

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 25TH AUGUST 2016 AT 7.30 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr A Mountain, Cllr J Newton, Cllr B Andrews, Cllr S Dye and Cllr J Daniels

Others Present: 2 electors

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

The Vice Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Cllr David Burton and Cllr Graham Buckley and these were accepted.

Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept Minutes of 30th July meeting

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

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

There was a great deal of rubbish on the playing field that had been thrown over from somewhere. It will have to be removed and the Parish Council will have to bear the cost of the work involved. It was felt that this was disgusting behaviour by the culprit and an article will be put in the magazine.

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The problem of bad pot holes was discussed. There are some down Lime Kiln Lane and Raynham Road, near the wind turbines. The problem will be brought again to the attention of Highways.

The Vice Chairman closed the Public Participation period and resumed the meeting.

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Letter from Environment Agency regarding the overview of the system.

Letter from Tim and Sue Burton to say they have cleared the old allotment plot.

Letter from G B Edmonson Ltd. regarding turning of goods vehicles.

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine.

The RoSPA report highlighting some problems on the playing field. The Clerk will contact Adventure Playgrounds Ltd. to see if they can carry out the repairs.

Copy of Gary Lake's public and product liability insurance certificate

6. To discuss any Planning issues

Breckland 3PL/2016/0717/HOU Mr & Mrs Durrant, Talbot House, London Street, erect single storey front extension to entrance hall & study, planning permission received

Breckland 3PL/2016/0585 Mr Ivan Newton, Primrose Cottage, London Street, demolition of existing garage & erection of bungalow within cartilage of property. Refusal of planning permission

Breckland 3PL/2016/0812/O Mr E W Anderson, The Paddocks, London Street, application for the demolition of outbuildings and the erection of two bungalows, garages and associated works. Application withdrawn

Breckland 3PL/2016/0891 Mr M Palmer, Hall Farm, Hall Lane, application for a new dwelling. The Parish Council voted against this application because it was outside the village envelope and the proposed new driveway would be where the village electricity transformer is. The Parish Council thinks that if it was to be put in Hall Lane there would be support for the application.

Breckland 3PL/2015/0834/F Mr T Ulph, The Old Bell Annexe, change of use from residential annexe to holiday let, appeal has been made to the Secretary of State. The Parish Council does not have an issue with the change of use from residential to holiday let in principal but it reiterates the comments it made before, and repeats that it does not want another access created and it would strongly object to this and would also object to the removal of the existing trees and hedges.

7. To discuss the Local Plan decision

Cllr Burton and Cllr Dye attended the second meeting recently. There are a variety of rules regarding the new development. The Councillors tried to persuade Breckland to retain the boundary but there were very few services in place to support this idea. There are five services in the criteria to be met, and the parish only has one of them. Only 5% development growth over the next 20 years will be allowed. The boundary will be lost and prohibitive restrictions on development will be put in place.

8. To discuss any Highways issues

Potholes were discussed under Public Participation. There is a pot hole down Mill Lane, one down the Dereham Road and Horningtoft Road also has pot holes. The Clerk suggested photos of the pot holes be sent to her and she will forward the photos to Highways. Cllr Mountain offered to take photos and forward them to the Clerk.

9. To discuss the Village Hall Public Meeting planned for September

As the Village Hall has a new Chairman, there is no need to have a meeting.

10. To discuss progress with the allotments

Mr & Mrs Burton have cleared their old allotment plot and Mr Green has his sheep on it and he is going to seed it.

11. To authorize any necessary financial transactions

The Parish Council authorised the following necessary financial transactions:-

Clerk's net salary £298.70 HMRC tax £74.80 Clerk's pay in lieu of holiday £199.20
 Mazars LLP invoice for external audit £120.00 Internal audit £80.00 Playsafety Ltd invoice £92.40
 G Lake Grounds Maintenance invoice £1,934.00 and £80.00 (moles) Clerk's end of yr exps March 2016 £297.37
 Mr E Woodhouse £20.00 (cleaning the seat at Hurn Lane) The Community Heartbeat Trust £63.60

12. To receive items for the next Agenda

The RoSPA report and the necessary repairs
Rubbish on the playing field
Adopt the Equal Opportunities Policy
Review Gary Lake's Contract

13. To set date of next meeting

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

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.58 p.m.

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Vice Chairman

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Date