

Minute 184

MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11 December 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 unable to attend due to illness.			
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 discussion or decision-making.			
5	Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13 November 2013 as a true record of proceedings.			
6	Finance			
1	Resolved to accept and approve the bank reconciliations for November 2013.			
2	Resolved to accept and approve the Income and Expenditure for November 2013.			
3	The 2014/15 budget, amounting to £7,975 or 4.88%, was unanimously approved. It includes upgrading 3 x 80watt mercury lanterns to more energy efficient 36watt, Roughmoor Spinney’s insurance as well as an additional amount of £150 to build up the Spinney’s reserves towards repairs/replacement of equipment.			
4	Financial Regulations were reviewed to ensure that they still meet requirements and that the expenditure limits correspond with those set in the new Standing Orders, whereafter they were approved.			
5	The Asset Register was reviewed and updated to reflect registration of the village green, whereafter it was approved.			
6	Resolved to approve the following payments:			
	Cheque No.	Payee	Description	Amount £
	S/0	E Fothergill	November 2013 salaries	206.10
	895	E Fothergill	November 2013 expenses	44.70
	896	Wroxton Business Centre	Photocopy costs: July – Nov inclusive	16.61
7	It was agreed that it would be more appropriate to submit individual responses on Daventry District Council (DDC)’s Consultation on the District’s Community Strategy 2014-18.			
8	Village Green Registration Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) registered the grass verge adjoining the church wall as Village Green on 27 November 2013. The verges outside Stone House and Home-Field farm are classified as Highway, maintainable at public expense, to be treated in accordance with county council policy and the relevant statutory provisions.			

9	Planning			
	Application	Address	Description	Decision
	DA/2012/0917	Ashby Farm, Norton Grounds, Weedon Lane, Norton	Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission DA/2012/0233 (Installation of wind turbine) to enable substitution of EWT DW54 wind turbine (max height 67 metres) for that previously approved (also 67 metres)	Not supported
10	Correspondence – Noted.			
11	Allotments			
	1	The Clerk was requested to draft a response to WAG's e-mail defining boundary maintenance responsibilities and to circulate it to councillors prior to the next meeting.		EF
	2	It was agreed to defer a decision on the final allotment rental for 2014/15 until the outcome of the investigation into the increased water consumption is known.		EF
12	Anglian Water Services' plan to carry out the design of the East Haddon to Whilton Water Mains Renewal. Entire sections of pipe totalling 12.6km are being replaced. No actual work will be carried out in the village but, due to the restricted width of a number of roads, there will be temporary road closures for a period of 26 weeks.			
13	As NCC Highways advised that the eradication of Valerian in the village was not down to them we will investigate whether we would be able to spray it with a pesticide and consult with residents before doing so. If left to grow wild, Valerian will damage brickwork and paving.			EF
14	It was unanimously agreed that DDC's website is very user friendly.			
15	Daventry District Council's Draft Strategic Housing Plan 2014-2019, comprises the Housing Strategy, Homelessness Strategy and Empty Homes Strategy to provide a comprehensive document addressing housing across Daventry District for the next five years. It was agreed not to comment as there did not seem to be a direct impact on the immediate vicinity.			
16	Any Other Business - None			
17	Date of next meeting – the full Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 30 December 2013, at 7pm. The meeting closed at 8:55pm.			