

Minute 227

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 9th January 2019 - 7:30pm

Attendance: Parish Councillors – A Gilbert, J Hanslip, K Hiscock, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), M Thomas, District Councillor Johnnie Amos, Clerk- Sue Porter and 5 members of the public

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – A Lee

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – A Gilbert & J Melling (Item 6.3 Allotments) – Personal and Prejudicial

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 – The minutes were amended to read Item 6.2 - M Thomas proposed that £1,500 be made available towards the Spinney project from the PC, this was approved by all.

It was then agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 DACT Bus – DDC Grant Application – There is an option to resubmit the grant application which was originally turned down by DDC. There is additional information and evidence that will be required to accompany the application. In the first instance, Norton and Brington parishes will need to show continued support for the scheme and agree to share the costs. This will be discussed at their meetings next week. Should support be forthcoming, a flyer will be produced by the Chairman to circulate to all the village to gauge support for the scheme and assess how many people would use the service. Whilton no longer has any public transport service and this leaves parishioners with a lack of independence.

3.2 Coffee Morning with MP – Chris Heaton Harris – The meeting has been rearranged and will now take place on 22nd February from 9-11am in the Brington Reading Rooms.

3.3 Village Noticeboard Refurbishment – An excellent refurbishment job has been undertaken on the noticeboard by Roy Haynes, and many thanks were given from the PC. Reimbursement of the costs involved, which were under the allocated budget agreed by the PC, will be paid to Roy by BACS.

3.4 Broadband in the Village – R Smith and J Hanslip attended a Gigaclear presentation in Brington. Confirmation has been provided that this superfast broadband will be available in the village from June 2019, and completed by December 2019. Whilton Locks will be able to get the service from Q1 2020. Installation deals will be available nearer the time and a presentation will be provided to the Parish by Gigaclear. This will be totally separate to the BT network.

4. PUBLIC TIME – There were objections raised to planning application DA/2018/1104.

Neighbours are unhappy with the installation of the boiler and have reported noise and pollution, as well as this being an eyesore. The boiler is situated only 5m from the lounge window of the neighbouring property. The Parish Council agreed to object to the planning application.

Concerns over the condition of the Brington Lane, there are still many potholes in need of repair. There appears to be a water leak by the entrance to Whilton Marina. There does not appear to be any gritting of the C road (Norton to Duston), the Clerk will check that this will be undertaken and is on the winter maintenance list.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

DDC (J Amos) – Confirmation has been received that there will be no elections in 2019. The Unitary authorities should have a shadow cabinet in place by March 2019, however there is no sign of this happening as yet. The new Public Spaces Protection Orders start in April 2019, which includes new controls of dogs and no smoking in enclosed playgrounds. Posters were provided for the noticeboards. A rural crime barn event takes place on 14/15 January.

6. BUSINESS

6.1 The Spinney – Update on grant application and working parties/risk assessments – The grant application has been submitted by K Hiscock, along with the extra information requested. 3 quotations have now been received to undertake the works. There have been 5 working parties held in The Spinney with another due to take place shortly with 7 people down to attend. The Chairman will contact Janet Bowers, who is Acting Chair of the Spinney Management Committee to determine how they wish to proceed, will they be continuing or handing back the running of The Spinney to the PC. This will be discussed further at the March meeting.

6.2 Precept Proposal - 2019/20 – M Thomas provided copies of the budget preparation for 2019/20 for all the PC. The budget was discussed and R Smith proposed that an increase of 15% be added to the precept for 2019/20, seconded by K Hiscock and all voted in favour. The increase is mainly due to allocating money for services which could be withdrawn by DDC/NCC. This increase will equate to less than £1 a month to the average band D household.

Whilton Parish Council do precept upon Daventry District Council the total sum of £11,390 for 2019/20. This will be payable in two instalments, April and September 2019.

6.3 Allotments – Rent Review – It was agreed at the last meeting that no rent increase would be taking place in 2019, however a review will be held in September 2019 to discuss the 2020 rents.

6.4 Long Buckby Library & Hub – Request for funding – The Parish Council supports the proposals in principle subject to financial documents being produced by the Library Supporters Group. These will be reviewed before the PC makes any financial commitment.

6.5 Dog Mess around the Village – There have been complaints of dog mess around the village and on the path to The Spinney. There have also been reports of dogs running loose in the village, which could be the culprits. The new dog control laws will be posted on the noticeboard, by the dog waste bin and the Chairman will write an article in the next newsletter.

6.6 Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation – Funding of up to £3,000 is available. The Chairman will investigate the criteria and then the PC can decide on what is required for the parish.

6.7 NCC – Budget Consultation 2019-20 – This consultation is available to view online. The Chairman will complete the questionnaire on behalf of Whilton PC.

7. FINANCE

R Smith approved the following, seconded by M Thomas and all voted in favour.

7.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from November & December 2018

7.2 Accounts Paid (November to December 2018):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary November 18	£	242.04	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses November 18	£	18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary December 18	£	242.24	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses December 18	£	18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	Anglian Water – Allotments	£	16.16	SH & A Act 1908

7.3 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest	£	0.70	
DDC	Litter Picking Grant 2018-19	£	133.33	

7.4 Accounts to be paid:

Chq No 1008	Aylesbury Mains – Street Light Repairs	£	70.20	PCA 1957 s3
Chq No 1009	Orchard Print – Winter Newsletter	£	160.00	LGA 1972 s142

Bank Balance (as at 31.12.2018) **Total** **£13,077.40**

8. PLANNING

DA/2018/1104 – Installation of outside oil burning combination boiler (retrospective) –
1 Langton Rise, Whilton

Objections:

- 1) This boiler has been situated 5m from a neighbouring property, of which the lounge window is overlooking this.
- 2) There is noise and pollution from the boiler for the neighbours.
- 3) This is not in keeping with the street scene.
- 4) Had this been on the original planning application, this would have been objected to.

PLANNING PERMISSION GRANTED

The Parish Council noted the following planning permission granted:

DA/2018/0629 – Single storey rear extension in lieu of previously approved two storey extension –
Foxhill, Brington Lane, Whilton

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 13th March 2019 – 7:30pm

Meeting Closed: 9:08pm