

Minute 183

MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13 November 2013 at 7pm

Present:

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

1	Requests for dispensation – None.			
2	Public Open Forum: None			
3	Apologies – Resolved to accept apologies received from Cllr Ken Bowers, who was ill.			
4	Declarations of Interest for items on the agenda – Cllrs Hanslip and Lye declared an interest in item 6.3 where the Spinney’s request for a grant will be considered and they did not participate in the decision-making.			
5	Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 October 2013 as a true record of proceedings.			
6	Finance			
1	Resolved to accept and approve the bank reconciliations for September and October 2013.			
2	Resolved to accept and approve the Income and Expenditure for September and October 2013.			
3	The budget was reviewed but could not be finalised due to E-On’s quotation for replacing a further 3 x 80watt lanterns from 80watt to 36watt not being received in time and clarification was sought on the possibility of including Roughmoor Spinney on the Council’s insurance.			
4	Resolved to approve the following payments:			
	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount £
	888	Anglian Water	Allotments – 11/06 – 20/09/2024	21.07
	889	SLCC	2013/14 Membership – 50%	81.00
	890	Post Office Ltd.	PAYE Q2	157.20
	S/O	E Fothergill	September & October 2013 salaries	515.00
	891	E Fothergill	Sept & Oct 2013 expenses includes e-mail subs.	111.96
	892	Whilton Village Hall	Village hall rental 2012/13	113.75
	893	E-On	Electricity Q2	93.89
	894	E-On	Maintenance Q2	54.37
7	Planning			
	Application	Address	Description	Decision
	DA/2012/0742	Whilton Mill, Norton Road, Whilton, NN11 2NH	Construction of pit garage for use in conjunction with Whilton Mill Kart Circuit	Refused on the basis that the proposed development due to its scale, design and prominent location would detract from the rural character of the area and constitute an overdevelopment of the site that is out of keeping with the general character and visual amenities of the area and would constitute an incongruous feature within the rural street scene contrary to Policies GN2, EN42 and paragraphs 17 & 18 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
8	Correspondence – Noted.			

9	Allotments	
1	Consideration was given to Whilton Allotment Group's (WAG) request for the hedge to be cut professionally and it was agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotations.	EF
2	It was agreed to defer the annual allotment rental review to the December meeting to enable Council to evaluate the impact of boundary maintenance, on the annual budget.	EF
3	There is currently one person on the waiting list. It was unanimously agreed not to accede to WAG's request to involve them in clearing the plot used for composting, which should be done by current plot holders in readiness for handing over in April 2014.	
10	A letter was sent to Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) requesting them to register the parcel of land next to the church as village green and to designate the parcels of land outside Stone House and Home Field as highway, maintainable at public expense, in terms of County Council and statutory requirements.	
11	For the sake of continuity, it was decided not to appoint a Highway Warden. Problems should still to be routed through the Parish Council.	
12	The latest Standing Orders received from NCALC in October 2013 were reviewed and adopted.	
13	Cllrs Thomas and Lye were nominated to attend DDC's Parish and Town Councils Liaison Meeting on Thursday 12 December 2013 at 6:30pm.	GL MT
14	Council considered NCC Highways' Asset Management Strategy Consultation and formulated a response for the Clerk to submit online.	EF
15	It was decided that no benefit could be derived at present from attending NCALC's course on 'How Local Councils Can Be More Effective Online'.	
16	It was agreed not to take up NCC's offer of free tree packs to communities as there was no current requirement for it.	
17	It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain details about the forthcoming replacement of water mains in Whilton so that residents may be kept informed about road closures, etc.	EF
18	2014 meeting dates were agreed. The Clerk will draw up a schedule which will be sent to Councillors and the webmaster to display on the website.	EF
19	Unfortunately nobody was available to attend the Canal & River Trust, (previously British Waterways), South East Waterway Partnership and South East Partnership group's local activities. View their draft Strategic Plan for the next 10 years http://canalrivertrust.org.uk/media/library/4515.pdf	
20	NCC advised that they were unable to assist with the eradication of the Valerian in the village. It was agreed to research suitable herbicides / pesticides to tackle the problem.	
21	Any Other Business - None	
22	Date of next meeting – the full Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 December 2013, at 7pm. The meeting closed at 9:25pm.	