

Minute 205

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th March 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, **County Councillor:** Steve Osborne, **Clerk:** Sue Porter and 1 member of the public.

1.3 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2016 – 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 – The drains outside South View are overflowing following the recent heavy rainfall. There is also a broken BT cover in the pavement, just down from the Village Hall. The Clerk will report these items into Street Doctor and will also request a map of the drains in the village for ease of reporting problems.

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

DDC- Steve Osborne – There will be a slight increase to council tax bills in April, however the District are still amongst the lowest in the country. In Planning, a petting farm proposed for Brington was refused by the Committee, however is likely to go to appeal. Highways had no objections to the application.

NCC – Steve Osborne – There has been £67million in budget cuts agreed by the County Council. There will be a 4% increase in rates. No district councils want to join with the council to make a unitary council at this current time.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Allotments Lease Renewal – This item has been deferred to May to the draft lease being delayed due to illness.

5.2 Allotments Rent Increase – Due to Item 5.1 not being agreed, this item has been deferred.

5.3 Buses/HGV's – Liaise with Brington Parish Council – The roads between Whilton and Brington are being damaged by the HGV's and buses. It was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged with representatives from Brington Parish Council and Ian Boyes (NCC Highways). This meeting can determine the way forward and whether signage needs altering at either end.

5.4 Parish Elections 2016 – Nomination papers have arrived and the Parish Council has 7 seats up for election on Thursday 5th May. A minimum of 3 seats need to be filled. The current Parish Council will urge parishioners to join, however should more than 7 apply; this would mean an election would have to be called. Costs can be shared if there are District or Council elections at the same time.

5.5 Capt. Reynolds Stone – The Parish Council have agreed to contribute £500 towards the event, and the Parish Council will write to confirm this, which will then enable the History Society to apply for match funding. The Royal Scots Regiment have agreed to pay for the stone surround, this was confirmed by Tom Fisher, their representative.

K Bowers has provided a quote for the construction of the memorial for Capt. Reynolds; this is priced for the sum of £1368 plus VAT. The History Society will need to seek approval of this from the Regiment. The History Society are currently applying for grants from WW1 – Now and Then and Smaller Communities Grant (DDC). The Parish Council will be kept informed of all stages of planning the event. Invitations will be sent from the History Society, liaising with the Parish Council. There is a choir concert planned for the Friday evening along with a photographic exhibition. Grants are available to assist with putting on these events. On the event day, there is to be a procession, religious service, marquee and lunch provided.

5.6 DDC Local Plan – Consultation – J Hanslip attended the workshop held by DDC. It was confirmed that Whilton is considered a low risk village for large housing developments. There will also be a consultation to determine the actual “Daventry town centre”.

5.7 Parking Issue – Canal Shop, Whilton Locks – It has been proposed by NCC Highways, and in conjunction with the Canal Turn Shop, that “Do Not Park on the Verge” signs are installed along with 4 bollards to prevent the parking of vehicles between the farm shop exit and the canal bridge. The view for customers exiting the shop is being obscured and is considered a highway danger. The Parish Council have concerns that there is nowhere else for people to park and the more serious problem is the speed limit along this stretch of road. This needs to be reduced from a 60mph to 30mph limit. It will also be asked if a sign can be erected advising drivers of an obscured exit approaching and to approach with caution.

5.8 Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 13th April 6:30pm – It was agreed that the invitations will be arranged by S Wingrave and there will be a planning meeting prior to the Meeting at 6pm to discuss any planning applications.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Approve Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation’s from January & February 2016

6.2 Approve Accounts to be paid (January to March 2016):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary Jan 16	£ 237.18
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary Feb 16	£ 236.98
Chq No 958	Northants ACRE Membership Renewal 2016-17	£ 35.00
Chq No 959	Smith of Derby – Church Clock Maintenance 2016	£ 234.00
Chq No 960	R Haynes – Mower Service	£ 106.96
Chq No 961	E-On – Street Lighting Oct-Dec2015	£ 97.04
Chq No 962	Orchard Print Services – Newsletter Winter 2015-16	£ 143.00
	Orchard Print Services – Newsletter Spring 2016	£ 143.00

J Hanslip proposed to accept the accounts and the cheques to be paid, this was seconded by G Lye and all voted in favour.

7. PLANNING

7.1 PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

(P & S Wingrave declare an interest)

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission:

DA/2015/1058 – Remove tree subject of TPO DA75 – **Foxhill, Brington Lane, Whilton**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 NCC Consultation – Northampton Northern Orbital Route Consultation

(The Northampton Northern Orbital Route is a proposal for a new road, which will relieve traffic from the north of Northampton as well as accommodating traffic growth from future development.

This consultation seeks people's views and opinions about the need for, and location of, the new road, and people's preferred route for the new road) – Noted

8.2 Village Hall – Hiring Rate increase of 50p per hour

8.3 Best Village Competition – Noted

**9. Date of next meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 13th April 2016 – 6pm
(Planning) then Annual Parish Meeting – 6:30pm**

Meeting Closed: 8:40pm