

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

**held in Whilton Village Hall on Wednesday 8th September 2021 – 7:30pm**

Attendance: Parish Councillors – J Hanslip, K Hiscock, M Hampson, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman) and S Porter (Clerk), and 2 members of the public

### **1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1.1 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES** – A Gilbert

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

### **2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on **WEDNESDAY 14th JULY 2021** and the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** held on **WEDNESDAY 28th JULY 2021**

It was proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 14/07 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed and dated by the Chairman. Proposed by R Smith, seconded by M Hampson and all voted in favour.

A couple of amendments were proposed by K Hiscock with regards to the minutes of the 28/07; Item 4.1 1) Mr Yates agrees the PC should stick to the specification that Treeworx provided 3) The brush from the Western Power cut will be left in a pile on our site.

It was then proposed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28/07 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting and will be signed and dated by the Chairman. Proposed by R Smith, seconded by M Hampson and all voted in favour.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

**3.1 Planning Application WND/2021/0307** – An amended application has been submitted. The PC discussed the amendments and it was agreed that the original objections from the PC remain with regards to the proposed rendering and the Juliette balcony.

**4. PUBLIC TIME** – Many thanks were given to the PC for agreeing to assist with the Heritage Open Day. The PC thanked M Clements for his many years' service as Parish Paths Warden.

**5. WEST UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – No report submitted.

**6. THE SPINNEY** – Update – Two working parties have been held in August and September, with 4 people attending on each occasion.

**6.1 Tree Maintenance Work** – The work will be commencing on Monday 20th September. A working party will be arranged once the work is completed.

**6.2 Spinney Development Plan** – There will be a development plan produced to determine the future for The Spinney. Advice can be obtained from the Northants Wildlife Trust with regards to woodland management, however there may be a cost involved. The Clerk will also send over the details of the voluntary teams that run the parks in Long Buckby; Cotton End Park and Mill Park Reserve for their input. A consultation will be provided to the parish with a few options to view and agree the way forward. K Hiscock will pursue this initiative further, and will also continue to pursue Western Power for the tree maintenance required.

**7. VILLAGE HALL** – No update received.

## 8. BUSINESS

8.1 Dog Fouling Issues – The dog warden has recently visited the problem dog’s owner. The situation will continue to be monitored.

8.2 Whilton Mill – Planning Conditions/Noise Issues – There has been no response received as yet following the letter to the Whilton Mill Management or Roger Ashby. Residents have been advised to send noise diaries to Environmental Health. Noise monitoring equipment has been installed at a property in the village. Planning Enforcement Officers have said they will only intervene if Environmental Health complaints are received. West Northants Councillor, Daniel Lister, has been in contact with the Chairman and is assisting with communication between the council departments.

8.3 Village Name Sign Replacement – Still awaiting the installation. The Clerk will continue to chase.

8.4 Speed Limit at Whilton Locks - Still awaiting the installation. The Clerk will continue to chase.

8.5 Village Parking – There is a problem with up to three vehicles parking on a blind bend along Main Street and Brington Lane. These are causing obstruction issues and are a highway hazard. The Chairman will draft a letter. There is also a problem with an overgrown hedge on Main Street, following an informal approach last time, there will be a letter sent from the Chairman asking that this be cut back.

8.6 Heritage Open Day – Saturday 11th September 2021 – Discussed during public time.

8.7 D4 & D15 Buses – The PC were in support of the idea suggested by email to bring public transport into the village and would support any future consultation. It has been confirmed that the DACT Transport Bus for Whilton and Brington is starting to operate again and it was confirmed that the PC will support the project and review on a six monthly basis.

## 9. FINANCE

It was proposed by R Smith, seconded by M Hampson and all voted in favour that the following accounts are approved:

### 9.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from July & August 2021

#### 9.2 Accounts Paid (July to September 2021):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary July 21	£ 266.46	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses July 21	£ 21.60	LGA 1972 s112
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary August 21	£ 266.46	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses August 21	£ 18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	R Haynes – The Spinney – Maintenance	£ 151.58	LGA 1972 s111
Online	HMRC – PAYE 2021/22 Q1	£ 199.80	LGA 1972 s112
Online	E-On – Street Lighting April-June 21	£ 171.08	PCA1957 s3
Online	WNC – Uncontested Election Costs – May 21	£ 168.00	LGA 1972 s111

#### 9.3 Accounts to be Paid – Nil

#### 9.4 Payments Received (July to September 2021)

Nat West	Interest	£ 0.30
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#### Bank Balance (as at 31.08.2021)

Current Account	£ 3,945.65
Reserve Account	£17,277.78

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 10th November 2021- 7:30pm**

**Meeting Closed: 8:30pm**

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