

**Minute 192**

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

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10 September 2014 at 7pm

**Present:**

Ken Bowers (Acting-Chairman) and Councillors, Sue Wingrave, Jonathan Hanslip, Greg Lye, Michael Thomas and Erica Fothergill (Clerk).

1	<b>Requests for dispensation</b> – None.			
2	<b>Public Open Forum:</b> Nothing to report.			
3	Resolved to accept apologies received from Peter Wingrave (work commitments) and Nora Swinford (bereavement).			
4	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> for items on the agenda - None			
5	Resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 July 2014 as a true record of proceedings.			
6	<b>Finance</b>			
1	Resolved to accept and approve the bank reconciliation for July 2014. No transactions took place in August 2014.			
2	Resolved to accept and approve the Income and Expenditure for July 2014. No transactions took place in August 2014.			
3	Resolved to approve the 2014/15 list of due payments, authorising payments occurring on a regular basis as the result of a continuing contract, statutory duty, or obligation or maintenance contract having in terms of clauses 5.6 and 5.7 and having due regard to clause 4.1 of the Financial Regulations.			
4	Resolved to approve the following payments:			
	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
	920	Cancelled		0.00
	SO	E Fothergill	July & August 2014 salaries	412.20
	SO	Maurice Clements	Acorn rent (99-year lease of land to provide direct entrance to the village hall without crossing his land)	0.05
	928	E-On	Electricity	92.87
	929	E Fothergill	July and August expenses	73.09
	930	Northants CALC	50% of the cost of training undertaken by the clerk	22.50
	931	Roy Haynes	Refund cost of repairs and petrol purchased for the Council's mower, used to maintain the churchyard	60.88
7	<b>Planning decisions</b>			
	<b>Application</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>DDC's Decision</b>
	DA/2014/0486	Land at Norton Fields Farm, Watling Street, Norton, NN11 2NA	Change of use from agricultural land to storage of up to 350 caravans, improvements to access, construction of security fencing and associated works (revised scheme)	Refused
	DA/2011/0850	Land extending south of Station Road and east of M1, Watford	Construction of a wind farm comprising 5 no. turbines (each with maximum vertical height to tip of blade of 126.5m) and ancillary infrastructure	Refused

8	Correspondence – Noted.	
9	An article advising residents about the harm Valerian can cause to stone walls and containing information on destroying it, was placed in the autumn edition of the newsletter.	
10	It was agreed that Cllr Hanslip, as Allotment Representative, would visit the allotments on a monthly basis to ensure that everything is running smoothly and does not require attention.	JH
11	It was agreed that the most suitable custodian, prior to the ceremony, of the Commemorative Stone for Henry Reynolds who was awarded a WWI V/C, would be our local historian, Anthea Hiscock. It was further agreed to defer the decision about a suitable resting place for the Stone, which is the size of a paving stone and weighs 110lb, until we have more information.  The stone will only be laid on the 100th anniversary of the VC action, namely 20 September 2017.	EF
12	It was decided to defer approval of the Standing Orders to the November meeting.	EF
13	Resolved to approve the recommended increase in Northants CALC's membership fees, from £112.31 to £215.91 with effect from April 2015, because of their invaluable interpretation of new laws, legal advice, council-related training and cost effective internal audit service. The big increase is caused by the withdrawal of Government grants/funding, forcing them to become self-sufficient. None of the Councillors will be able to attend NCALC's AGM on Sat.18 October 2014.	
14	Resolved to approve the Clerk's request to attend NCALC's 'Major Applications and Parish & Town Councils - Increasing the Effectiveness of Your Response' course. The cost of £45 will be shared by Everdon Parish Council.	
15	Any Other Business – None.	
16	Date of next meeting: The meeting closed at 8:15pm and the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 November 2014 at 7:00pm.	