

**Minute 224**

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

**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th September 2018 - 7:30pm**

Attendance: Parish Councillors – A Gilbert, J Hanslip, K Hiscock, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), Clerk – S Porter, District Councillor J Amos and 2 members of the public

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1.1 APOLOGIES** – M Thomas

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

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY 17th JULY 2018** – The minutes were amended to record this was an Extraordinary Meeting, and were then proposed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by R Smith, seconded by J Melling and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

**1. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 Litter Picking** – Risk Assessment – Defer to November

**3.2 DDC - Community Governance Review** – Nothing listed to affect Whilton parish.

**3.3 DACT Bus** – R Smith has completed the grant application for the DACT funding and will forward to K Arnold at DDC for processing.

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – M Clements stated that a potential committee member has come forward for The Spinney. There are concerns regarding the highway condition on the Brington Lane, this will be chased up with NCC Highways for an inspection and repairs. This was also reported to the PC at the July meeting.

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**DDC (J Amos)** – Support has been given for the DACT grant application through DDC. The Brington Road from the A45 is now open, however now the A45 is closed at night, along with the A5 in Towcester. The Flore bypass is due to open in October. Unitary councils will be in place from 2020, with DDC giving support for the proposals at the recent meeting. Rural areas will suffer with an increase in Council Tax inevitable. Services will continue to be cut back. A shadow unitary council should be in place by Spring 2019. NCC have a £2billion deficit to clear.

**6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 DDC** – Settlements and Countryside Local Plan Part 2 – Consultation – No comments to make.

**6.2 Highways** – Drains, Ditches and Roads – Following a recent walk around the village, various grip gullies were identified as in need of clearing and the road surface around these is wearing away. These will be reported in to NCC Street Doctor.

**6.3 NCC - Presentation of Pathfinder II Flood Investigation** - The Parish Council do not want a presentation from the Pathfinder II team re the results of the investigation. The detailed flood risk area maps for the Parish, produced by Pathfinder, and those from the Environmental Agency have been identified as being inaccurate. The Parish Council have been told that even though this is the case, and is noted and agreed by the Pathfinder team, the team are unwilling to correct and update the maps due to the costs involved.

**6.4 Broadband in the Village** – R Smith reports that broadband speeds in the village through the BT network suffer as the fibre optic network only runs to the cabinet in Long Buckby. The more people who register their interest in connecting to the BT network, the more this will increase the chance of BT extending the fibre optic run in to the village. Gigaclear are doing installations in the area, and this has already started in Norton, Brington is still to start and the website states that Whilton will start in Oct 2018, and be completed by March 2019. This will mean fibre in delivered to individual houses. R Smith will invite Gigaclear to an Open Meeting to inform the parishioners of the availability and what is on offer.

**6.5 Spinney Priorities Report** - K Hiscock has produced a report, which has been circulated to all. Quotes are being provided for the walkway, to include labour and equipment. Working parties will take place and these will involve pond clearing, tree moving and clearing the stream. These working parties will be advertised via the e-mail circulation list, as it would be ideal to have 6-8 people at each session. The first working party is planned for Saturday 29th September. The Clerk will take over the handling of the Risk Assessments for The Spinney and forwarding for action.

**6.6 Letter to the PC Chairman from Chris Heaton Harris (MP)** – R Smith has responded to the letter received and has accepted the invitation to hold a coffee morning for the Parish, it was agreed it would be better use of the MP’s time to include Brington and Norton parishes at the same event.

## **7. FINANCE**

It was proposed by R Smith that the following accounts are approved, seconded by J Melling and all voted in favour:

### **7.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from July & August 2018**

#### **7.2 Accounts Paid (July to August 2018):**

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary July 18	£ 242.04	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses July 18	£ 18.00	
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Online	Anglian Water - Allotments	£ 12.92	SH & A Act 1908

#### **7.3 Payments Received**

Nat West	Interest	£ 0.19
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#### **7.4 Accounts to be paid:**

<b>Chq No 1005</b>	Orchard Print – Newsletter	£ 160.00
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<b>Bank Balance (as at 31.08.2018)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,729.13</b>
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## **8. PLANNING**

### **PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED**

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission granted:

**DA/2018/0079** – Listed Building Consent for alterations and conversion of existing vine room to art studio with wet room and kitchenette – **Holly House, Main Street, Whilton**

**Meeting Closed: 9pm**

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 14th November 2018**