

**Minute 233**

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

**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th September 2019 - 7:30pm**

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

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1.1 APOLOGIES** – A Lee, S Osborne (NCC)

**1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Nil

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 10th JULY 2019** – J Melling proposed that these were an accurate record of the meeting, seconded by K Hiscock and all voted in favour. The Chairman signed and dated the minutes.

**3. MATTERS ARISING** - Nil

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – Nil

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**J Amos (DDC)** – The Unitary Authority preparations continue. The Good Neighbours Event planned for October has been postponed until next year; grants are still available up to £1,000 on this scheme. Both the Leader and Deputy Leader of DDC have stepped down and elections to replace them are due to take place on 1st October.

**6. THE SPINNEY** – Richard Bunce reported that the donation monthly payments continue to be paid into The Spinney bank account. The bank mandate needs to be updated to include R Smith and K Hiscock as signatories. The bank balance (as at 31/08/19) is £662.70. An annual risk assessment is required in addition to the monthly inspections. This will be undertaken by R Bunce and K Hiscock. The Clerk will check the insurance requirements. K Hiscock has visited the neighbouring landowners to advise of the fallen tree and debris in The Spinney, no action has been taken as yet, so a follow up letter will be sent. If there is still no response, the Chairman will write to them.

**7. BUSINESS**

**7.1 Speeding through Whilton Locks** – The Clerk will request a site meeting from Ian Boyes (NCC Highways). This will be an attempt to get the speed limit through the Locks reduced to 30mph, as is the case in Nobottle, Flore and Norton.

**7.2 Brington Lane** – Highway Repairs & Blocked Drains – The road is currently closed due to water main repair works by Anglian Water. NCC Highways are also due to undertake road repairs. The Chairman has written to Ian Smith (NCC Highways) to report the blocked drain issues, no response has been received as yet.

**7.3 Car Parking through the Village** – J Hanslip asked that options need to be explored to alleviate the parking issues along Main Street. The Chairman will write an article in the next newsletter reminding residents to park thoughtfully.

**7.4 Felled Willow Trees** – Whilton Carpets, Whilton Locks – The Chairman has written to the DDC Planning Officer but no satisfactory response has been received. The Chairman will now write to Whilton Carpets to ask their plans to replace these trees.

**7.5 DACT Bus** – Three Month Trial – The trial has started today, with a visit to Northampton (11/09) and was a great success.

**7.6 Gigaclear Installation – Whilton Village –** The plans are currently only in place to install the superfast broadband along Main Street in Whilton, Gigaclear have advised the Chairman that they are awaiting permits for access to the side streets. They have also confirmed that the activation will start to take place in Q1 2020.

**7.7 Recent Attacks on Sheep –** There have been two sheep attacks at the same local farm recently and this has caused great concern and much sorrow. These feelings from the PC will be expressed in a letter from the Chairman to the farmer to show support.

**7.8 NCALC – New Model Financial Regulations 2019 –** It was approved by all that the new model financial regulations are adopted. The Clerk will add to the website.

**7.9 PC Representative on the Village Hall Management Committee –** It was agreed that the Clerk informs the Village Hall Committee of the nominated PC Representative, and also advise that this position is agreed annually each May.

**7.10 NCALC Conference & AGM – Saturday 5th October 10am-1pm –** No interest

**7.11 Offer of tree planting in public open spaces –** It was agreed to find out more details about the size and type of trees on offer. The Spinney could be option for tree planting.

**7.12 West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit – Strategic Plan 2019-2041 –** K Hiscock and J Melling will attend the Daventry Exhibition on Monday 16th September.

**7.13 Buckby Library & Community Hub –** The funding request will be reviewed when the precept for 2020/21 is set. More information on the running costs and expected donation will be requested from the Library Group.

**7.14 Defibrillators –** The alarm is no longer sounding upon opening on the village defib, the Clerk will contact Nick Roberts who installed the equipment, as the heat mat may well be affected? The batteries and pads need replacing on both defibs in December 2019. Costs are estimated to be around £70.00 each set, and approval to pay this amount for each agreed.

## **8. FINANCE**

The following accounts were approved by R Smith, seconded by J Melling, all voted in favour:

### **8.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from July & August 2019**

#### **8.2 Accounts Paid (July to August 2019):**

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary August 19	£ 242.04	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses August 19	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	Anglian Water - Allotments	£ 16.05	SH & A Act 1908
Online	St Andrew’s Church Clock – Repairs	£1,874.88	LGA 1972 s111
Online	PAYE 2019/20 Q1	£ 181.40	LGA 1972 s112

#### **8.3 Payments Received**

Nat West	Interest	£ 1.43
The Spinney	Grant Contribution Payment	£1,000.00

#### **8.4 Accounts to be paid:**

Chq No 1017	E-On – Street Lighting April-June19	£ 171.08	PCA1957 s3
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#### **Bank Balance (as at 31.08.2019)**

Current Account	£ 5,761.12
Reserve Account	£ 4,269.50

## **9. PLANNING**

**DA/2018/0981** – Proposed change of use of existing agricultural buildings – currently used for commercial purposes (as identified on Plan 2 submitted: Buildings E, G, H & L, M, Q) to a mixed commercial use (Use Class B1, B2 & B8) (Revised Scheme) – **Farm Buildings, Grange Farm, Whilton Road, Great Brington**

### ***Objections:***

***The Parish Council object to the use of Class B8 at the site. Traffic would not be able to use Main Street and Brington Lane through Whilton to access the site, as the road is totally unsuitable. The PC also request that they are consulted with any further applications for the site.***

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 13th November 2019 - 7:30pm**

**Meeting Closed: 9:08pm**