

**Minute 211**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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, Clerk – S Porter and 6 members of the public

**1.2 APOLOGIES** – District Councillor D Smith

**1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Nil

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2016** – It was agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and these were signed and dated by the Chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 Broadband Speeds in the Village** – R Smith has composed a letter to BT and this will be sent, requesting that Whilton be included in this year's plans (2017).

**3.2 BT proposal to remove telephone box in Whilton Locks** – DDC agree with the response from the PC, and have asked BT to retain the phone box. A decision will be provided in due course.

**3.3 Welcome Pack** – K Hiscock will ask Anthea for the original documents for the Welcome Pack and these will be forwarded to A Gilbert and J Melling to update.

**3.4 Allotments - Transfer of Ownership from DDC** – DDC have sent an offer for the PC to purchase the allotments for the sum of £2,400 plus the cost of legal fees of £1,000 and conveyancing fees of £250 plus VAT. R Smith has been delegated authority to negotiate and see if a better offer will be accepted, a suggestion of £2,000 was suggested.

**3.5 Permitted Footpath** – A Lee reports that following advice, an 8ft access strip would be required from all the landowners that would be affected from Whilton to Whilton Locks. As payment is currently received for the agricultural use of the land from the EU, it would be difficult to negotiate.

**3.6 Brington Lane Repairs** – Repairs were reported as being undertaken by a member of the public at the Great Brington end, but as yet no repairs have been undertaken at the Whilton end and this road will be monitored.

**3.7 Whilton Locks** – G Kenning has been instructed to undertake the maintenance work at Whilton Locks, this will involve the signs, bench and noticeboard, all for the sum of £250.00.

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – Two residents from Whilton Locks spoke about the one way system being discussed at Item 6.4, they are in support of the one way signage being re-instated.

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS** – Nothing to report.

## **6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Community Defibrillators** – A donation has been received from the annual Carol Singing for the sum of £270, the Clerk will write to thank Mary Emery for their support. The Gardeners Association has also raised £108 for the project. The Clerk will chase the £500 donation offered from Whilton Mill, and once this is received an order can be placed for the two defibrillators. The locations will need to be considered; in Whilton it will be asked if the Village Hall would be suitable and approved by the Committee, in Whilton Locks, the Marina will be contacted. The installation and training can then be arranged.

**6.2 Whilton Mill Karting – Noise Complaint** – This will be deferred until the resident can attend the meeting to discuss the problems in more detail, and determine how/if a solution can be reached.

**6.3 Roughmoor Spinney** – There is now a full Committee, with the next meeting to be held in February. Risk Assessments need to be recorded on a monthly basis, and copies provided to the Parish Council, the Pre School need to be involved in the Risk Assessment process. J Hanslip is the Parish Representative on the Committee. Many thanks were given to the Committee for all their hard work.

**6.4 Whilton Locks – ‘One Way’ Lane Signage** – The Parish Council discussed the results of the consultation, and the comments made in Public Time. It was agreed by all that the signage should be re-instated for one way traffic, with no entry except for access. This will need to be mentioned in the next newsletter to advise residents of this.

**6.5 Whilton Locks – Meeting with Ian Boyes (NCC Highways) re parking issues** – A Lee, K Hiscock and Mike Lewis met with Ian Boyes. The outcome being that as Whilton Locks will be having a 40mph speed limit, a parking solution outside the cottages can now be considered.

**6.6 Speeding – 20mph Village Campaign & Brington Lane speed limit** – M Thomas has produced a “Twenty is Plenty” campaign leaflet. R Smith proposed that the Parish Council sign up to this campaign, seconded by J Hanslip and all voted in favour. Funding required will cost the following; for 220 car stickers - £220, and 12 road signs - £210 (£17.50 each). Funding was approved. The Parish Council will sign up for the Community Speedwatch; 6 volunteers are needed, and this will run for 3 weeks over a 6 week period, around July time. All voted in favour to proceed, M Thomas will co-ordinate the project. At the March meeting a detailed discussion on speeding and volume of traffic through the village will take place.

**6.7 Parking in Main Street** – Vehicles are churning up the bank and verges through the village and Brington Lane, this situation will be monitored.

**6.8 Red Telephone Box in Whilton Village** – BT will refurbish the telephone box during 2017, the Clerk will request this takes place before September.

**6.9 Daventry NE Sustainable Urban Extension** – A Lee attended the recent Feedback Session with the Planning Consultants. There will be a meeting held with Norton Parish Council, and Whilton Parish Council will be invited to send 2 councillors along to discuss the highways.

**6.10 Capt. Henry Reynolds Event Update** – A letter of support will be provided to the History Society. The Clerk will continue to chase for quotes from builders for the memorial base.

**6.11 Amended Lease for Allotment plot holders** – The change of wording on the lease was approved by the Parish Council. There are currently 4 vacant half plots which need to be advertised, other than in the newsletter.

**6.12 NCC – Community Enhancement Gangs** – The parish councillors were asked to submit their requests to the Clerk prior to the deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**6.13 Precept Planning 2017/18** – The budget was prepared by M Thomas and copies provided to all. It was proposed by M Thomas, seconded by K Hiscock, that Whilton Parish Council do precept upon Daventry District Council the total sum of £9,903 for 2017/18. This will be payable in two instalments, April and September 2017. This is an increase of 10% from 2016/17.

## 7. FINANCE

It was proposed by M Thomas, seconded by A Gilbert, that the following accounts be approved.

### 7.1 Latest Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliations (October, November & December)

#### 7.2 Accounts paid (October, November & December 2016):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary October 16	£ 245.78	LGA 1972 s151
Online	HMRC – PAYE 2015-16 Q4	£ 56.46	LGA 1972 s151
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary November 16	£ 266.48	LGA 1972 s151
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary December 16	£ 239.78	LGA 1972 s151
Online	Anglian Water – Allotments Sept-Dec16	£ 19.47	LGA 1972 S111

#### 7.3 Accounts to be paid

Chq No 977	Orchard Print Services – Newsletters x 2	£ 327.80	LGA 1972 s142
Chq No 978	Whilton Village Hall – Hall Hire Sept15-Aug16	£ 102.00	LGA 1972 s111
Chq No 979	Aylesbury Mains – Street Light Repair	£ 70.20	PCA 1957 s3

#### 7.4 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest (October – December 2016)	£ 0.25
Whilton Marina	Defibrillator Donation	£ 250.00
Whilton Carpets	Defibrillator Donation	£ 100.00

**7.5 Bank Balances (as at 31.12.2016)                      Total                      £14,917.30**

## 8. PLANNING

**DA/2016/1142** – Single storey front extension – **Wychwood, Brington Lane, Whilton**

**No Objections**

**DA/2016/1158** – Construction of a pair of jetties within Marina basin and construction of building to provide workshop and staff facilities – **Whilton Marina, Whilton Locks**

***The Parish Council have no objections to this application being given approval but would like to make observations about the size of the building and also request that adequate screening is provided.***

### **PLANNING APPLICATION GRANTED**

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission granted:

**DA/2016/0863** – Internal and external alterations – **The Manor House, Manor Lane, Whilton**

## 9. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 8th March 2017

**Meeting Closed: 9:30pm**