

MINUTE 150

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2011 AT 7.30PM**

The following councillors attended :

Chairman – Mr Mike Lewis, Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Michael Thomas, Mrs Sue Wingrave, Miss Nora Swinford and Mr Jonathan Hanslip. County Councillor Steve Osborne and 3 parishioners were also in attendance.

PARISHIONERS FORUM**1 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies have been accepted from District Councillor Wendy Amos and the Parish Clerk, Alison Nicoll.

2 MEMBERS DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Miss Nora Swinford – Allotments.

**3 RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND SIGN MINUTES DATED
10TH NOVEMBER 2010**

4 Action note should read ML not MK.

8b The Parish Council would send another letter to the senior partner but pay the bill, letter has gone – ML accepted and Mike Lewis will sign a clean copy of the minutes.

4 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**a) Village Green – update on the adoption**

Mike Lewis has spoken to a Solicitor who had some questions what to take in to our control, i.e is the entrance to Dove Close and Home Field part of transfer ground. As he is quoting £175 per hour a stop has been put on solicitor, Mike Lewis has sent list of queries from WPC to Phil Watson at NCC. The Parish Council will then deal with the matter once answers have been received.

The 1883 definitive map was used with regard to the land to be transferred when there have been changes to entrances etc.

WPC need access and way-leave agreement for Stone House and the utilities so the PC may need to review whether to actually take the green on. The PC need to know what its liabilities are.

Proposed Mike Lewis seconded Michael Thomas to stop further work until clarity is obtained. It was resolved to accept this proposal.

b) Allotments – separate item.**c) Drainage – separate item.****d) Noise from Whilton Mill**

The Parish Council has written and complained (DDC planning allowed unlimited meetings and vehicles on the Grand Prix track, (not the club track)), with regard to excessive noise and air pollution from Whilton Mill.

e) Christmas Tree collection – 13/1/11 Notice on board and website no trees there now so the assumption is that they have been collected.**5 LIASON WITH DDC**

No report from District Councillor Wendy Amos was available.

Councillor Osborne answered questions for Wendy Amos in her absence.

Budget meeting will be a closed meeting DDC have to save between £500,00 - £1,000,000

Information received:

- Daventry Job Club
- Parish and Towns Council Meeting 16/12/2010

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6 LIASON WITH NCC

Report of County Councillor Steve Osborne

Councillor Osborne confirmed that the County Council budget meeting is next week, £68 million has got to be saved.

Information received:

- MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire – to be completed
- Right Royal Celebrations

7 LIASON WITH POLICE

Report and update from Police Community Support Officer Sarah Gray – Appendix 1

Update letter from Lorraine - Sarah Gray still not active.

Mobile Police Station – Wednesday 2 February 4-6pm Whilton Village Green.

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Letter to be sent to Lorraine Humphries with concerns within Whilton Parish with regard to the Medical van parked on the main street in Norton which blocks one side of the road.

Information received:

- Regular updates
- Key Contact

8 FINANCE

In November Nat West Bank agreed that Whilton Parish Council should not pay bank charges. In December the bank charged a monthly fee of £10 once again. Jonathan Hanslip has spoken to the bank again regarding the charge, this £10 debit needs to be repaid and should be checked with next statement that this has been done.

Agreement to pay cheques proposed Mike Lewis – Jonathan Hanslip seconded no cheque book present so Mike Lewis will contact relevant Parish Councillors for signatures when he has the cheque book.

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a) Financial statement at 31st December 2010

Current account: £3,553.25

Reserve account: £5,64543 (as of 29th October 2010)

Resolution to confirm and approve income and expenditure

Income: nil

Expenditure:

Bank charges 31/12/10 £10.69

Cheque No.			£	VAT to reclaim
763	Orchard Print Services	Newsletter	56.70	
764	Mrs A Nicoll	Salary 8/9/10-7/12/10 + Expenses	450.00 43.61	
765	Open Spaces Society	Annual Renewal	40.00	
766	Northamptonshire ACRE	Annual Renewal	34.00	
767	Anglianwater	Allotment water charge	36.97	
768	E.ON	Maintenance	49.39	7.36

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9 PRECEPT 2011

2011-2012 budget	£
Administration	1850
Clerk's salary	2100
Training	
Newsletter	380
Churchyard maintenance	90
Parish tidy up	190
Trees maintenance	
Allotments	200
Street lighting and new light fund	1250
Street furniture maintenance	20
Village sign	
Roughmoor Spinney grant	500
S137	20
Total payments	6600

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Items blank in above table were committed in 2010/2011

10 NCC EMPOWERING COUNCILLORS AND COMMUNITIES FUND GRANT

Forms were presented by Steve Osborne who stated that priority would be given to projects benefiting children. Ken Bowers suggested that Green levelling could be done with money from the Communities Fund Grant.

