

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

**held in Whilton Village Hall  
on Wednesday 9th March 2022 – 7:30pm**

Attendance: Parish Councillors – A Gilbert, J Hanslip, K Hiscock. M Hampson, A Lee, J Melling, R Smith (Chairman) and S Porter (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

### **1. OPENING PROCEDURES**

**1.1 ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES – Nil**

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

**2. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY 2022 –** The minutes are to be amended to include “Item 8 Village Hall - A Councillor commented on the cluttered condition of the hall. There was a discussion and A Gilbert stated that this matter is being addressed by the Village Hall Management Committee”, these minutes will then be approved and signed at the May meeting.

**3. MATTERS ARISING – Nil**

**4. PUBLIC TIME –** Concerns were raised to the speeding of vehicles leaving Whilton Mill after race days. There has also been a problem with mud on the road from vehicles leaving the site.

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

**6. THE SPINNEY –** K Hiscock circulated the latest report on e-mail. There have been three working parties recently, with another one planned for April. There needs to be a 5-10 year development plan to be put in place; however a knowledgeable Chair would be required to run the project. Margaret Jack has enquired about the running of the hounds through The Spinney, which used to happen once a year before nesting time. Previous rights given by the Spinney Committee expired in 2017. The Clerk will write and ask why this is required, before any permissions are granted.

There are extremely muddy walking areas which require maintenance. The cost to provide three bridges using large sleepers, posts and rails would be approximately £766.58. R Smith proposed that the PC proceeds with these works, seconded by J Hanslip and all voted in favour.

**7. HIGHWAYS –** The ongoing problem of large pot holes continue to be logged via the Street Doctor. The running water issue in Brington Lane has still not been sorted. Both the Clerk and the Chairman have contacted Dan Lister (WNC) to ask for some assistance in getting action taken by Highways.

**8. VILLAGE HALL –** A Gilbert circulated the report via e-mail. Councillors were encouraged to attend the AGM scheduled for 18th May 2022.

### **9. BUSINESS**

**9.1 Whilton Mill Karting Track –** Noise monitoring equipment will be installed in the village once the season starts up again to give WNC an indication of the problems caused, as they are not currently interested in pursuing this. There have been concerns from a parishioner raised about the length of time marquees are remaining on the site, WNC have confirmed that 56 days is the maximum.

9.2 Whilton Locks – Vehicle Activated Sign/Gateway – J Melling attended a site visit with Steve Barber (WNC). There were discussions on the best type of sign for the Locks, and the battery operated device would appear to be the most suitable, as this is also portable. There are four posts which could be used as potential sites for the 2 Signs.

The Signs would cost around £2,200 each; however there is a Commissioner's grant available for up to £5,000. A Section 50 licence would be required at a cost of £321. More information will be provided to the Clerk.

The Clerk is awaiting a quote from Matt Clarke (WNC Highways) for a gateway to be installed.

9.3 DACT Bus – This service has now stopped, Brington PC have asked if any residents would be interested in a taxi scheme, this could be a questionnaire for the newsletter.

9.4 Whilton Red Telephone Box – Adoption – The Clerk has applied to BT to adopt the Telephone Box, and the PC awaits the removal of the equipment. Parishioners have been asked for ideas on what to use the Telephone Box for in the latest newsletter.

9.5 Lock 12 Memorial Garden – K Hiscock to inspect the condition of the table and report back at the May meeting as to whether a replacement needs to be ordered.

9.6 Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Request for support – There is a picnic lunch being planned for Sunday 5th June and a request for financial support submitted to the PC. It was approved by all that the sum of £300.00 is offered to the organisation team to assist with the preparations. The Clerk confirmed that the event would be covered by the PC insurance.

9.7 NCALC - Asset Mapping Project/Acceptance of Grant – The Clerk will circulate the Asset Register to all and additional items/services can be added, which can be included in the Project. The PC voted in favour of accepting the grant of £221.78.

9.8 Street Lighting – There has been a request from a resident that the street lights be switched off during night time hours. It was agreed by all that these lights need to remain on for security purposes.

9.9 The Spinney – Maintenance Quote to be approved – As discussed in Item 6.

9.10 Defibrillators – Maintenance – J Melling confirmed that the batteries and pads need replacing in May 2022 in both defibrillators. The Clerk will arrange to order the supplies.

9.11 Towpath Works – Whilton & Buckby Locks Association – The works have yet to commence due to delays with Covid and problems with delivery of the stone. The PC confirm their donation of £500.00 to allow the towpath maintenance to be undertaken.

9.12 Community Speedwatch/20mph Advisory Speed Signs – The advisory 20mph speed signs will be erected through the village by the Chairman, and residents will be advised on the e-mail distribution list. Whilton Locks would like to participate in the Community Speedwatch scheme and resident, Barry Lewis, has offered to be involved. The Chairman will discuss this with him further.

## **10. FINANCE**

It was proposed by M Hampson, seconded by J Hanslip and all voted in favour that the following accounts be approved:

### **10.1 Income/Expenditure Update & Bank Reconciliation from January & February 2022**

The Church Clock appears to be faulty again, following the recent service from Smith of Derby. The Chairman will establish if this is the case before calling for repairs to be undertaken. This will be discussed further at the May meeting, and the costs spent on the Clock over the past three years will be circulated.

## 10.2 Accounts Paid (January to February 2022):

Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary January 22	£	266.46	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses January 22	£	18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	S Porter – Clerk’s Salary February 22	£	266.46	LGA 1972 s112
	S Porter – Clerk’s Expenses February 22	£	18.00	LGA 1972 s112
Online	N Draper – Memorial Bench Installation	£	140.00	LGA 1972 s111
Online	Anglian Water – Allotments	£	9.59	S & A Act 1908
Online	HMRC – PAYE 2021/23 Q3	£	199.80	LGA 1972 s112
Online	N Power – Street Lighting	£	105.05	PCA1957 s3
Online	Smith of Derby – Church Clock Service	£	279.60	PCA1957 s2

## 10.3 Payments Received (January to February 2022)

Nat West	Interest	£	0.30
Village Hall	Refurbishment Works	£	784.69
Bavister	Memorial Bench	£	698.95

## Bank Balance (as at 28.02.2022)

Current Account	£ 1,206.82
Reserve Account	£17,278.66

## 11. PLANNING

**WND/2021/0738 (Amended)** – 10 non-illuminated fascia signs, including 1 x cashpoint fascia sign, 7 x vinyl sticker signs and 2 x board (price list) signs – **Whilton Locks Garden Centre, Whilton Locks**

**No Objections**

**WND/2021/0737 (Amended)** – Installation of hand car wash and valeting facility, including canopy, office, washing area and by water tank unit – **Whilton Locks Garden Centre, Whilton Locks**

**No Objections**

**WND/2021/0712 (Amended)** – Single storey rear extension – **Cottam, Main Street, Whilton**

**No Objections**

**WND/2022/0123** – Construction of single storey side extension – **Springfield House, Manor Lane, Whilton**

**No Objections**

**DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 11th May 2022 - 7:30pm**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – Wednesday 11th May 2022 – 6:30pm**

**Meeting Closed: 9:25pm**