

Minute 160

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 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. 2 parishioners were in attendance.

PARISHONERS FORUM

Action

The street light opposite Wadd Close is not working.

1. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from District Councillor Wendy Amos – moving house.

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 OF 20TH SEPTEMBER 2011 AND 12TH OCTOBER 2011.

The Council resolved to approve and sign the minutes of 20TH September 2011 and 12th October 2011. Proposed by MT and seconded by JH.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES - none**5. LIASON WITH DDC**

No report was available.

Information received:

- Parish and Town Meeting – 13 December 2011
- Submissions for Daventry Calling
- Lottery cash available to communities across East Midlands

6. LIASON WITH NCC

No report was available

It was commented that properties within the parish are not being sold as the broadband is so poor. A working party of PW, SW, JH, GL is to be set up.

SW

Information received:

- Northamptonshire Flood fair
- NCC Community Actions Grant
- Love Food Hate Waste
- Back the Bid – Broadband
- Parish Enhancement Gangs – survey
- Completed highways work

7. LIASON WITH POLICE

No report was available

Information Received:

- Regular updates

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

Current account:

£5,562.19 as of 31 October 2011

Reserve account:

£5,648.25 as of 28 October 2011



b. Resolution to confirm and approve income and expenditure

Income:	Current Account	£0.02	dividend
	Reserve Account	£0.71 -	interest
Expenditure:REVISED			

12 October 2011 , cheque no. 789, as agreed (minute 158, no. 9) a cheque for £145.80 (30% deposit) was raised for Hardingstone Ltd for the village sign.

Cheque No.			£	VAT to reclaim
790	Mrs A Nicoll	Salary 8/9/11 – 7/11/11 Expenses	350.00 59.11	
791	e.on	Maintenance	42.03	8.41
792	e.on	Street lighting	257.26	
793	Shaw & Sons Ltd	Accounts Book	67.78	11.30

9 November 2011 cheque no. 794, as agreed (minute 158, no. 9) a cheque for £340.20 (final payment) was raised for Hardingstone Ltd for the village sign.

c. PRECEPT

Comments made –

Administration cost have remained static

Training – budget hasn't been used

Clerk's hours are about 25 per month

Insurance needs to be scrutinised.

The decision was made to purchase a laptop and printer; this may be purchased beforehand if a reasonable sale price is found.

A grant will be available for the village hall if requested

The above comments and 2012/13 precept requirements were proposed by KB and seconded by JH.

9. ADOPTION OF VILLAGE GREEN

PW reported that both E.ON and BT have been contacted concerning wayleave agreements.

10. ALLOTMENT AGREEMENT

- It was reported that there is an implied right of access.
- The termination of tenancy is to be reduced from 6 months to 3 months.
- Parishioners come first when there is a free allotment. Concerns regarding the enquiry from Homecall about a tenancy were raised – these were lack of parking and no tool storage. It was agreed that if no parishioners were forthcoming Homecall could rent a plot.
- It was agreed that the rent for full allotment plots should be raised to £20 (£10 per half plot)

All the above were proposed by MT and seconded by GL.

11. SPEED OF TRAFFIC IN WHILTON

- It was suggested that in the future a sign is displayed that shows the driver's speed.
- The derestricted zone is moved to where the village name sign is and at the other end beyond the bends. Clerk to write to Highways tackling the problem from a health and safety angle – cyclists at risk.

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12. PATH TO WHILTON LOCKS

It was agreed that the path should go ahead. The clerk to write to DDC to see what the situation is. AN

13. CELEBRATION OF QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Parish Council is awaiting a request from the committee.

14. PLANNING APPLICATION –

- a. DA/2011/0850 – Erection of 7 no.123m to tip wind turbines and ancillary infrastructure, including foundations, crane hardstandings, upgraded and new access tracks, 1 no. substation and control building including underground cables and transformers, 1 no. meteorological mast, and a temporary construction compound for a temporary period of 25 years.

Concern was noted – unsightly, inefficient, ruin of countryside and wildlife.

Neighbourhood Planning – info from CALC

Another meeting is to be held to discuss this in the next few weeks.

West Northants Joint Planning Unit & WNDCInformation received:

National Planning Policy Framework – DDC Response

16. NORTHANTS NCALCInformation received:

- Update
- How to Respond to planning applications

17. OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED:

- Rural Services Network
- Hinterland Updates
- Sustainable Gov
- Harborough Landscapes
- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – the guide to taking part
- Norfolk China Ltd
- Village Viewpoint
- The Magic of Christmas
- 3D Silver Trees
- CVS
- CAB
- Fields in Trust
- Need a Map?
- Your MEP asks if he could send you a regular report by email?
- NAB mobile unit
- Over Fifties Roadshow
- Underwood & Weston Ltd
- Clerks & Councils Direct
- Came and Company PC Insurance Parish Matters
- Open Space
- Society of Local Council Clerks
- Vitalise
- Furniture at Work
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Items
- The 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England

18. MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA

- Parish walk findings

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING –

Wednesday 11th January 2012 At 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

