

Minute 217

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th September - 7:30pm

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

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

1.1 APOLOGIES – Nil

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Personal or Prejudicial - Nil

1.3 APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 12th JULY 2017 – It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by J Melling and all agreed that the minutes were an accurate recording of the meeting, which were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

2.1 Paint Means Poo Campaign 2017 – The latest spraying campaign is underway to highlight the problem areas in the villages, R Smith will be erecting the latest set of posters to promote awareness.

2.2 Broadband Speeds in the Village – The Northamptonshire Superfast Broadband project have confirmed to the Chairman that Whilton will be going live in 2018. The village need to keep pursuing the Community Fibre Partnership, these are part funded community projects, which provides the level of interest from the community, by ways of completing a form and providing address and download speeds achieved. This will determine if a BT cabinet in the village will be viable. R Smith will compile an e-mail to send around to the distribution list, detailing people's options. Many thanks were given to R Smith for all his persistence with this project.

3. PUBLIC TIME – There are still pot holes needing attention along the Brington Lane, these will be chased for repair by the Clerk. (Update from Clerk – Job No 887882 - Road was inspected on July 19th, the road required no immediate attention but will be monitored on regular safety inspections)

4. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Johnnie Amos (DDC) – Johnnie advised the PC to contact the MP (Chris Heaton Harris) should the broadband issues continue, he has recently assisted Fathingstone with their much improved service. Media releases were provided detailing DDC grant funding for community events available of £500.00. He also mentioned the Paint Means Poo campaign which was discussed under Matters Arising. Many negotiations have been ongoing with DDC and the transfer of allotment land to the PC; this is close to a completed deal. The Brockhall Road will be re-opening on 18th September; however the Brington Road will be closing the following day for a minimum of 6 months, which will cause local problems.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Asset Register 2017 – The litter picking equipment will be added to the list and adopted at the next meeting.

5.2 Allotments – Transfer of Ownership from DDC – The land transfer is being finalised, with the agreed deal remaining that should a future PC deciding 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. James Ring (DDC) is currently negotiating the inflation part of the deal. The allotment border which provides the ramp area to the allotments, is owned by No 9 (Futures Housing Group), DDC will have a clause input into the agreement that a statutory declaration allows this access to remain for the allotments for ever more.

5.3 Community Defibrillators – The installation of both defibrillators has been completed and a laminated information card drop undertaken throughout the village. The first training course will take place on Wednesday 18th October from 7-9pm in the Village Hall. A mail shot for attendees will be undertaken around the village, along with an e-mail to the distribution list. Routine maintenance is needed on the defibrillators on a monthly basis, J Melling will look after the one in the village and a volunteer for Whilton Locks will be required.

5.4 Capt. Reynolds Celebrations – Planning permissions have been received for the two lecterns at The Green and on the Grand Union Canal (DA/2017/0717 & 0705). The building works for the stone on The Green will be undertaken later this week. There has been a large involvement from the entire village for the upcoming celebrations.

5.5 BDO - External Audit Report 2016-17 – It was noted by the PC that the External Auditors reported No Matters Arising from the 2016-17 Audit. This was approved and accepted by all.

5.6 NCC – Pathfinder II Flood Resilience Project for Whilton Parish – There has been a risk identified in the village by the Environmental Agency, this risk being of flooding from surface water. 30 communities are appointing Flood Wardens; there has been no interest from the village from the advert placed in the latest newsletter.

5.7 NCALC – Transparency Code Grant – A total sum of £751.73 has been awarded to the PC and paid into the bank account.

5.8 NCALC – To appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police – This will be deferred to the November meeting.

5.9 A45 Daventry Development Link Work updates – The roadworks were discussed at the DDC Councillors report.

6. FINANCE

6.1 Approve Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from July & August 2017

It was proposed by M Thomas, seconded by A Lee, and all voted in favour that the following financial accounts be approved and paid:

6.2 Approve Accounts Paid (July to September 2017):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary July 17	£ 241.44	LGA 1972 s112
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Online	HMRC – PAYE 2017/18	£ 167.40	LGA 1972 s112
DD	Anglian Water – Allotments	£ 8.94	SHHA 1908
Online	Calico UK – Website	£ 24.00	LGA 1972 s111

6.3 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest	£ 0.08
NCALC	Transparency Fund	£ 751.73

6.4 Approve Accounts to be paid:

Chq No 991	R Haynes	Lawnmower Petrol	£ 51.04	LGA 1972 s215
Chq No 992	E-On	Street Lighting April-June	£ 121.92	PCA 1957 s3
Chq No 993	Orchard Print	Newsletter – Autumn 2017	£ 159.00	LGA1972 s142
Chq No 994	BDO LLP	External Audit 2016-17	£ 120.00	LGA 1972 s228
Online	N Roberts	Defibrillator Installations	£ 818.00	LGA 1972 s111
Online	G Kenning	The Green seat – Re-stain	£ 50.00	PCA 1957 s1

Bank Balance (as at 31.08.2017)	Total	£13,912.52
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7. PLANNING

DA/2017/0598 – First floor extension to existing attached barn and conversion of barn to residential accommodation; conversion of outbuilding to residential annexe; replacement of roof coverings with slate – **Church Gate, The Green, Whilton**

No Objections

DA/2017/0599 – Listed Building Consent for removal of porch and various internal alterations to main house. Conversion and extension of attached barn and outbuildings. Replacement of corrugated roof sheet coverings with slate on all buildings – **Church Gate, The Green, Whilton**

No Objections

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission granted:

DA/2017/0438 – Single storey side extension – **The Manor House, Manor Lane, Whilton**

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 NCALC – Annual General Meeting – Saturday 7th October 10am – Moulton Community Centre – Noted

8.2 DDC – Budding Communities – The Clerk will apply for bulbs.

8.3 “Think Emergency Vehicles Access” – The Clerk will request some signs from NCC Highways for erecting through the village.

8.4 Community Speedwatch – Over the summer there were over 25 sessions undertaken over a 3 week period, this showed that the majority of road users comply with the speed limit. Another two week period has been booked for October. The 20 is Plenty campaign will be discussed at the November meeting.

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

Meeting Closed: 9pm