

Minute 144

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH
COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL 1ST March 2010**

Councillors present :

Chair: Mike Lewis

Ken Bowers

Mike Thomas

Nora Swinford

Sue Wingrave

Public Forum

2 Members of Public were present

Ongoing complaint on drains in Brington Lane from resident of Lower Farm House. This will be discussed at appropriate section.

		Action
1	<p>APOLOGIES AND RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Accept apologies from clerk – family illness Accept apologies from Jonathan Hanslip – Attending Rotary Meeting</p>	
2	<p>DECLARATION OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS TO MATTERS ARISING ON THIS AGENDA No interests</p>	
3	<p>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 4TH JANUARY 2010 Item 9, ML in action column and not KB initials against it, minutes to be corrected Minutes approved - Subject to corrections Proposed Michael Thomas, seconded Ken Bowers.</p>	ML/AN
4	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES Speedwatch to be put in newsletter again Ian Smith – Drains/potholes – letter sent, to be followed up asap Footpath – ongoing Village Green – ongoing Risk assessment – ongoing Complaints - ongoing</p>	ML ML
5	<p>RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING DATED 17TH FEBRUARY 2010 Approved change to minute 143, will be signed as and when corrected Proposed by Michael Thomas seconded by ken Bowers.</p>	ML
6	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES. Planning – letter sent from Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council 'We</p>	

	cannot support Planning Application' etc. Main reasons were – potential to run more races with more noise and pollution,(see Whilton Parish Design Statement), people standing on top of building could be a visual distraction for users on the C5 road..	
7	<p>LIAISON WITH DDC Report from District Councillor Mrs Wendy Amos The appeal by the developers has been reviewed by the Planning Inspector and the Secretary for State will announce the decision on April 8th . Complaints re map on Daventry website, a technical exercise which has caused public confusion, appears to have designated areas for planning, but this is not so. Local Core Strategy is being generated, 2011 is target, Daventry Council still processing planning applications using 'saved' policies from previous strategy documents.</p>	
8	<p>LIASION WITH NCC Report by County Councillor Mr Steve Osborne a) Consultation with the public costing £100,000 to save £10M from next year's budget. b) Gritting/salt, Northampton had the supplies but had to reduce the amount of gritting because they were forced to share them with other councils that had run out or not re-ordered their own stocks. c) North Northamptonshire NNDC building plans – possible change to North Londonshire to attract people and industry/commerce.</p>	
9	<p>LIASION WITH POLICE Changes to PCSO - Lorraine Humfress has been replaced by Sarah Gray who could not attend the meeting due to working shift pattern. Report sent to Chairman and read out at the meeting, will be put on website.</p>	
10	<p>FINANCE Financial statement - none Resolution to confirm and approve income and expenditure - None</p>	
11	<p>MATTERS RAISED AT EXTRAORDINARY MEETING. Provision of trolley for new hover mower. Proposal from Ken Bowers, seconded Michael Thomas £88.96 + VAT – quote from Browns plus one other. Parish litter pick – check and see if anything has been arranged by the Clerk, or go direct to DDC and ask for the tools. National Litter Pick 9th – 18th April Majority of litter in Whilton is coming from the recycle truck as it collects – letter to DDC pointing out that fact. Brington lane drainage problems collating information about ALL drainage problems in lane. Collapsed drain – Ian Smith – May Gurney aware by letter in item 4. Jeremy James (Lower Farm House) has records over last 11 years and will pass them to KB to pass to the Clerk. Chairman will handle the Locks water, potholes etc. Potholes by Locks Cottages – repaired 4 times since 1st Jan and there have</p>	<p>KB ML/AN KB ML</p>

	<p>been 3 accidents involving damaged wheels in the same period. County Councillor Mr Steve Osborne suggests either</p> <p>a) Letter from us to May Gurney with regard to the drain problem 'we gather there are certain Acts where parish councils can carry out the work and then get reimbursed, can we have clarification'.</p> <p>b) Or we can explain the problems (each person is allowed 3 minutes to speak) at a full County Council Meeting.</p> <p>It was decided to wait until there was a response from Ian Smith.</p> <p>Provision of bus shelter on Green. This would be a very useful amenity for all bus users. Oak bus shelter proposed by Ken Bowers, (possibly replacing the telephone box) Start investigating potential costs. Levelling area adjacent to the seat – may need lorry load of top soil, at least 4 cubic yards. Possibility of getting surplus top soil from Townley Farm - Investigate</p>	<p>KB</p> <p>ML/AN</p>
12	<p>NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT We accepted '2007 code of conduct' in 2008 however we now have a new one, 37 pages long. The impact on our Council needs to be assessed, we would like a volunteer to read 2010 Code of Conduct.</p>	MT
13	<p>PLANNING None</p>	
14	<p>ALLOTMENTS Tidiness and safety – the Parish walk noticed substantial piles of rubbish on some plots and many tools left on plots and paths. A letter needs to be sent re rubbish removal and the safety issue with tools left scattered etc. Stop tap on the road, the cover has been broken by heavy traffic. Anglia Water to be informed – letter to restate it's vulnerable position and recommend steel not plastic.</p>	<p>ML/AN</p> <p>ML/AN</p>
15	<p>INFORMATION RECEIVED None</p>	
16	<p>MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA Review council administration costs. Village sign – follow up to obtain second quote.</p>	
17	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Annual Parish Meeting 26th April 2010. Annual meeting of Whilton Parish Council 12th May 2010. Mike to do schedule of meetings from there on. Meeting closed 9.25pm</p>	ML