Sue Wingrave to get a quote for topsoil and levelling the Green from her contractor.

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11 LOCAL COUNCIL DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

A new insurance policy has been received which we need to review with respect to any changes to how we operate – one item is insurance only normally covers people 15-75 years old, anybody over needs special cover.

Michael Thomas offered to check this insurance policy.

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Health and Safety says we must carry out a risk assessment for anyone doing voluntary work for the PC and we should provide PPE as appropriate. This would apply to grass cutting in the churchyard, the PC seeking viability of the risk assessment carried out by the PCC.

Roy Haynes must also have access to full safety equipment.

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12 ALLOTMENTS

Report from 'Working Party' of January 6th 2011 between the Parish Council and Allotment Holders

- Mike Lewis to see if we can use communities fund grant to help tidy up the allotments. Ken Bowers' opinion is that no action should be taken until we can confirm whether we have access to allotments or not, we need to know whether access was transferred to DDH – Mike Lewis has asked the question and is awaiting an answer.
- The mid lease rent review from DDC is likely to see a rise £20 – £25. Any impact on plot rents will be negotiated with the plot holders.
- Meadow House wall at the side of the allotment. It was stated that it was not in good condition so there was a need to inform the owners that it is their responsibility to ensure the wall is sound. Mike Lewis proposed that a letter was sent to the owners of Meadow House. The hedge which runs at the back of the allotment also belongs to Meadow House, enquiries would be made to see if this could be trimmed back to inside the wire fence and topped to allow light onto the allotments, ML to add to wall letter.
- Once the present 10 year lease ends (runs until 2016) there is no security of tenure so allotments must be well used and tidy, otherwise the ground could be lost to housing.

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- Mike Lewis proposed a small working party to generate a more formal agreement with the plot holders with respect to clarifying responsibilities etc, decide what needs to be removed/cleared and get a quote for the work if the PC and plot holders are not able to do it themselves. Seconded by Michael Thomas, The PC resolved to accept this proposal. Jonathan Hanslip, Sue Wingrave and Mike Lewis volunteered to be on the Whilton Parish Council side of the working party, allotment working party members yet to be advised.
- The allotment holders had asked that one shed should be erected for storage of tools, Mike Lewis said that the proposed shed should not be on a plot and the working party would have a look at possible sites, then ownership and insurance on the shed must be decided if the erection of the shed is allowed. Mike Lewis proposes we negotiate with DDC towards relaxation of rules regarding a shed during discussions on the mid term lease for a tool shed or whatever is decided to be erected on site. ML

13 UPDATE ON DRAINAGE IN BRINGTON LANE

Following communication with Heather Smith (the NCC highways portfolio holder) MGWSP said that they had no CCTV survey showing a collapsed pipe which apparently was done some years ago and witnessed by a parish councillor.

During last weeks floods three pictures of the flooding was sent to Street Doctor, Care Doctor Daventry and to MGWSP. Email from Emma Heath to Sue Wingrave said that they would send someone out to have a look in the next 5 working days. Next stage is a letter to MGWSP, CC Steve Osborne, DC Wendy Amos, Heather Smith and Ian Smith suggesting an on site meeting with them and Whilton Parish Council.

n.b. Highways van was seen on Thursday around 2pm checking, drove down as far as the drain on the down slope round the corner of Brington Lane towards Roughmore Grounds, where we have had a problem with spring water emerging from around the manhole cover in the past, but is now fixed. AN

14 INTERRUPTION OF WATER SUPPLIES IN WHILTON

Raise a letter with Anglia Water – Peterborough, Michael Thomas to pass letter to Sue Wingrave MT/

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15 PARISH WALK

Findings – clerk to circulate list for review and possible inclusion in March meeting AN

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16 ROSE COTTAGE

Nothing to report to date

Ken Bowers told the meeting that there is a tenant interested in renting Rose cottage. DDC to be chased again. AN

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17 PLANNING

West Northants Joint Planning Unit and WNDC

Information received:

- Application Update in Daventry 14/12/2010
- Agenda for Meeting 14/12/2010
- Minutes of Meeting 2/11/2010
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18 NORTHANTS NCALC

Information received:

- Update – November – December 2010
- Parish Partnerships 2010- 2013
- Policy and Parliamentary Briefing
- S137 Limit for 2011/12 - £6.44 e-mail
- The Localism Bill – First Reactions
- The 2011 Parish Elections

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- January Training

All PCs

19 PROPOSED DATES OF MEETINGS 2011/2012

Mike Lewis asked Parish Councillors to have a think whether they want the meetings on different days so that DDC and NCC can report in person.

