

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: 2 electors

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting.

There were apologies for absence from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr T Carter.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept Minutes of 17th October meeting

Cllr Daniels 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)

Cllr Burton has been talking to members of the committee of the Village Hall Committee and Norwich Traffic Control and they will be installing 3 signs stating that there is Free Parking for Customers and Staff. There will be a Disabled Parking place also. The signs are all approved and will be erected on the appropriate walls. The company has a good record of success.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

There has been some vandalism on the Campingland and the Chairman will be telephoning the Police and asking for some Police presence in the parish. Vandalism has also occurred in the bus shelter and the churchyard.

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

5. To discuss Correspondence

The mail received since the last meeting was a copy of Clerks & Councils direct magazine, a letter from Mr & Mrs Taylor regarding an incident on the playing field and an email from Mr & Mrs Rowe regarding The Old Pitt planning application. The Chairman has spoken to Breckland Council about the letter from Mr & Mrs Taylor. He has been informed that there is nothing the Parish Council can do about the situation until Mr & Mrs Taylor take the matter up with the Police. Cllr Burton instructed Cllr Buckley to shut off the access from the back garden onto the playing field.

The Clerk received an email from Mrs English thanking the Parish Council for putting the shingle down in the churchyard. Cllr Dye received a verbal thank you for the hedge cutting that had been carried out.

6. To discuss any Planning issues

Breckland 3PL/2016/1275/F Mr Newton, Primrose Cottage, London Road, demolition of existing garage and erection of bungalow with cartilage of property re-submission of application no. 3PL/2016/0585/F – planning application withdrawn

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Breckland 3PL/2016/1189 Mr I Smith, The Old Pit, London Street, outline application for 4 two storey detached houses 0f 250 metres squared within the old pit. The Parish Council did not object to the application but is concerned about the method of piling and the impact the situation will have on the existing surrounding properties. If Breckland Council intend to approve this application, the Planners should take this into consideration and attach a section 106 agreement that the pile driving would be done with the minimum impact on the surrounding properties.

Letter & newsletter from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd ref intentions to build 2 new offshore wind farms. As this is only in initial stages at the moment, lengthy discussion on it will be deferred until sometime next year.

7. To discuss the outcome of the Local Plan Consultation

The consultation period is now over and comments will be collated but with neither Cllr Kiddle-Morris nor Cllr Carter present, this subject was not discussed.

8. To discuss any Highways issues

Church Lanes Maintenance – the Church Lanes have been dealt with. The Highways Rangers are coming to the village in a few weeks time. The Clerk will report to them that there are potholes down Mill Lane that need attention. There is also a huge pothole between the Village Hall and Horningtoft Road that they need to be made aware of.

9. To receive an update on the necessary repairs to the play equipment

The work will be carried out in due course.

10. To authorize financial transactions

The Parish Council authorised the following necessary financial transactions:-

Clerk's net salary Nov.-Dec. £199.20 HMRC tax Nov.-Dec. £49.80 Whissonaett PCC wreath £16.50
G. Lake 3rd payment £2,000.00 G Lake (moles) £120.00 Norwich Traffic Control Ltd £100.00
P Burton (supplying and laying 12 tons of stone) £720.00

11. To set the Precept for 2017-2018

Cllr Dye proposed the precept be set at £13,000.00, seconded by Cllr Andrews and carried.

12. To discuss the outcome of the meeting with Mr Gary Lake, grass cutter

Cllr Burton met Mr Gary Lake to discuss his grass cutting work. Mr Lake apologized for the standard of his work over the last few months and admitted that he had taken on too many contracts. He assured Cllr Burton that next year the standard of his work will revert back to how it used to be, which was of an acceptable standard.

13. To receive an update on website training given to Dawn Rangeley by Justin Bamforth for her to upload Village Hall documents

Dawn Rangeley confirmed that she has had her training and she is now able to upload onto the website documents associated with the Village Hall and other groups.

14. To receive items for the next Agenda

No items were requested.

15. To set date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday January 19th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.35 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date