

Minute 213

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th March - 7:30pm

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 PRESENT – A Gilbert, A Lee, R Smith (Chairman), M Thomas, County Councillor S Osborne, S Porter (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

1.2 APOLOGIES – J Hanslip, K Hiscock, J Melling

1.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Nil

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2017 & EXTRAORDINARY MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2017 – The minutes were approved by A Lee, seconded by M Thomas and all voted in favour that these were a true and correct record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Broadband Speeds in the Village – E-mail confirmation has been received that the Stage 3 element will begin April/May 2017. Gigaclear expect to have their fibre rollout completed by the end of 2018. If the speeds being received are under the 2Mbps limit, it is possible that a satellite system can be installed on the property. A box is needed at the top of the village and clarification is needed as to what Whilton will actually be getting, completion dates and will there be charges to run fibre to properties? R Smith to send an e-mail.

3.2 Whilton Locks – ‘One Way’ Lane Signage – Ian Boyes (NCC) has confirmed that the new signs will be in place from April once the new budgets are in place.

4. PUBLIC TIME – Litter problems in the village were discussed, the Parish Council have registered an interest to undertake this duty themselves from 2018, but await the offer from DDC. Litter picking can be requested from DDC in specific areas. A village litter pick needs to be organised during April, the Clerk will arrange to hire the equipment and have the waste bags collected once a date is agreed. R Smith will ask J Hanslip to co-ordinate as he has undertaken previous litter picks.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

County Councillor S Osborne – Confirmation that the budget will balance at the end of the financial year on 31st March 2017. Cuts have been implemented and there is little available money to spend. More money has been allocated to pot holes and road repairs. Cuts have been made to the elderly and children’s services, but there remains a statutory obligation to provide these. Elections will take place on 4th May, and it is predicted that the proposed unitary status will then push forward.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Community Defibrillators – The order has been placed for the 2 defibrillators and cabinets and the locations for these will need to be decided. Bedazzled have offered to accommodate the one for Whilton Locks, and the Village Hall is still the preferred location for the village. Quotes will be needed for the installation to the power supply.

6.2 Whilton Mill Karting – Noise Complaints – It was agreed that this is not a Parish Council matter and any complaints should be referred to Environmental Health at DDC.

6.3 Speeding – ‘Twenty is Plenty’ Campaign – M Thomas has written a newsletter article asking for volunteers to participate in the Community Speedwatch programme. Currently there are 5 volunteers signed up. The training date is arranged for 22nd July 2017. Braunston Parish Council will be Whilton’s partner in the scheme, with the equipment shared between the two villages. The “Twenty is Plenty” car stickers and signs have been ordered and will arrive next week. 1 car sticker per household will be delivered, along with a leaflet asking for volunteers to join the Community Speedwatch. The signs will be erected through the village.

6.4 Capt. Henry Reynolds Event – Quotes for stone plinth – 3 quotes have been received. The quote from local builder, Pete Holman, at a cost of £544.75 was the preferred option and it was agreed by all to accept this quote. A Gilbert will inform the Working Party.

6.5 Dog Fouling Campaign – Following the recent forum at DDC the following information was relayed back to the Parish Council; if photographic evidence of dog fouling can be provided, DDC can issue fines. The Paint means Poo campaign had little effect in reducing the problem. Special effect posters (with light up eyes) can be purchased for problem areas at a cost of £100.00. It was agreed that the Parish Council will print and laminate their own signs and post these along Buckby Lane and the path to The Spinney. This will be a trial system and R Smith will arrange.

6.6 Annual Parish Meeting – It was agreed by all that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held before the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10th May. This will commence at 6:30pm and refreshments, cheese and wine will be offered to the parishioners. R Smith to purchase, an allowance of £100 was approved.

6.7 Allotments - Transfer of Ownership from DDC – The documents and initial fees have been sent to the Solicitors, along with the Head of Terms. An update will be provided in May. The Clerk needs to send an invoice to the Allotment Group for the rents collected for 2017. The allotment holder’s lease is being updated.

6.8 Telephone Box – BT have agreed to paint the telephone box but are unable to provide an estimated date when the work will be carried out. R Smith will write and ask that this is completed prior to September as many dignitaries will be present at the Capt. Henry Reynolds event.

6.9 The Spinney – No updates to report.

6.10 Open Spaces Society – It was agreed by all that this membership is not necessary and will not be renewed.

7. FINANCE

7.1 Latest Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliations (January & February 2017) -
The following accounts were approved by M Thomas, seconded by A Gilbert and all voted in favour.

7.2 Accounts paid (February & March):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary January 17	£ 221.18	LGA 1972 s151
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses January 17	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s151
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary February 17	£ 220.98	LGA 1972 s151
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses February 17	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s151
Chq No 980	Rollasons Solicitors - Allotment Transfer	£ 400.00	SHAA 1908 ss23

7.3 Accounts to be paid:

Chq No 981	Smith of Derby – Church Clock Service	£ 241.20	PCA 1957 s2
Chq No 982	G Kenning – Whilton Locks Maintenance	£ 250.00	LGA 1972 s111
Chq No 983	E-On – Street Lighting Oct-Dec16	£ 112.70	PCA1957 s3

7.4 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest (January & February 2017)	£ 0.08
Whilton Mill	Defibrillator Donation	£ 500.00
Carol Singers	Defibrillator Donation	£ 270.00
Gardening Club	Defibrillator Donation	£ 108.00

7.5 Bank Balances (as at 28.02.2017) Total £14,232.21

8. PLANNING

8.1 PLANNING APPLICATION GRANTED

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission granted:

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

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 Road Closure – Norton to Daventry (20th-24th March 2017) – This was noted by the Parish Council. Following a recent meeting with the developers of the major housing development in Daventry, and Norton Parish Council, the A5 crossroads at Whilton were discussed. It was agreed that the developers need to put aside funds for improvements to this section of the A5, and this will be discussed at the meeting in May. The Clerk will circulate the latest traffic data results for the village and it needs to be discussed if this is sufficient or does the Parish Council need to pay for an improved and more detailed survey.

9.2 Meeting with Stephen Mold – Police Crime Commissioner – R Smith is interested in attending the April meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 10th May 2017 – 7:30pm
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Wednesday 10th May 2017 – 6:30pm

Meeting Closed: 9:05pm