

Minute 158

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.30PM**

The following councillors attended:

Mr Peter Wingrave (Chair), Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Michael Thomas. Miss Nora Swinford, Mrs Sue Wingrave, Mr Jonathan Hanslip and Mr Greg Lye. 3 parishioners and County Councillor Steve Osborne were in attendance.

PARISHONERS FORUM

Action

It was noted that the information on the DDC website is incorrect.

Information about the 'right to roam' was requested. This can be obtained from NCC.

1. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from District Councillor Wendy Amos – on holiday

2. MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations were made.

3. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS 13TH JULY 2011 AND 9TH AUGUST 2011

The Council resolved to approve and sign the minutes of and 13th July and 9th August 2011.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Allotments – see separate item

b. Drainage along Brington Lane

The broken pipe has been repaired but the road still floods. KB has phoned highways again. A site visit has been suggested. The Clerk is to write.

c. Noise from Whilton Mill

Feedback has been received from Ian Collings, DDC stating that it is hard to prove the noise and nuisance. It was suggested that a private company be employed to monitor the situation.

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5. LIASEON WITH DDC

In Wendy Amos's absence, County Councillor Steve Osborne reported that both the District and County budget will be cut next year.

The canal arm would be fed by the reservoir and comes out between Welton and Daventry.

There will be new signs erected. Owners will get tickets if dogs are not on a lead or leave a 'mess'.

Wind Farm proposal – unanimous support for the petition was given by the council.

Information received:

- Dog Control Orders – Statutory consultation
- Renewable Energy Event
- Over Fifties Newsletter
- The Queens Award for Voluntary Service
- Central Region Switchover
- Wind Farm e-petition

6. LIASON WITH NCC

Broadband – it was suggested that SW draft a letter to BT as there should be government money available. A working party is to be set up.

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Information received:

- Improving your Patch Award
- Library Review response to Stakeholders
- Young Driver Courses
- New Timetable for G1 Services
- County Connect
- Completed and Planned Works
- Northamptonshire Broadband Bid

7. LIASON WITH POLICE

It had been noted that there had been no police officer at the surgery yesterday and all attempts the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had made to contact her was of no avail. Steve Osborne said he would speak to PCSO Sarah Gray informally to see what the reason was.

Information Received:

- Regular updates

8. FINANCE**a. Financial statement at 2011****b. Financial statement**

Current account: £2,879.31. at 29 July 2011
Reserve account: £5647.54 at 29 July 2011

c. Resolution to confirm and approve income and expenditure

Income: Current Account £0.02 dividend
Reserve Account £0.70 - interest

Expenditure:

Cheque No.			£	VAT to reclaim
786	Mrs A Nicoll	Salary 8/7/11-7/9/11	350.00	
		Expenses	46.21	
787	Orchard Print Services	Newsletter	91.08	
788	Chairman's Lunch	Training	29.00	

It was commented that a third of the precept should be kept in reserves. The Parish Council can give a grant to the Village Hall.

9. VILLAGE SIGN

A quote of £405 + VAT has been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council should proceed. This was proposed by KB and seconded by NS.

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10. ADOPTION OF THE GREEN

PW to request fixed fee for solicitor's work.

PW

11. ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT

To go on next agenda.

12. CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Parish Council would be happy to receive a request of a grant.

13. PLANNING**Planning application –**

- 1) **11/0052/FULWND – New canal arm and associated works linking the Grand Union Canal and Daventry Town Centre** – no objections, only concern would be if the finance for it was to come out of the public purse and that there were proper measures in place for maintenance.
- 2) **DA/2011/0688 – Work to and removal of trees within a conservation area, 3 Whilton Locks Cottages, Whilton Locks** – no objections were raised.

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14. NORTHANTS NCALCInformation received:

- Update
- Survey of Councillors

15. OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

- Rural Services Network
- Hinterland Updates
- Sustainable Gov
- RABI late Harvest Lunch
- Journal of Local Planning flyer
- Northamptonshire ACRE Town & Village Services Survey 2011 (KB to complete)
- Northamptonshire Carers
- Village Viewpoint
- Sustainable Options flyer
- Fields in Trust
- Harborough Landscapes
- Open Spaces Society Defra Consultation
- Associate Membership of East Midlands Councils
- Parish Lighting Services
- Britain in Bloom
- Northamptonshire Acre Annual Report
- Gladstone Brochure
- County Gardens and Ground Care flyer
- Village and Town Signs

16. MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA

- Allotment Rent
- Speed of Traffic in Whilton
- Path to Whilton Locks

17. DATE OF PARISH WALK

Saturday 15th October 2011 at 10.30am meeting at the triangle

18. .DATE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEETING TO DISCUSS OUTSTANDING AUDIT POINTS AND LOOK AT POLICIES inc PAYE (early October)

12TH October 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday 11th January 2012 At 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.20pm