

**Minute 219**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - 7:30pm**

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

Attendance: Parish Councillors – K Hiscock, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), M Thomas, Clerk – Sue Porter, Johnnie Amos (DDC) and 2 members of the public

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

**1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Personal or Prejudicial - Nil

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2017** were proposed by J Melling, seconded by K Hiscock and all voted in favour that these were a correct record of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 Broadband Speeds in the Village** – No further updates have been provided by BT as yet. Gigaclear advise that the service will be in the village anytime between March 2017 to December 2018

**3.2 Community Defibrillators** – A further training course will be held in mid-March, dates to be confirmed with EMAS and circulated by the Clerk.

**3.3 Village Litter Pick** – Sat 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (10am) – Notification of the event has been circulated in the latest newsletter and via the e-mail distribution list.

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – The BT Phone Box project was discussed under item 6.5.

The hedge has been cut back by the Althorpe Estate, and the Clerk will send a letter of thanks for the excellent job which has been undertaken. Some photos will be taken for the records.

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**DDC (J Amos)** – Congratulations were given to Anthea Hiscock for the fantastic book she has produced, K Hiscock confirmed that the Libraries have purchased 5 copies.

There is no update on the by-pass project, due to the festive break. The project is due to be completed by Summer 2018.

M Thomas asked if the A5 overnight closures could be delayed until the Brington to Flore road is re-opened.

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Adopt Asset Register** – It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by K Hiscock and all voted in favour that the Asset Register is adopted.

**6.2 Allotments – Transfer of Ownership from DDC Update** - The DDC legal team are dealing with the allotment land transfer to the PC. Final details are now being agreed, and R Smith confirmed that he had received the land registry draft transfer earlier today and has a few queries to raise. A Statement of Truth is being prepared by James Ring (DDC) with regards to the access requirements being permitted from Future Housing for the allotment use.

**6.3 The Spinney** – A grant application has been submitted by the Committee to improve the pathways in The Spinney. The working party day was postponed due to the snow. The most recent Risk Assessments have been undertaken.

**6.4 Northamptonshire County Council 2018-19 Budget Consultation: Phase 2** – Many services will be cut back, including Trading Standards, library services, bus services, gritting of the roads, loss of the Parish Enhancement Gangs, amongst others. All the PC were advised to complete the consultation questionnaire online.



## **9. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 Citizens Advice (Daventry & District)** – Request for funding has been received. It was noted that a total of 19 clients attended the service in the past year from the parish therefore M Thomas proposed that a grant of £250.00 be paid to support the services they provide, seconded by R Smith and all voted in favour.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Meeting Closed: 9pm**