

**Minute 236**

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

**held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8th January 2020 - 7:30pm**

Attendance: Parish Councillors – J Hanslip, A Gilbert, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman), S Porter (Clerk), District Councillor J Amos and 1 member of the public

**1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1.1 APOLOGIES** – K Hiscock, M Thomas, S Osborne (NCC)

**1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – Personal or Prejudicial - Nil

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2019 and EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2019** – It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by J Melling and all voted in favour that the minutes were an accurate record of the meetings and were both signed and dated by the Chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING** - Nil

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – Concerns were raised to the standard of the road repairs along Brington Lane by NCC Highways. The PC will continue to monitor the repairs regularly, and state there are no signs of crumbling evident at present.

**5. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

**J Amos (DDC)** – The Structural Change Order has been to Parliament for the Unitary Authorities approval and a decision is expected within 6/8 weeks. Once approved, a Shadow Authority will be in place from May 2020 to April 2021, with West Northamptonshire Unitary Authority in place from May 2021.

**6. THE SPINNEY** – The report was sent by e-mail from K Hiscock and reads that The Spinney managed good working parties in October and November. Another working party will be planned to finish the stream- flowing well, and a few jobs that have been identified on the Risk Assessment. The planting of the 15 trees from the Woodland Trust has taken place - 12 in the Spinney and 3 in the Allotments. The five planted with Roy's invaluable help, by the preschool group made a big impression on DDC who sent the pictures to all the media. This in turn led to the leader being interviewed and a picture/article in the Daventry Express.

The monthly Risk Assessments are being completed and the Chairman will also write an article in the next newsletter asking the public to inform the PC of any changes detected when in The Spinney.

It was agreed by all that it was too late to enter the Best Village Award 2020, but will consider an entry for 2021, subject to further discussions by the PC later this year.

**7. BUSINESS**

**7.1 Whilton Locks – Speed Limit Review Panel Decision** – It has been agreed by the Review Panel that the road through Whilton Locks will be reduced from the current 40mph to a 30mph speed limit. This is expected to be introduced later this year once the traffic order is processed.

**7.2 Felled Willow Trees – Whilton Locks** – The Clerk and Chairman have been in contact with Michael Venton (DDC Tree Officer) and await a response.

**7.3 DACT Bus – Three Month Trial – Feedback Analysis –** Initial feedback has indicated that the DACT service has been really well used. The way forward needs to be discussed further with Brington PC. Whilton PC have agreed they are in favour of continuing the scheme, maybe with an annual membership fee for the users. A Gilbert has agreed to be the PC representative for the project, and along with the Chairman, hold discussions with Brington PC.

**7.4 Gigaclear Installation – Whilton Village –** The works are due to start within the next three months, and the Superfast Broadband Northants website indicates Q1 2020. The Chairman will continue to chase.

**7.5 Budget Preparation 2020/21 –** M Thomas has produced the budget figures showing the increases of 10%/15%/20% for 2020/21 with a recommendation that the 15% increase is accepted. This would mean an annual increase on a Band D property in Whilton parish of £12.48. It was proposed by R Smith that the recommendation is approved, seconded by A Gilbert and all voted in favour.

Whilton Parish Council do precept upon Daventry District Council the total sum of £13,100 for 2020/21. This will be payable in two instalments, April and September 2020.

**7.6 Sponsored ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Cameras –** It was agreed by all that the scheme is too expensive to consider.

## **8. FINANCE**

It was proposed that the accounts are approved by R Smith, seconded by J Hanslip and all voted in favour.

### **8.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from November & December 2019**

#### **8.2 Accounts Paid (November to December 2019):**

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary October 19	£ 242.04	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses October 19	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112
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Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary December 19	£ 242.24	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses December 19	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112

#### **8.3 Payments Received**

Nat West	Interest	£ 1.41	
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#### **8.4 Accounts to be paid:**

Chq No 1023	Orchard Print – Newsletter	£ 163.00	LGA 1972 s142
Chq No 1024	Aylesbury Mains - Street Lighting Repairs	£ 111.96	PCA1957 s3

#### **Bank Balance (as at 31.12.2019)**

Current Account	£ 8,841.52
Reserve Account	£ 4,272.34

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 11th March 2020**

**Meeting Closed: 8:48pm**