

Minute 196

MINUTES OF THE FULL MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18 February 2015 at 7pm

Present:

Peter Wingrave (Chairman), Ken Bowers (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors, Jonathan Hanslip, Greg Lye, Nora Swinford, Michael Thomas and Erica Fothergill (Clerk).			
1	Requests for dispensation – None.		
2	Public Open Forum – The Chairman of Whilton Allotment Group (WAG) attended the meeting to express their opinion on maintenance issues and to offer assistance when the lease is up for renewal.		
3	Resolved to accept apologies received from Cllr Sue Wingrave, who was unable to attend the unscheduled meeting, as she had another engagement.		
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 14 January 2015 as a true record of proceedings.		
6	Finance		
1	Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation for January 2015.		
2	Resolved to approve the Income and Expenditure for January 2015.		
3	Resolved to set up a free Parish-Council.com website which includes limited advertising. It was unanimously agreed to appoint the clerk as website administrator and to increase her working hours by one hour to 26 hours per month.		
4	Resolved to approve the following payments:		
	Payment	Payee	Description
	S/O / O/L	E Fothergill	Dec 2014 salary and expenses
			Amount £
			249.50
7	Planning		
	Application	Address	Details
	DA/2014/0975 (amended)	Holly House, Main Street, Whilton	Single storey extension to provide porch and first floor side extension (ext.)
	DA/2014/0976 (amended)		Listed Building Consent for single storey ext. to provide porch and first floor side ext.
			Decision
			Supported
8	Correspondence - Noted		
9	Council completed CPRE's short questionnaire about Whilton's superfast broadband and mobile reception.		
10	It was decided to write to County Councillor Steve Osborne, who is also the Chairman of the Planning Committee, to question the decision taken by the pre-Committee case review that the constitution allowed for planning application DA/2014/0975/6 to be dealt with under officer delegated powers in terms of which the application was refused, despite having the support of the Parish Council. It is the Council's opinion that this undermines the Parish Council's right to have a say on planning applications submitted by residents.		
			EF

11	<p>The following decisions were taken with regard to the allotments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No changes were required to current tenancy agreements. To be issued by end Feb.; b. Write to the owners of Meadow House requesting them to trim the hedge behind the allotments. It is casting unwanted shade on allotment plots because it is very overgrown; c. Obtain advice/assistance from DDC and CPRE in case the owners again refuse to trim the hedge; d. Price a suitable board on which to display a plan with plot numbers; e. Council to liaise with WAG when the allotment lease is due for renewal in January 2016. 	EF
12	<p>The Clerk advised councillors that Enterprise had contacted her regarding the complaint lodged with DDC about littering along rural roads/verges and in villages. The matter had been referred to them by DDC and they have arranged for the litter to be cleared by 27th February and for regular inspections to be carried out thereafter. It was agreed to monitor the situation to ensure that it happens.</p>	EF
13	<p>It was agreed to write to the Canal and River Trust to advise them that it would be more appropriate for the Marina and/or other waterside businesses to attend their Waterway Forum meetings as they are better placed to discuss waterway problems maintenance, etc.</p>	EF
14	<p>The 2014/15 Financial Control and Risk Assessment, which now includes a section on the requirements of the Transparency Code, was reviewed and approved.</p>	
15	<p>Matters Arising – limited to 15 minutes, no decisions to be taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Electronic Service of Summons Consent’ forms were handed to councillors to complete. 	
16	<p>Date of next meeting – the next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7pm.</p>	