

Minute 229

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th March 2019 - 7:30pm

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

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – A Lee, M Thomas, District Councillor Johnnie Amos

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Personal or Prejudicial – Nil

1. APPROVE Minutes of the Meeting held on **Wednesday 9th January 2019** and **Extraordinary Meeting on Wednesday 20th February 2019** – It was agreed by all that these were an accurate record of the meetings and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

2. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Coffee Morning with MP – Chris Heaton Harris – This is scheduled to take place on Friday 12th April in the Reading Rooms, Brington.

3.2 Long Buckby Library and Village Hub – Long Buckby Parish Council have agreed to lease the Library from NCC, with a management group running the Library and Village Hub.

3.3 NCC Flood Risk and Mitigation Investigation – Grant funding is available up to £3,000, but only for flood mitigation purposes, and with 6 months to spend the grant. As there is no immediate risk within the Parish it was agreed to monitor the situation.

4. PUBLIC TIME – There is some raised metal on the footpath by the Church Gate House, which needs reporting in to NCC Street Doctor. There are several pot holes to report from the Whilton village turning to Whilton Mill, these have been reported before, but appear to be getting worse. The condition of the Brington Lane needs checking as the edges of the road are breaking away. The Clerk will report to NCC Street Doctor.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS – No report

6. THE SPINNEY – The work for the raised walkway is underway; the platform has been built with the walkways being created. A working party was held in February, which involved burning the wood from the stream. Another working party has been planned for next week, which will involve 6 volunteers. Repairs are being made to the existing walkways. There will be break during the Spring/Summer and the working parties will restart in September, except for the grass mowing which will continue. Risk Assessments will continue, with the copies provided to the Clerk for distributing to the next person on the volunteer list, K Hiscock and the Chairman. There is currently £1,452.70 in the bank account.

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Church Clock – Servicing and Repairs – The church clock is regularly losing time and requires an expensive part to solve this problem. The Clerk will ask Smith of Derby, who undertake the annual service, for a report on the condition of the Clock and the cost to provide the replacement part.

7.2 Replacement Bus Service for Whilton, Norton and Brington parishes – Brington have circulated a questionnaire to the parishioners to gauge the thoughts on a replacement bus, and would it be a service they would use, now or in the future. There have been 18 replies representing 27 people. The preferred destination would be either Daventry or Northampton, with Wednesday being the chosen day. A contribution would willingly be paid, providing this was a reasonable cost. It was agreed by all that a similar exercise be carried out in Whilton, with a mail drop around the parish, with responses collected to a central location.

7.3 Polling Places Review – The Parish Council are happy with using Whilton Village Hall.

7.4 Village Litter Pick – Saturday 30th March @ 10am at the Village Green – A reminder will be sent around the e-mail distribution list, and it has been mentioned in the newsletter. The Clerk will ask that DDC undertake a litter pick along the C5.

8. FINANCE

It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by J Hanslip and all voted in favour to approve the following accounts:

8.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from January & February 2019

8.2 Accounts Paid (January to February 2019):

Online	S Porter – Clerk's Salary January 19	£	242.04	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk's Expenses January 19	£	18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	Anglian Water – Allotments	£	16.16	SH & A Act 1908

8.3 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest	£	0.72	
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8.4 Accounts to be paid:

Chq No 1010	Orchard Print – Spring Newsletter	£	160.00	LGA 1972 s142
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Bank Balance (as at 28.02.2019) **Total** **£ 12,389.14**

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 8th May 2019 – 7:30pm

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 8th May 2019 - 6:30pm

Meeting Closed: 8:25pm