

Minute 234

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th November 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 1 members of the public

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 APOLOGIES – A Lee, R Bunce, S Osborne (NCC)

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Personal or Prejudicial - Nil

2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2019 – It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by J Melling and all voted that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting and were signed and dated by the Chairman.

3. MATTERS ARISING - Nil

4. PUBLIC TIME – Concerns raised about the quality of the Brington Lane road repairs, these will continue to be monitored.

5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

J Amos (DDC) – The plans for the Unitary authorities is moving forward, and the order has been placed before parliament. As there is a general election planned on 12th December, this will cause a delay and depending on the results of the election, the unitary plans may alter from two to three, or even not be approved. There is a website launched for the new authority for our region, www.futurenorthantswest.org. The Good Neighbours Event is planned for 18th March 2020. The Winter Night Shelter is asking for volunteers in Daventry. There is a Joint Action Group, which involves multi agencies and they look after issues of speeding, highway issues, parking, accidents etc. the contact for PC's is Kevin Fagan at DDC. The Christmas waste and recycling dates have been released.

6. THE SPINNEY – K Hiscock advised that 2 working parties have taken place with a third one planned for December. The path has been cleared and an attempt made with the pond clearance. An urban tree pack was applied for through DDC and was successful. The planting of the 15 trees will hopefully involve the Pre-School. The neighbouring landowners have cleared the fallen debris and this will continue to be monitored.

7. BUSINESS

7.1 Speeding through Whilton Locks – Speed Limit Review Panel – The PC await the decision from the next meeting of the JAG Group, which is planned for November.

7.2 Felled Willow Trees – Whilton Locks – A discussion has taken place between the Chairman and M Venton (DDC Tree Officer) who has agreed to look into this. The Clerk will also check with the Land Registry to see who now owns this land as it appears to have been sold.

7.3 DACT Bus – The three month trial is proving very successful. Feedback forms have been handed out to the passengers. The comments will be analysed and a decision can be made by both Brington and Whilton PC's to the way forward after the trial ends in December. The current cost per journey is £84.00, with a split of the cost between the parishes of 61% Brington & 39% Whilton

7.4 Gigaclear Installation – Whilton Village – The roadworks along Brington Lane are planned for mid-December with the installation into properties expected to be in the latter part of Q1 2020. Work will also begin from Norton to connect Whilton Locks in the same period. There is a discount code for the first month being offered to those who sign up for the service (www.rural.gigaclear.com).

7.5 Buckby Library & Hub – Request for funding has been received following the community group taking over the running of the Long Buckby Library & Hub. M Thomas proposed that a donation of £250.00 is given, seconded by J Melling and all voted in favour.

7.6 Budget Preparation 2020/21 – M Thomas will produce some figures for discussion and approval at the PC meeting in January.

7.7 Proposed removal of payphone – Whilton Locks –The PC will continue to object to the removal of this payphone and support the objections raised by DDC.

7.8 Street Lights being turned off at night in the village – The PC do not support the street lighting being turned off at night as recently suggested by a resident.

7.9 Flooding by Whilton Mill – This problem appears to have been resolved, the area will continue to be monitored.

7.10 NCALC - To consider the need to promote candidacy at the May 2020 elections – The elections next year will be advertised in the newsletter, it would be advantageous to have a resident from Whilton Locks on the PC.

7.11 DDC - Big Climate Fightback – Tree Planting Scheme – As discussed under The Spinney update.

7.12 DDC - Parish & Town Councils Meeting – Thursday 30th January 2020 – The Chairman will attend on behalf of the PC.

8. FINANCE

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

8.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from September & October 2019

8.2 Accounts Paid (September to October 2019):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary September 19	£ 242.24	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses September 19	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	M Clements – PC Meetings	£ 0.05	LGA 1972 s144
Online	123 Reg – Clerk’s E-Mail	£ 43.06	LGA 1972 s111
Online	PAYE 2019/20 Q2	£ 181.57	LGA 1972 s112
Online	Anglian Water - Allotments	£ 16.32	Allotment Act 08

8.3 Payments Received

Nat West	Interest	£ 1.43
DDC	½ Year Precept	£5,695.00

8.4 Accounts to be paid:

Chq No 1018	Village Hall – PC Meetings Sept18-July19	£ 88.00	LGA 1972 s144
Chq No 1019	Aylesbury Mains – Street Light Repairs	£ 111.96	PCA1957 s3
Chq No 1020	N Roberts – Defibrillator Cabinet Alarm	£ 180.00	LGA 1972 s111
Chq No 1021	Orchard Print – Newsletter	£ 163.00	LGA 1972 s142
Chq No 1022	E-On – Street Lighting July-Sept19	£ 172.96	PCA1957 s3

Bank Balance (as at 31.10.2019)

Current Account £ 10,523.76

Reserve Account £ 4,270.93

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 8th January 2020

Meeting Closed: 8:50pm