

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL

held on Zoom on Wednesday 28th July 2021 – 5:30pm

Attendance: Parish Councillors – A Gilbert, K Hiscock, M Hampson, A Lee, R Smith (Chairman) and S Porter (Clerk) and 5 members of the public

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES - J Hanslip. J Melling

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS – Personal or Prejudicial – K Hiscock – WND/2021/0307 (neighbour)

2. PUBLIC TIME – Nil

3. PLANNING

WND/2021/0307 – Single storey extension between kitchen and garage, single storey rear extension, replacement porch and first floor extension – **The Ridings, 3 Langton Rise, Whilton**
Following new information which was provided following the earlier meeting in July, and much discussion between the applicant and the neighbouring property, the Parish Council listened to both points of view and has agreed with the following comments:
The Parish Council have no objections to the proposed patio door, however do object to the Juliette balcony as this is not keeping with the Close, and does have an impact on the privacy of the occupants of No 4.

WND/2021/0300 – Certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of the first floor area as a residential flat – **Whilton Locks Carpet Company Whilton Locks**
No Objections

4. BUSINESS

4.1 **The Spinney – Tree Maintenance Quotes** – Following discussions after the July PC meeting between K Hiscock, the Contractors and the Tree Consultant, Mr Yates.

K Hiscock proposed that the PC revisit the decision made to award the works on 14th July 2021; this was all agreed by all:

In summary:

1. Mr Yates agrees the PC should stick to the Treeworx's specification and include the 1516 tree reduction as it is not just a lowering but includes the shaping of the crown
2. Mr Yates agrees that the PC preference for chipping rather than allowing the brush to be cut up and put in piles should happen; otherwise the amount of brush from these trees will overuse the Spinney space, as well as stop us using the chipping on the Spinney paths.
3. Treeworx have agreed to cut down tree 1519 in Tree Survey Report, if this is not undertaken by Western Power. The brush from the cut will be left in a pile on our site.
4. Treeworx have a proposed plan to do the work late in September, when the ground is firmer for the machinery. He is to enter at the rear end of the Spinney, permission having been given via the local farmer using it.

5. Although there were concerns raised about the chippings and the logs being left on the ground, just below the pond where Treeworx will bring the machinery in, following discussions, they have indicated they could redistribute the logs into four piles about The Spinney and spread some of the chippings if the pile was too big using the machinery. This can be negotiated.

It is proposed that the PC accept the quote provided by Treeworx of £5,500 plus VAT, this meaning that the PC's specification and that of Tree Survey Report is fulfilled.
All voted in favour.

The Spinney Development Plan will be added to the Agenda for discussion at the September meeting.

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 8th September 2021 - 7:30pm

Meeting Closed: 6:02pm