

**Minute 185**

**MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30 December 2013 at 7pm

**Present:**

Peter Wingrave (Chair) and Councillors 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 Sue Wingrave, who was unable to attend due to having prior commitments.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest** for items on the agenda – None.
- 5 Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 December 2013 as a true record of proceedings.

**6 Finance**

**1 Approval of Budget**

- 1 Daventry District Council has decided not to pass on the council tax grant to parish councils from 2014/15 onwards. Their estimated Band D increase for Whilton is £0.80 for every £100 precept and, if their estimate is accurate, it will mean an increase of £0.03/£100 on 2013/14.
- 2 Resolved to approve the 2014/15 precept amounting to £7,975 which represents an increase of 1.22% on 2013/14.

2 The Risk Assessment was reviewed, to ensure that it is still valid. Changes were made to insurance limits, in line with policy changes, whereafter it was approved.

3 Resolved to approve the following payments:

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
897	Open Spaces Society	Annual membership	45.00
898	Anglian Water	Allotment water bill – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter	26.86
S/0	E Fothergill	December 2013 salary	206.10
899	E Fothergill	December 2013 expenses	44.70
900	Post Office	PAYE for Quarter 3	154.20

**7 Planning**

<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comment</b>
DA/2011/0850	Land extending south of Station Road, east of the M1, Watford, Northamptonshire	Construction of a wind farm development (for a maximum operating life of 25 years). Comprising 5 no. turbines (each with maximum vertical height to tip of blade of 126.5m) and ancillary infrastructure including foundations, crane hard-standing, upgraded and new access tracks, 1 no. substation and control building including underground cables and transformer, 1 no. meteorological mast and temporary construction compound.	Council will submit an objection to this application after the meeting with local MP, Chris Heaton-Harris on 3 January 2014.
<b>Appeal</b> DA/2012/0742	Whilton Mill Norton Road Whilton NN11 2NH	Construction of pit garages for use in conjunction with Whilton Mill Kart Circuit	It was unanimously agreed to oppose the appeal.

8	Correspondence - Noted	
9	<b>Allotments</b>	
1	As it was impossible to accurately assess the state of the fence or get quotations to repair it due to the rubbish piled up in a corner at the back, it was unanimously agreed to request WAG to tell those responsible to have it removed by end February and, if not done, a contractor will be appointed to do so. The cost will be payable by the plot holders concerned.	
2	It was unanimously decided to increase the rent for a single plot by £2 and a double plot by £4, with effect from 1 April 2014 in respect of maintenance. In future, annual inspections will be carried out to determine maintenance requirements.	
10	It was decided not to respond to Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC) draft budget and Council Plan 2014-19 as our comments to their Asset Management consultation conveyed our feelings on the planned cuts.	
11	As the clerk mainly deals with Northamptonshire Highways it was agreed to delegate the responsibility of completing their 'Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire' to her.	EF
12	DDC's Big Poppy Plant which aims to increase the amount of wildflowers in the district to be achieved through planting suitable areas with poppies coupled with other species, has been forwarded to the Spinney Committee.	
13	Cllr Thomas provided feedback on DDC's Parish and Town Councils' meeting which he attended on 12 December.	
14	Any Other Business - None	
15	Date of next meeting – the full Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 7pm, unless urgent matters dictate that a meeting should be held in February. The meeting closed at 8:50pm.	