

## Minute 142

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 4 January 2010 AT 7.30PM

The following councillors attended:

Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Michael Thomas. Mr Mike Lewis (chairman), Miss Nora Swinford, Mrs Sue Wingrave.

2 parishioners attended.

	<b>Action</b>
<b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>	
It was reported that the light (lamppost 14) outside Rose Cottage was not working.	AN
<b>1. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
It was resolved to accept apologies for absence from Mr Jonathan Hanslip (Rotary Meeting). Apologies were also received from Councillor Wendy Amos.	
<b>2 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA</b>	
No declarations were made.	
<b>3. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 2 NOVEMBER 2009</b>	
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2009.	
<b>4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speed Watch- information had been received. It is to be publicised in the Newsletter again to see if any parishioners are interested. If this is to take place there has to be a signed pledge by 20% of the electorate and a co-ordinator to organise it. 3 possible suitable places in Whilton have been identified.</li></ul>	ML
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ian Smith Visit – extra parish walk with Ian Smith. He is to be contacted as to –<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Who is responsible for the area between the maintained carriageway and boundary of highway.</li><li>○ Pot hole by Whilton Locks Cottages</li><li>○ Collapsed drain in Brington Lane</li><li>○ Who is responsible for handrail and fence at South View</li></ul>It was suggested that in the letter a response time be given.</li></ul>	ML
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nick Gore visit – footpath – this is ongoing</li></ul>	JH/Maurice Clements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Village Green – the Clerk had e-mailed Sunita Makh but had not received a reply. The meeting suggested that they be contacted again using stronger wording.</li></ul>	AN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk Assessment – this is in progress. Need to check if the assets are listed on insurance policies.</li></ul>	AN
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complaints Procedure – a working party is in place.</li></ul>	ML/MT
<b>5. LIAISON WITH DDC</b>	
There was no report available from District Councillor Wendy Amos	
<u>Information received:</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supply of the Full Register of Electors request – <i>Clerk requesting e-mailed Register and monthly alterations</i></li><li>• Councillors' Briefing Note – Large Scale Wind Turbines &amp; Wind Farms</li></ul>	

- Parish & Town Councils' Meeting – agenda- 15 December 2009 – Mike Lewis attended. Main points are: we can get a 30 speed limit by either street lighting or a traffic regulation order (about £3k ), there is a debate ongoing about on-street parking – who polices it –police or wardens.

**6. LIAISON WITH NCC**

**Report of County Councillor Steve Osborne**

No report was available

Information received:

- Third local Transport Plan Consultation
- Gully Emptying Schedule – this is scheduled for January 2010. If this does not happen the Councillors were requested to let the Clerk know.
- Road Sign Improvements – forwarded to Jonathan Hanslip (Highways Rep)

**7. LIAISON WITH POLICE**

There was no update available for the meeting.

Next Police Surgery: Wednesday 13 January 2010 – 1.15 – 2.15pm

Information Received:

- Regular updates
- Youth group info
- Newsletter

**8. GRASS CUTTING – update from Ken Bowers**

Ken Bowers, along with the advice of Roy had sought quotes for 2 new mowers. The best value for money was to purchase them from Garden Machines (Northampton) Ltd. This was approved and agreed that a cheque for £921.15 could be raised. They are also going to be asked to cost appropriate safety clothing etc.

KB

**9. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE TOWN AND VILLAGE SERVICES SURVEY – questionnaire to be completed**

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10. **FINANCE** – transfer of mandates have now been sorted

a. Financial statement

Current account: £2,850.16 per statement 378 at 30/11/09  
 £2,044.67 after uncleared cheques  
 Reserve account: £5,642.61 per statement 75 at 30/10/09

b. It was resolved to confirm and approve Income and expenditure

**Income:**

Bank Interest: £0.71

**Expenditure:**

Cheque No.				VAT to reclaim
731*	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	Audit fees	£138.00	£18.00
732	Orchard Print Services	Newsletter	£63.36	
733	Open Space Society	Annual subscription	£40.00	
734	Mrs Alison Nicoll	Clerk's salary 8/9/09-7/12/09	£400.00	
		Expenses	£115.80	
735	E.ON	Street Lighting Maintenance	£48.33	£6.30

\*This replaces cheque 723 that has been cancelled.

11. **PRECEPT FOR 2010/11**

It was agreed to set the budget for 2010-2011 at £7160. The precept required would be £6600 and the remainder used from reserves.

The expected use of the money would be as follows-

2010-11 Budget	£
Administration	1850
Clerk's Salary	2000
Training	500
Newsletter	380
Churchyard maintenance	50
Trees maintenance	100
Parish Competitions	100
Allotments	160
Street lighting & fund towards new street lighting	1200
Maintenance of Street Furniture	20
Village sign	300
Roughmoor Spinney Grant	500
Total payments	7160

12. **USES FOR THE TELEPHONE BOX** – article from the Guardian was brought to the Council's attention by Tom Price, use box as a library, noted for any future developments.

### 13. PLANNING

West Northants Joint Planning Unit & WNDC

#### Information received:

- Activity Update on Non-Urban Extension Applications at Daventry
- Minutes of WNDC 6 August 2009
- WNDC Sustainability Manual – comments to be submitted by 22 January 2010

### 14. NORTHANTS NCALC

- NALC Conferences & Events Survey
- Quality Parish Council – Training ‘Statement of Intent’
- Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2010/11
- Update (forward to all Councillors)

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### 15. OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

- NHS Northamptonshire’s Annual Report for 2008/09
- REK youth shelter
- Northamptonshire Victim Support Annual Review and appeal for funds
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- Info on the Empowering Local Councils and the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill
- Heritage Trees & Gardens
- SNVB – forum meeting – 27 January 2010
- R & G Grounds Maintenance

### 16. Dates and Frequency for Meetings in 2010/11

Following discussion it was decided that the meetings should be changed to a Wednesday in order to allow all Councillors be present.

The dates are as follows:-

- 12 May
- 14 July
- 8 September
- 10 November
- 12 January (2011)
- 9 March (2011)

### 17. LITTER PICKING - Stop the Drop Campaign 9-18 April 2010

Information had been received and it was decided that further discussion would take place at the next meeting.

### 18. MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA

- Allotments
- Handrail and fencing at South View
- Litter picking

### 19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1 MARCH 2010

The annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Monday 26 April 2010 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.