

Minute 210

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th October at 7:30pm**

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 PRESENT – A Gilbert, J Hanslip, K Hiscock, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), M Thomas, District Councillors J Amos & A Brown, Clerk – S Porter and 2 members of the public

1.2 APOLOGIES – S Osborne (County Councillor)

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Nil

1.4 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on **WEDNESDAY 24th AUGUST 2016** – It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by J Hanslip, and all voted in favour that these are a true and correct record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Broadband Speeds in the Village – A letter from the three Parishes (Norton, Whilton & Brington) has been submitted to BT. They have replied requesting a random sample of numbers for speed testing purposes. This information will be collated and sent.

3.2 New Seat Purchased & Installed – G Kenning installed the new seat and removed the damaged one.

3.3 Whilton Signage Query – A5 to Whilton Locks (narrow lane) – It was agreed by all that the course of action should be to re-instate the correct signage along this lane. The Clerk will contact Ian Boyes (NCC).

3.4 Brington Lane – Highway Condition – Part of the Lane is due to be repaired within the next few days. The Clerk will get an update from Ian Smith (NCC) as to the remaining potholes which are in need of attention.

3.5 Buses in Whilton village – John Ellerby (NCC) reported that a midi bus runs three times a week through the village. The Parish Council agreed that this is a valuable service which the village would not to lose.

3.6 DACT Bus – An article will be included in the next newsletter to see if there are any residents whom would like to use the service.

3.7 Anglian Water Road Closure – There was no information provided to residents as to the exact details of the recent roadworks/road closures in the village. The Clerk will e-mail Gary Thorp to try and prevent this happening again.

4. PUBLIC TIME – There is a problems with large vehicles using Brington Lane from the Brington end. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask that Sat Nav companies can be informed that this route is not suitable for HGV's. With regards to the upcoming Fireworks, can the farmers be warned so that livestock can be shut away. An article will be included in the Newsletter to advise residents. There is a problem with speeding in the village with little respect for horses. The Clerk will request some speed aware signs from Highways. Large farm vehicles also need to slow down, with erosion of the bank along Main Street is evident. A newsletter article will advise residents of the speed limit of 30mph and to also be like the Parish Councillors and join the pledge to drive at 20mph.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS – A warm welcome was extended to District Councillor Adam Brown on his first visit to the PC Meeting. J Amos advised that with the allotments transfer of ownership, technical delays have occurred and the legal team are pursuing the deeds. The PC were also advised that Grants are available for match funding for community groups.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Community Defibrillators – Two donations have been received to assist with the purchase of two defibrillators at a cost of £999 plus VAT each. Thank you letters will be sent to both Whilton Mill and Whilton Locks Carpet Co. A suggestion will be made to the local groups if they are planning any fundraising events to consider a donation and the Clerk will send the letter template to A Gilbert and J Hanslip. County Councillor Steve Osborne will be approached to see if there is any Empowering Money available. The Church will also be asked if they could be a suitable location for one of the units.

6.2 Capt. Henry Reynolds Event – An open meeting will be held on Monday 17th October. The Heritage Lottery grant will pay for the event information boards in the villages. Money is still needed for the marquee hire. Quotes are required from three builders for the wall, and the Parish Council will pay for these building works. It was suggested that a budget of £1,000 be considered at precept time with £500 of this amount to be used for match funding in an application to DDC.

6.3 Allotments

Transfer of Ownership – Discussed during the District Councillors reports.

WAG Management & Administration Duties – It was agreed that all admin duties have now been transferred to the Group.

6.4 Permitted Footpath to Whilton Locks – No news to report.

6.5 BDO – External Audit 2015/16 – The report has been completed and there were no matters arising to report.

6.6 Dog waste in the Church bin – A complaint has been received that the church bin is being used. The Parish Council will monitor the effectiveness of the recently installed dog waste bin and ask the Church to provide signage to advise dog walkers against using the bin and use the bin on the Village Green.

6.7 Whilton Locks

6.7.1 Repair/Maintenance

Canal side carved benches – These benches are in need of some repair and maintenance and the Clerk will ask for a quote from G Kenning.

Wooden noticeboard – G Kenning will also be asked to look and see if the noticeboard can be tidied up.

Carved Wooden Sign – Minor repairs are needed to wooden sign as you approach Whilton Locks from the A5 and G Kenning will also quote for this.

6.7.2 Salt Bin – The Clerk will request a salt bin for the end of Spotted Cow Lane.

6.7.3 Obscured Road Signs – These signs are obscured by vegetation and the Clerk will contact NCC to arrange for this to be cut back.

6.7.4 Parking outside cottages – parking bay/dropped kerb – A site meeting will be requested with NCC Highways, A Lee, K Hiscock and the local residents.

6.8 Welcome Pack – J Melling and A Gilbert will collate the details for the welcome pack and pass to M Thomas to produce the leaflet.

6.9 Whilton Mill Karting – Noise Problem – The complainant will be invited to the next Parish Council Meeting to determine the exact details of the problem to enable the Councillors to make a decision on dealing with the situation.

6.10 Whilton Locks 40mph Speed Limit – The enforcement and signage for the 40mph limit will be in place around Spring 2017. Suggested locations for the signs are before the Railway Bridge and by Whilton Mill.

6.11 Main Street – Large Farm Vehicles – This was discussed during Public Time.

7. FINANCE

It was proposed by M Thomas, seconded by K Hiscock, and all voted in favour to approve the following accounts:

7.1 Latest Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliations (August & September)

7.2 Accounts paid (August & September 2016):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary August 16	£ 239.18	LGA 1972 s151
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Online	DDC – Election Costs 2016	£ 83.00	LGA 1972 s111
Online	M Clements – Peppercorn Rent	£ 0.05	LGA 1972 s111
Online	123 Reg – Annual E-Mail Subscription	£ 28.66	LGA 1972 s111

7.3 Accounts to be paid

Chq No 973	Orchard Print Services - Newsletter	£ 154.00	LGA 1972 s142
Chq No 974	Glasdon – Seat	£ 485.46	PCA 1957
Chq No 975	G Kenning – Remove/Install Seat	£ 85.00	PCA 1957
Chq No 976	E-On – Street Lighting July-Sept16	£ 112.70	PCA 1957 s3

7.4 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest (August & September)	£ 0.36
Nat West	Refund of Charges	£ 390.68
DDC	½ Year Precept	£4,501.50

7.5 Bank Balance (as at 30.09.2016) Total £16,395.84

8. PLANNING

11/0052/FULWND (AMENDED) – New canal arm and associated works linking the Grand Union Canal & Daventry Town Centre – **Land from Grand Union Canal to Daventry Town Centre**
No comments to make from the Parish Council.

DA/2016/0863 – Single storey rear and side extensions, external alterations – **The Manor House, Manor Lane, Whilton**

No Objections

DA/2016/0864 – Listed Building Consent for single storey rear and side extensions, internal and external alterations – **The Manor House, Manor Lane, Whilton**

No Objections

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Kilsby Parish Council – Parish Neighbourhood Plans – The contents of the letter were noted. It was agreed that the Parish Council ask if a DDC Planning Officer could provide a training course to enable the Council to be able to respond to planning applications correctly.

10. Agreed Meeting Dates for 2017

Wednesday 11th January

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 10th May

Wednesday 12th July

Wednesday 13th September

Wednesday 8th November

Meeting Closed: 9:30pm