

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN  
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr J Daniels, Cllr S Dye, Cllr D Burton and Cllr G Buckley

Others Present: County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris

**1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Newton and Cllr A Mountain and these were accepted.

**2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Daniels declared a Personal Interest in item no. 13, electric cables across the playing field.

**3. To confirm and accept Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> September meeting**

Cllr Dye proposed the minutes, which had been circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record, Cllr Daniels seconded the proposal, carried by the Council

**4. To report on any matters arising from the minutes of September (not on agenda)**

Cllr Dye had investigated the subject of signs and found that there are several websites selling signs and the prices are quite varied. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will investigate whether Highways will allow a sign to be placed in the village but he knew there would be the need for a licence. He will report back at the next meeting about this.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that there are two bi-elections pending on November 19<sup>th</sup>. One will be held by the Lib. Dems. and the other by Ukip. N.C.C. is bringing out a consultation soon regarding budget cuts. There is now a Committee system being operated and each Committee has to decide where to cut 25%. There could well be a 2% increase in council tax. Next February the budget will be set. There was some discussion amongst the Parish Councillors and Cllr Kiddle-Morris regarding the proposed new Northern Distributor Road which will run from the A47 in the east at Postwick to the A1067 in the north-west. It should have started on October 15<sup>th</sup> but it has not started yet.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and resumed the meeting.

**5. To discuss Correspondence**

The following mail had been received:-

August crimes – 1 non dwelling burglary, 1 other theft

Copy of Community Action Norfolk magazine and Clerks & Councils magazine

Gary Lake – grass maintenance contract

Letter from Mary Porter, re hedge cutting

Invite for Mr Burton to attend a Community Outreach Day on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> at RAF Mildenhall

**6. To discuss any Planning issues**

Breckland 3PL/2015/1071 Mr B Duffy, Lower Farm, New Road, erection of replacement 3 storey dwelling and enclosure, repair of outbuilding. The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

**7. To discuss any Highways issues**

The Chairman had contacted Highways and was informed the issues he raised would be attended to when the Rangers were next working in the Parish. A drain was supposed to have been jetted out. None of the jobs were dealt with so the Clerk will email Jon Winnett and inform him of this fact. The drains are blocked on New Road and because of the fallen leaves they cannot deal with the heavy rain.

A letter will be written to Mr & Mrs Burgess regarding the stones at the base of their wall. It has been reported by a parishioner to the Parish Council that they felt the stones could present a health and safety issue so the Parish Council will write to the occupants regarding the matter.

**8. To discuss Mr Lake's grass cutting contract**

The Parish Council discussed what Mr Lake was supposed to cut and not cut. Cllr Daniels proposed the Parish Council accepts Mr Lake's contract, seconded by Cllr Buckley and carried.

**9. To discuss the Village Hall**

As there were no Village Hall Committee members present, there was no discussion regarding the Village Hall and it will be put on the December agenda.

**10. To discuss the dog fouling problem**

The Parish Council thought that the signs are helping to reduce the dog fouling problem.

**11. To discuss the RoSPA report and potential pigeon deterrent**

The report had been studied by the Parish Council and it had noted the points that had been highlighted. The Clerk had contacted the Insurance company regarding putting up pigeon deterrents but was told that if anything was erected that contained spikes, it would make any claim invalid, so there is nothing that the Parish Council can do regarding this problem.

**12. To authorize any necessary financial transactions**

Cllr Dye proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment, seconded by Cllr Burton and carried:-

Mazars invoice £150.00	Clerk's net salary & Tax Oct-Nov
Internal audit fee £80.00	G Lake £2,000.00 and £60.00

The Parish Council has received from Breckland the Precept payment of £7,500.00 and the grant of £573.77.

**13. To discuss the electric cables across the playing field**

The cables will go underground and the Parish Council is liable for the legal costs that will be incurred. Power Networks have offered to pay £600.00 plus VAT towards the costs so Butcher Andrews have agreed to lower their prices to this amount, thus making the cost to the Parish Council Nil.

**14. To discuss progress with the allotments**

So far no-one had contacted the Clerk with regards to wishing to rent an allotment. The Chairman thought it was sensible to leave the allotments alone because of the time of year and to see if there is any interest in the spring. The Parish Council has to pay out money to keep it tidy. The Chairman will suggest to Mr Burton that he moves his allotment to a better position. Allotments will go on the December agenda.

**15. To discuss the website**

The cost of the website was discussed. The Clerk reported that she had been told at a training evening regarding the Transparency Code that it is possible to try to obtain some funding for the website, so this will be investigated.

**16. To receive items for the next Agenda**

Set the precept for 2016 – 2017

**17. To set date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday December 17th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 9.20 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date