

Minute 216

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th July - 7:30pm

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

Attendance: Parish Councillors – A Gilbert, K Hiscock, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), M Thomas, Clerk – Sue Porter and 1 member of the public

1.1 APOLOGIES – J Hanslip, A Lee, S Osborne (NCC)

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Personal or Prejudicial – Nil

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 10th MAY and the

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE – It was approved by R Smith, seconded by J Melling that these were a true and correct record and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Telephone Box Refurbishment – The telephone box on The Green has benefited from having the handle refitted, and has also been painted by BT.

3.2 Minutes from the DDC Parish & Town Councils Meeting – 15th June 2017 – These were circulated to all Councillors by e-mail.

4. PUBLIC TIME – Reports of another pothole by the 30mph speed limit on the Brington Lane. The Clerk will report this in to Street Doctor.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

DDC (Johnnie Amos) – Councillor Amos reported he is very pleased that the transfer of allotment land from DDC to the PC is going ahead. The Brington Road to Flore will be closed for up to 6 months to enable a new bridge to be built for the bypass. There could be a possible temporary link to the Brockhall Road to prevent the long diversion for the schools. This is expected to commence around September time. The A45 roadworks between Flore and Daventry will recommence shortly now that the badger situation has been resolved. Delays will be in happening in the centre of Flore (A45) due to the new housing development drainworks, this will be for around one month. All these roadworks will lead to an increase in traffic on the Nobottle Road.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Asset Register 2017 – This will be updated with the litter picking equipment costs and approved at the September meeting.

6.2 Allotments – Transfer of Ownership from DDC – The PC's Solicitor has received the Heads of Terms and is awaiting contact from the DDC legal representatives. DDC have agreed to transfer the ownership to the PC in total, therefore the PC will own the allotments. If a future PC decides to sell the land, 100% of the sale funds will go to DDC; less the purchase fee paid by the PC, which will be linked to inflation and with interest added.

6.3 Community Defibrillators – Requests have been made to a number of electricians to quote for the installation of 2 defibrillators - one in Whilton and one at Whilton Locks. Only 2 companies were willing to provide quotes. Nick Roberts Electrical have quoted £818 for the installation of both defibrillators, Mann Electrical Services have quoted £278 plus VAT to install the defibrillator at Whilton Locks only. In comparison to similar work carried out in other Parishes, these quotes appeared to be reasonable.

Due to the lack of any further quotes coming forward, it was voted by all that the PC proceed with the quote from Nick Roberts. The Clerk will instruct Nick Roberts to undertake the work. The two training courses can then be arranged, one in Whilton Village Hall and one in Whilton Locks. There will be spaces for 12-15 people to attend each course. Laminated cards with details of defibrillator locations and basic instructions will be distributed to each household.

6.4 Capt Reynolds Celebrations (History Society) – The plans for the celebrations are moving forward. The autobiography written by Anthea Hiscock is about to go to print. There will be two history information lecterns erected at Whilton Locks and on Whilton Green. Planning permission is required from DDC; this can be applied for by the Parish Council along with a cheque for £110.00. M Thomas proposed that the planning permission is applied for, seconded by R Smith and all voted in favour. Fundraising is ongoing by the History Society with a recent successful quiz night; and another one planned, along with a coffee morning. £7,000 has been received from the Lottery Fund, along with a grant from DDC for £500.

6.5 The Definitive Map & Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Maurice Clements has completed the survey report of the 8 paths as requested by NCC. The most used is FL5 is a well maintained footpath, which gives a short but good view over the Parish, this then joins with the FL4 to head back to the village. FL7 is a bridleway which has 2 gates damaged and around 36 old car tyres dumped. This would prevent many walkers from using this route. This information will be passed to the NCC Rights of Way team.

6.6 Internal Audit Report 2016-17 – The Internal Auditor’s comments have been noted. The Risk Assessment document has been reviewed and adopted by the Parish Council and this will be added to the website to conform with the Transparency Code.

6.7 DDC - Part 2 Settlements & Countryside Local Plan – Local Green Space nominations for Parish Annex – The Parish Council will submit nominations for The Green, The Allotments and The Spinney.

6.8 NCC – Pathfinder II Flood Resilience Project for Whilton Parish – The Parish Council will express their interest in taking part in the project, if only to get clarification as to why Whilton has been selected.

6.9 Paint Means Poo Campaign 2017 – Randal and Anthea Smith will be taking part on behalf of Whilton PC.

6.10 NCALC – Transparency Code Funding – The Clerk will apply for internet access for the Village Hall, new laptop and/scanner, and hours for the Clerk working on the website, which can be backdated to 2015.

7. FINANCE

It was proposed by M Thomas, seconded by A Gilbert and all voted in favour to approve the following:

7.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from May & June 2017

7.2 Accounts Paid (May to June 2017):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary May 17	£ 241.44	LGA 1972 s112
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Online	HMRC – PAYE 2016-17 Q4	£ 165.80	LGA 1972 s112
Online	Anglian Water - Allotments	£ 25.16	SH & A Act 1908
Online	123 Reg – E-Mail	£ 43.06	LGA 1972 s111
Online	R Smith – Chairman’s Expenses (APM)	£ 75.58	LGA 1972 s15
Chq 988	Rollasons – Legal Fees (Allotments)	£ 400.00	SH & A Act 1908

7.3 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest	£ 0.07
Allotments	Rents 2017	£ 126.00
Rollasons	Refund – Legal Fees	£ 172.00
HMRC	VAT Refund 2015-17	£ 450.04

