

Minute 232

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 10th July 2019 - 7:30pm

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

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – A Gilbert, M Thomas, S Osborne (NCC)

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Nil

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 8th MAY 2019 - It was proposed by K Hiscock, seconded by J Melling and all voted in favour of the minutes being an accurate record of the meeting and these were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3. Asset Register – As part of the asset register review it was agreed that 2 slashers used by the Spinney volunteer group be added to the list. These are stored with J Hanslip and M Clements.

4. PUBLIC TIME – J Melling reported that 21 lambs were brutally slaughtered in the parish last night, there have been several similar incidents over the past few weeks in the area and the public are urged to remain vigilant. M Clements reported that the Brington Lane road repairs are in desperate need of attention.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS – Johnnie Amos (DDC) reported that the Unitary Council is due to start from 2021, with the Shadow Authority from 2020. All discussions are still ongoing with no final decision confirmed. More updates to follow. The Daventry Citizen's Advice Bureau are now offering a Debt Counselling Service with Universal Credit help. The Good Neighbours Scheme are holding their annual event in Moulton on 1st October 2019.

6. THE SPINNEY – Richard Bunce produced the annual accounts for The Spinney Group, up to 31st March 2019, which have been audited by Jon Brierley. A copy is attached to the minutes. The bank balance, as of 1st July 2019, was £1,602.70. A cheque for £1,000 will be presented to the Parish Council this evening as a contribution to the recent works. The bank account will remain operating as is. The current signatories are Richard Bunce and Jonathan Hanslip, with Randal Smith and Keith Hiscock to be added to the existing mandate. There are issues with a fallen tree and branch debris in The Spinney from the neighbouring land. It was agreed that a friendly approach to the landowner be attempted in the first instance, if no action is taken, a letter from the Chairman will follow. The monthly risk assessments are taking place, and are also being forwarded to K Hiscock each time.

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Internal Audit Report 2018-19

Following the recent Internal Audit the following actions have been taken:

* Upload all year-end documents to the website to comply with Transparency Code – This has been undertaken by the Clerk

* Numbering of Minutes – It was agreed that the numbering of the minutes will remain as is.

* Recording of PC decisions in the minutes – The decisions will be recorded correctly in the minutes.

7.2 Road Speed through Whilton Locks – K Hiscock has reported that residents in the Locks are concerned with the speed which some drivers drive. This has been reported to Sgt Sam Dobbs, who will take the concerns to the JAG meeting (Joint Action Group) and the PC await a response.

7.3 Brington Lane – Highway Repairs – It was agreed by all that NCC Highways need to attend to the repairs as soon as possible. The area in the middle of the road as you leave the village towards Brington is in desperate need of attention.

7.4 Felled Willow Trees – Whilton Carpets, Whilton Locks – Following concerns raised by A Gilbert to the DDC Planning Officer, Katherine Daniels, that these trees had been felled, an e-mail was received stating that all the trees were dangerous and had to be removed. The Chairman will contact the Planning Officer and ask for a copy of the Tree Condition Survey report, and remind them that is a Conservation Area.

7.5 St Andrew’s Church – The Clock repairs have been undertaken, however since this work has been finished the Clock has stopped working. The invoice has been received, however will be on hold until confirmation is received from Jon Brierley that the Clock is up and running.

7.6 Northamptonshire Highways – Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan – There appears to be no effect to the Whilton parish.

7.7 Parish Path Wardens – Maurice Clements will update his details and provide to NCC.

7.8 DACT Bus – The three month trial will begin in September 2019. Brington PC have paid the annual membership to DACT. The total cost of two journeys per month will be £510.00, and the costs will be shared between Brington PC (£310.00) and Whilton PC (£200.00). 12 residents have registered for the scheme in Brington, with 4 in Whilton. The full details will be provided to all that have signed up, and this service will be free of charge to use. R Smith will prepare an article for the website, e-mail circulation list, noticeboard and newsletter

8. FINANCE

It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by K Hiscock that the following accounts are accepted:

8.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from May & June 2019

8.2 Accounts Paid (May to June 2019):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary May 19	£ 242.24	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses May 19	£ 18.00	
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary June 19	£ 242.04	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses June 18	£ 18.00	
Online	Anglian Water - Allotments	£ 15.90	SH & A Act 1908
DD	123 Reg – E-Mail (Clerk)	£ 43.06	LGA 1972 s111
Online	R Smith – APM Expenses	£ 15.03	LGA 1972 s15
Online	Calico – Website Renewal	£ 24.00	LGA 1972 s111
Online	123 Reg - Councillor’s e-mails x 7	£ 258.34	LGA 1972 s111
Online	St Andrew’s Church Clock – Deposit	£ 803.52	LGA 1972 s111

8.3 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest	£ 1.47
HMRC	VAT Refund 2018-19	£ 134.88

8.4 Accounts to be paid:

Chq No 1016	Orchard Print – Newsletter	£ 160.00	LGA 1972 s142
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Bank Balance (as at 30.06.2019)

Current Account £ 7,253.49

Reserve Account £ 4,268.07

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 11th September 2019

Meeting Closed: 8:30pm