May 2008.

3. NEW STREET FURNITURE

It was agreed that the new seat on the Green shall be placed back near the churchyard wall and that the litter bin shall be moved back beside it. The old seat will be removed and the concrete base broken up. It was agreed to move the old seat to the top of the village if possible, past Hill Top, facing Long Buckby, and to discuss this with Mr Emery of Hill Top. Permission will have to be granted by Highways. It was agreed that once the new seat and litter bin have arrived, a quote should be obtained for erecting both seats on concrete bases, removing the old base, and erecting the new litter bin at the Locks.

4. COMPLETION OF ANNUAL AUDIT RETURN

Following the approval of the Annual Accounts and the carrying out of the Internal Audit last week, it was resolved to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Audit Return.

5. ALLOTMENT STEPS

It was agreed to include the demolition of the allotment steps in the quote for the erection of the seats and litter bin, the materials being kept towards rebuilding the wall.

6. PLANNING

The Chairman closed the meeting at this point and opened it for a public forum.

After discussion, the public session was closed and the meeting re-opened, with Mr Lye and Miss Swinford not taking part in this section of the meeting.

Outline Planning Application DA/2008/0471: 7 South View: new dwelling and off road parking

It was agreed that, although this application conforms with the Parish Design Statement, the Parish Council cannot support it for the following reasons:

- The proposed plans do not appear to meet the conditions in the Access Statement, with reference to the ability to park and turn four cars off the road. If cars are not able to drive our forwards, this will create a highway hazard.
- The Parish Council objects to the building line, which is shown as a continuation of the line with numbers 7 and 8. Unless the building line is moved to be a continuation of the line with number 6, this could detract from the privacy of number 6. There is also concern that lights of cars coming up the drive will shine into the windows of number 6.

7. PUBLICATION SCHEME FOR PARISH COUNCIL

The following **Publication Scheme** was agreed:

- The Minutes of the Parish Council shall be available for reading by arrangement with the Clerk.
- The unapproved Minutes of each meeting shall be published on the Whilton Village website.
- The Accounts shall be available by arrangement with the Clerk for 20 working days before the Annual Audit.
- Documents may be viewed at other times by prior arrangement with the Clerk.
- Copies of documents can be provided at a cost of 10p per A4 sheet.
- All planning applications will be kept and stored by the Clerk.
- Archives of the Parish Council may be read at Northamptonshire Record Office.
- The Parish Council will review whether it is appropriate to deposit more records every 2 years, beginning in 2010.

8. PROPOSED WELCOME LEAFLET

A rough draft of a Welcome Leaflet was produced by the Clerk. No Councillor was able to offer to help, and it was suggested that other parishioners should be asked if they would like to assist.

9. UPDATE ON INFORMATION CONCERNING ROSE COTTAGE

The Clerk reported that she has not yet been able to gain any further information on the subject of this empty house.

10. MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA

The following matters will be raised on the next agenda:

- Drainage and parking in the village
- Confirmation and appointment of parish volunteers

The meeting closed at 9 p.m.