

Minute 168
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25 April 2012 at 7pm

Present:

Ken Bowers (Acting Chair) and Councillors Jonathan Hanslip, Michael Thomas, Nora Swinford, Sue Wingrave, Greg Lye and Mrs Erica Fothergill (Clerk).

No parishioners attended. Action

1 Public Forum – Nothing to report.

2 Apologies – Peter Wingrave.

3 Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda – None.

4 Resolved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Council held on 11 April 2012.

5 Finance

1 Resolved to approve the following payments:

Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount £
0820	E-On	Electricity for Quarter 4, 2011/12	129.02
0821	E-On	Maintenance for Quarter 4, 2011/12	50.44
0822	Northants CALC	Subscription & Internal audit	246.40

6 The draft letter to Anglian Water regarding the water pressure in the village, was approved. EF

7 A list of projects in the village for the MGWSP Community Enhancement Gangs to do, was drawn up and will be sent to them. EF

8 Correspondence received – noted.

9 It was agreed to grant a maximum of £150 towards the Diamond Jubilee celebrations, subject to receipt of a formal request. Clerk to advise the organisers. EF

10 **Planning**

Application No.	Address	Description	Council's Comments
DA/2012/0233	Ashby Farm, Norton Grounds, Weedon Lane, Norton	Installation of single wind turbine with a maximum height to tip of 67m, new access track, hardstanding, small sub-station, transformer enclosure and associated infrastructure	Council is vehemently opposed to this application. Copies of Council's response to Planning to be sent to Chris Heaton-Harris (MP) and Ian Duly
DA/2012/0237	Adjacent to Old Coal Wharf, Whilton Locks	Remove trees within a conservation area	Supported

11 The Agreement between allotment tenants and Whilton Parish Council has been updated to show the increase in rental to £20 for a full plot and £10 for half a plot.

12 The Council considered requests received from the Allotment Group (WAG) for the Council to:

1. Mow the grass below the allotments – it was agreed to advise WAG to contact Cllr Bower to request use of his hover mower. Council felt that Roy Haines had enough on his plate and could not be imposed upon to take on more volunteer work. WAG
2. Review the notice period in the current agreement – The Council decided that the 3-month notice period was fair and the onus was on plot holders to ensure their notice-period enabled them to harvest their produce before leaving.
3. Request from current allotment holders to collectively rent the vacant half plot to burn compostable rubbish, was denied. Advertisement for vacant half plot to be placed in next newsletter. EF

13	A request received from a resident of Brockhall to rent the vacant half plot was denied as allotments were subsidised by the Council and, as such, should only benefit local residents.	
14	The letter received from NCC, copied to all councillors, regarding Whilton's application to register land at Whilton as a village green was reviewed. As one of the last requirements was to obtain permission from the owners of Stone House, it was agreed to write and request their approval for the Council to register the grass verges adjoining and opposite their property as a village green and to request their written support to transfer the responsibility for their crossing from NCC Highways to the Parish Council.	EF
15	Date of the Annual Parish Council meeting – Wednesday 9 May 2012 at 7pm. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 20:20.	