The Councillors were asked to let Mike Lewis know as soon as possible if any change is desired.

20 OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED

- Rural Services Network
- Hinterland updates
- Play & Leisure newsletter *
- Image Playgrounds *
- Victim Support report and appeal
- Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association Annual Report 2009/2010
- Open Spaces Society "Go for Green Spaces" appeal
- SMP Playgrounds *
- Glasdon Products
- Record RSS Play Products*
- Stop the drop in 2011 : Money to be won!
- Countryside gardens*
- Clerks and Councils Direct
- The Royal British Legion – Poppy Party Weekend
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21 MATTERS TO RAISE ON NEXT AGENDA

- Path to Whilton Locks
- Spraying weeds in verges
- Broadband
- Concrete benching by Church View is in a poor state, who is responsible
- Highways - down pipe outlets on paths in Main Street, freezing hazard.
- Gas for village, can we gain support from our councillors

22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 9th MARCH 2011 7.30PM

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

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Appendix 1



PCSO Sarah Gray
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Whilton Police Report

December 2010

Crime figures for the month of December for the village – Including crime figures for the entire Crick Beat as a comparison for you,

The villages I am referring to are, Long Buckby, West Haddon, Yelvertoft, Lilborne, Whilton, Clay Coton, Stanford on Avon, Watford, Elkington Winwick, Crick and Kilsby

December Whilton		December Whole Beat	
Burglary Dwelling	0	Burglary Dwelling	0
Burglary Non Dwelling	0	Burglary Non Dwelling	0
Vehicle Interference	0	Vehicle Interference	0
Theft	0	Theft	4
Theft from a Vehicle	0	Theft from a Vehicle	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Drugs Offences	0	Drugs Offences	0
Drug Warrent	0	Drug Warrent	1
Criminal Damage	0	Criminal Damage	2
Arson	0	Arson	0

The total crime for the area has decreased which is good but lets not get too complasant.

As an SCT do not deal with the violent crime or Robbery and Deception/ Fraud. That is CID (Criminal Investigation Department) or IRT (Immediate Response Team)

Speeding;

We are Speed reinforcement trained so if there is a need in the village please let me know and I'll happily come along and catch the people responsible! We have been so busy with various things that speeding reinforcement has yet to happen however we have several locations and you never know when or where so watch out!

OP Speeding.

Location across the entire beat have been nominated as hot spots for speeding vehicles and an police operation has been put in place to combats this. Locations have not been disclosed for obvious reasons. The results will be published for your attention..... Watch Out!!

I have in the last month carried out speed reinforcement and 5 unlucky people are receiving warning letters.

Drugs;

These figures are not always reflective of drugs in a village, teenagers will get stop checked or cars parked up in isolated places and we discover drugs, such as cannabis this then will get confiscated and a warning will be given, if the teenager gets caught again a more formal approach will be offered as the drug is class B. So don't think this is around your village (it may be, but not reported to us) but if you smell smoke that is not tobacco! Please let us know. We have had recently very successful drug warrants carried out on our beat; we are after catching the dealers and users.

So it's always a positive result when we find drugs of any nature.

However there have been no drugs found this month throughout the villages so this is good news.

Drug Warrants are active and happen as a result of intelligence that residents have given us. Big thanks you for that as it help us support your communities.

Farm watch

Farms have been hit recently in our surrounding areas, If anyone is interested in joining Farm Watch I will email the relevant forms to any interested parties or find the following attachment for the application form.



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application form.doc

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Surgery dates

These have been cancelled where my colleagues have not managed to attend due to my absence. The next dates will be arranged when I am able to attend.

Community Panel Meetings

It was agreed at the meeting held on 2nd November 2010 that the LIP's for the Crick beat are

1. Speeding through the main "red" route, Long Buckby e.g. Cotton End, East Street, High Street and Station Road.

There will be results of vehicles that travel through Long Buckby location is under wraps as it gives results of speeding and what vehicles are responsible e.g Lorry, cars, motor bikes, etc, you will be surprised at the results.

Next meeting date

Tuesday 25th January, 7.30pm - Community centre, Long Buckby

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