

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN  
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter

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

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

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

Cllr Burton declared a Personal Interest in item no. 6, Planning

**3. To confirm and accept Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> October meeting**

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

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

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Cllr Carter informed the Parish Council about a grant of £200.00 is available to help celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. A community clean-up event needs to be done in February or the first 3 weeks of March. The celebrations must be held between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April. There is a problem regarding recycling as people are putting the wrong items in the bins and Breckland are being fined over this. Bins will be checked and tagged. If the wrong items are put in bins, they will not be emptied. Breckland have a balanced budget over the next 3 years. After 3 years Breckland want to be Government Grant free. It is turning itself into a 'one stop shop' for lots of services such as Department of Works & Pensions, the Citizen Advice Bureau and others. There is going to be a HUB for Children's Services and there will be one in Dereham and one in Thetford.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris spoke about Superfast Broadband as it is available now. On 14<sup>th</sup> January is the end of the consultation period for budget cuts. He said he will make some enquiries regarding the poor internet service in the parish. He spoke about the Committees at County Hall and there are now 77 seats on the Committees. £111m still needs to be saved.

**5. To discuss Correspondence**

The following mail had been received:-

Email received from Paul and Joanne Hubbard, in response to letter sent to them about their stones.  
Donation appeal from Norfolk Age UK

Email received from Lesley Pegg regarding missing sign by Mill Road and asking that Mr Ian Dye be thanked for cutting back the hedge along Horse Close. Ms Pegg is in contact with Mr Lee Acton at Norfolk County Council regarding the missing sign on Mill Lane, opposite Headland House, and is going to be replaced eventually.

Letter received from Mrs Joplin at Peelings Coaches regarding a lady who needs the assistance of a shopper on wheels and she is having difficulty getting through the turnstile. The letter asked if something could be done to help with this problem. The Clerk will respond to say the turnstile cannot be moved.

**6. To discuss any Planning issues**

3PL/2015/0930/F Furnell Developments. Rose Cottage, 2 new single storey detached dwellings, planning permission has been received.

3OB/2015/0012/OB Mr D Burton, Willowbrook, Colkirk Road, removal of S106 (dwelling tied to business) attached to 3PL.1999/1109/O. Cllr Dye took over the chairing of the meeting, whilst this item was being discussed. The Parish Council voted to support this application.

**7. To discuss any Highways issues**

The Clerk had received an email from Mrs English regarding mud and leaves on the road. Cllr Andrews spoke to Cllr Burton about a large pot hole on the Horningtoft turning and it has been reported to Highways several times. The Highways Rangers have dealt with 2 big holes on the Oxwick Road. There is a deep pot hole on the junction of New Road and Northwood Drive and Cllr Kiddle-Morris will look into that as well. There was some discussion regarding the problems being caused by Dudgeon Offshore because of the silt that was running down and blocking grups ad drains.

**8. To discuss the Village Hall**

This item will be put on the next agenda.

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

The Deed of Grant is now through and Cllr Dye signed it at the meeting. There will be no charge to the Parish Council for the work carried out by the Solicitors.

**10. To discuss the Church Lanes turnstiles**

This subject has already been discussed.

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

Cllr Burton suggested that the allotments be put to grass. It was also suggested that it could be turned into a paddock for horses. The Parish Council thought it might be a good idea to get back the land that is currently being used by Mr Green. Cllr Burton suggested that between now and the next Parish Council meeting that the Councillors should go to the allotments and measure the size of the land. Mr Tim Burton, a current allotment holder, will be contacted regarding him hiring an allotment in a different position. If no further prospective allotment hirers come forward, then the Parish Council will be taking back most of the land, to be rented out in a different way, and only a very small piece will be kept back for a couple of allotments, in case anyone should want one.

**12. To discuss the website funding**

The Clerk is trying to obtain some funding for the extra work entailed for displaying more information on the website and will report progress at the next meeting.

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

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

Clerk's net salary for December/January £199.20 HMRC tax for December/January £49.80

**14. To set the precept for 2016 - 2017**

After discussing a budget document, Cllr Dye proposed the precept be set at £13,000.00, seconded by Cllr Daniels and carried.

**15. To discuss the Chairman's visit to Mildenhall**

Cllr Burton reported that he had found the visit very interesting. He was a little disappointed because the Clerk had been told that the invitation was only for Chairmen of Parish Councils but, in fact, some of the other Parish Councillors of other Councils had also attended and Clerks. After his visit, the Clerk wrote on behalf of Cllr Burton and thanked them for their hospitality.

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

To discuss the idea of privatisation of waste disposal in the future  
To discuss rubbish on the playing field

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

The next meeting will be held on Thursday February 18th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 9.30 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date