

Minute 204

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th January 2016 at 7pm

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – Nil

1.2 PRESENT – Councillors: Ken Bowers, Jonathan Hanslip, Greg Lye, Nora Swinford, Peter Wingrave (Chairman), Sue Wingrave, **District Councillor** Johnnie Amos, **Clerk** Sue Porter and 1 member of the public.

1.3 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2015 – It was agreed by all that the following minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

1.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Non Pecuniary Interest: Nil

Disclosable Pecuniary Interest: Nil

2. MATTERS ARISING from last meeting - Nil

3. PUBLIC TIME – Several drains throughout the village are in need of unblocking, among those identified were outside Stone House and also outside 1 South View. The Clerk will report these in to Street Doctor and also ask that all the drains in the village are also checked. Also reported was the Give Way sign at the top of the village, before heading towards Northampton, this has fallen over.

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS - Nil

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Allotments Lease Renewal – The lease has been reviewed and approved, and although there is a 6 day gap, between the lease ending and renewal, P Wingrave was informed that legally this will not be a problem. The lease cost has been increased to £130 per annum, up from £80. This will mean a rise in the allotment rents, upon renewal. The rents will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5.2 Dog Waste Bin – Under the new laws, dog waste can be placed in any bin and does not need a dedicated bin, providing it is in a bag, therefore not involving any costs for a designated bin. Signage, stating the new dog control orders, will be laminated and put up in the problem areas in the village.

5.3 Footpath from Whilton to Whilton Locks – Capt. Reynolds Way – There is no funding available from District or County Councils. J Amos has stated an estimate of £50,000 would be needed for an unmade surface; however this would involve large ongoing maintenance costs. Grant funding appears to be the only approach, possibly from the National Lottery. It was mentioned that Spratton History Society (Enid Jarvis) were recently involved in a VC project and it would be worth making contact with them for some advice.

5.4 Highways Matters:

Overgrown hedge – The hedges have been cut back towards Great Brington, however the cuttings have been left all over the road and the hedgerow is still too high. The Clerk will contact Althorp Estate, and mention that the height should be reduced, as agreed a few years back. The Clerk will also contact the Brington Clerk for assistance with this.

Bus routes in the village – The school bus is a 40 seater, which only has around a dozen children on board. This, along with the HGV's, is damaging the road and verges, and a smaller bus should be considered. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the Brington Parish Clerk for a collective approach on this and there will be a report back at the March meeting. The Clerk will also contact John Ellerby (NCC Transport) and ask about the bus routes? Who determines these and are they flexible for the driver?

5.5 Parish Elections 2016 – The Clerk will collect the nomination forms from DDC and hand these out to those Councillors standing in the May 2016. If there is no election called, the ring fenced £2,500 could be used elsewhere, maybe a contribution towards the Capt. Reynolds stone.

5.6 Capt. Reynolds Stone – Some costings for the memorial plinth have been obtained by G Lye, an approximate cost of £2,500 is to be expected. There was some discussion as to whether funding will be available, or do the Parish have to precept? The History Society will investigate at their next meeting on 15th February, and a report will be sent for the next Parish Council Meeting. It was deemed that the stone needs to be raised, and not laid flat on the Green. Decisions need to be made as to the materials to be used, the quality of the product, the need to be vandal proof and also being a unique addition to the village.

5.7 Precept for 2016/2017

Capt. Reynolds Stone – The Parish Council await the outcome of the discussions from the History Society.

2018 Fireworks Display – It was agreed that the funding for this event, can be split over 2 years. £261 was allocated for 2016/17, with further funding being allocated in 2017-18.

P Wingrave proposed that Whilton Parish Council require a precept of £9,003 for 2016/17, payable in two instalments from Daventry District Council, this was seconded by S Wingrave and all voted in favour. This is an increase of 7.5% from last year.

(J Hanslip leaves at 8pm)

6. FINANCE

6.1 Approve Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation's from November & December 2015

6.2 Accounts to be paid – November 2015 - January 2016:

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| Online | S Porter – Clerk's Salary Nov 15 | £ 236.98 |
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| DD | Anglian Water – Allotments Sept – Dec 2015 | £ 28.82 |
| DD | 123 Reg – Domain Renewal | £ 8.38 |
| Chq No 955 | E-On - Street Lighting Maintenance Oct-Dec 15 | £ 57.32 |
| Chq No 956 | Open Spaces Society – Annual Subscription | £ 45.00 |
| Chq No 957 | Whilton Village Hall – Hall Hire Sept 2014-August 2015 | £ 91.00 |

P Wingrave proposed to accept the bank reconciliations and payments to be made, this was seconded by S Wingrave, and all voted in favour.

7. PLANNING

7.1 PLANNING PERMISSIONS GRANTED

The following planning permissions were noted by the Parish Council:

DA/2015/0839 – Conversion of garage to provide additional accommodation and construction of new garage block – **Lower Farm House, Brington Lane, Whilton**

DA/2015/1102 – Construction of cattle shed – **Brooklyn House, Whilton Locks**

8. CORRESPONDENCE - Noted

8.1 Invitation to attend Daventry and South Northants Independent Advisory Group (IAG) – 22nd February 2015 – Daventry Police Station

8.2 Open Space, Sport and Recreation Review for Whilton Parish

8.3 Letter from Adam Simmonds – Police & Crime Commissioner

9. Any Other Business

An e-mail was received earlier today from Ian Boyes, NCC Highways with regards to the Canal Shop at Whilton Locks and the no parking signs, and bollards. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Clerk will also check the working party is covered under the Parish Council insurance policy.

10. Date of next meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 9th March 2016

Meeting Closed: 8:25pm