

**Minute 207**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL  
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 7:30pm**

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1.1** A Gilbert, J Hanslip, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), M Thomas, District Councillor J Amos and 2 members of the public

**1.2 APOLOGIES** – K Hiscock

**1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Personal or Prejudicial - Nil

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016** – It was proposed by M Thomas, seconded by R Smith and all agreed that the minutes were a true and correct record of the meeting, these were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

**1. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1** DDC – Environmental Impact Assessment Ecology Response - Proposed Daventry North East Sustainable Urban Extension – The developers have responded to the report given from the Parish Council.

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – An enquiry was made as to why the DACT minibus does not pick up residents from the village? J Hanslip will make enquiries and report back at the next meeting.

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**DDC – Johnnie Amos** – Apologies were given from newly elected District Councillor Adam Brown, he hopes to attend the next meeting. Councillor Amos congratulated the village on the excellent newsletter and stated what a great read it is. He will continue to provide assistance to have the transfer of the allotment gardens from DDC to the PC. He will also support the Capt. Reynolds Way footpath to Whilton Locks and mentioned the various options available.

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Meeting with Brington Parish Council/NCC re Brington Lane & 20mph speed limit** – The meeting has taken place and Ian Boyes (NCC) has stated he will contact the Sat Nav companies and advise HGV/delivery vehicles from using the route through the village.

The signage is adequate and does not need to be changed.

NCC are not aware of any issues with buses and coaches using the Brington Lane, the Clerk will contact John Ellerby (NCC) with the concerns from the Parish Council.

The hedge maintenance is undertaken by Althorp Estate.

The Clerk will contact Ian Smith (NCC) to discuss the road surface condition.

Very few villages manage to have a 20mph speed limit, and this is generally for those who have no footpaths and the traffic is unable to go much faster. NCC have agreed to send the request through to the Speed Limit Review Panel. There will be a speed data gathering device erected in Brington Lane and the data collected will be sent to the PC for review.

There is no budget available for traffic calming measures/vehicle activated signs.

The emergency service vehicles have no issues with traffic parking in the village, and added that the parked cars do restrict speeding.

The residents in Whilton Locks, by the bridge, would like a dropped kerb and hardstanding. A Lee will contact the Marina about the car parking issues in the Locks.

**6.2 Capt. Reynolds Stone Update** – The Regiment will not be funding the headstone. There has been an offer to build the plinth for free, including time and materials, from a local builder. The working party will need to decide the best time for this to be built.

The suggestion of Capt.Reynolds Way was discussed, this could be in the form of a “permissive footpath” using the land adjacent to the road. A Lee will discuss this option with the landowners. District Councillor Amos mentioned using an alternative solution using road markings and a reduced speed limit, the details will be sent to the Parish Council.

**6.3 Allotment Gardens** – Following an Allotment Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June, it was agreed to send a letter to DDC from the Parish Council requesting a transfer of ownership.

**6.4 Financial Regulations 2016** – It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by M Thomas and all voted in favour to adopt the financial regulations 2016.

**6.5 Daventry Villages Together** – The Parish Council declined to make any comments as to the effectiveness of the group.

**6.6 Grass Verges Mowing** – The grass cutting at the top of the village is inadequate and dangerous for road users of the junctions. The Clerk will contact Robert Dawkins to ask for a quote for undertaking this cut, when necessary. The cuts given from NCC are limited to three times a year.

**6.7 Flooding on Main Street/South View drains** – The Clerk will contact Street Doctor and ask for an inspection of the drains.

**6.8 Community Defibrillation** – The Parish Council would like to consider purchasing two defibrillators, one for the village and one for Whilton Locks. The local businesses will be approached for any donations. A letter will be produced and distributed by A Gilbert, A Lee and J Hanslip. The Clerk will also contact EMAS, who can provide the units and training. Locations will need to be discussed and M Thomas would also like the possibility of adopting the BT Phone Box.

**6.9 NCALC – Clerk’s New Salary Scales to be approved** – It was proposed by A Gilbert, seconded by J Hanslip and all voted in favour to accept the 1% pay increase awarded to the Parish Clerk, this is to be backdated to April.

**6.10 Dog Waste Bins** – A Gilbert proposed to purchase a dog waste bin from Glasdon, seconded by R Smith and all voted in favour. This will be installed at the bottom of Buckby Lane, by the horses.

#### **6.11 Internal Audit Report 2015-16**

Legal Powers, Bank Balances and Income Received – The Parish Council noted the comments made by the Internal Auditor, and it was agreed that these have now all been actioned.

## **7. FINANCE**

M Thomas proposed that the following accounts and bank reconciliations be approved, this was seconded by R Smith and all voted in favour.

### **7.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from May 2016**

#### **7.2 Accounts to be paid (May to June 2016):**

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary May 16	£ 236.98	LGA 1972 s151
Online	HMRC – PAYE Q4	£ 331.48	LGA 1972 s151
Chq No 969	R Haynes - Lawnmower & Petrol	£ 537.64	Open Spaces Act 1906

#### **7.3 Payments Received**

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Bank Balance (as at 31.05.2016)	Total	£13,741.11
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## **8. PLANNING**

**DA/2016/0498** - Construction of two storey rear extension in lieu of single storey rear extension already approved - **Foxhill, Brington Lane, Whilton**  
**No Objections**

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 DDC** – Fixed Penalty Notices for Fly Tipping – Noted

**9.2 NCC** – Public Consultation – Mineral and Waste Local Plan Update – Final Draft Plan – No comments to make

**9.3 E-On** – Increase in Electricity Rates – The increase in costs from 1<sup>st</sup> July is from 12.40p per kWh to 14.40p per kWh. The Clerk will contact E-On to find out the reduction for having a fixed term contract.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August @ 7:30pm**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October @ 7: 30pm**

**Meeting Closed: 9:16pm**