

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2017 AT 8.00 P.M. IN  
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: 1 electors and County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris

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

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Dist. Cllr T Carter.

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

There were no Interests declared.

**3. To confirm and accept Minutes of May 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 May (not on agenda)**

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the Parish Partnership is available again with the N.C.C. paying 50% and the Parish Council paying 50% for certain highways improvements. The most common projects are the insertions of trods and SAM2 speed signs. £35m has been given by the Government for additional social care costs. Cllr Kiddle-Morris has received some money for his parishes for highways improvements, but some of his parishes do not receive a precept, so he has decided to look at helping those first.

There was nothing further to discuss, so the Chairman adjourned the Public Participation period and resumed the Parish Council meeting.

**5. To discuss Correspondence:**

The following mail had been received:-

A copy of the Clerks & Councils Magazine  
The RoSPA report from Playsafety Ltd.

**6. To discuss the safety flooring around the play equipment**

It no longer looks dangerous. Regarding bird proofing, various options have been discussed as to how to stop the birds. Metal spikes cannot be used. The Clerk will contact Swanton Morley Parish Council and see if they can give any advice.

**7. To discuss the RoSPA report**

The Clerk will contact Action and Leisure and ask them to send a representative to have a meeting with Cllr Andrews. They can discuss any problems highlighted in the RoSPA report.

**8. To discuss any Planning issues**

3PL/2017/0352/O Mr Ivan Smith, The Old Pitt, High Street, erection of 3 dwellings, planning permission received.

**9. To discuss the new Car Parking Contract**

The Clerk will contact Ms Rangeley to find out what the situation is regarding the contract. She will be asked if she wants the Parish Council to do anything.

**10. To discuss any Highways issues**

There is a problem with the surface at Swan Hill. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will speak to the Highways Dept. and arrange for a Road Inspector to come and have a look at the problem.

**11. To discuss the outcome of the Village Walk About**

The yearly village walk-about had recently taken place and the following observations were made. The trees on the Campingland, there is a large tree and some hedges blocking out sunlight. In the past, the hedge on the left has been cut up to the rails. The PCC will have no problem with the hedge being cut. The hedge will be cut back to the boundary line. Broadland own the laurels that need cutting. A letter will be sent to the occupant asking for assistance regarding getting the laurel hedge cut. Down the Church lanes, walking from east to west, the trees made the area overgrown and ark and dingy, Cllr Dye will try to make contact with a tree surgeon to trim the trees that need attention. The Clerk will contact Gary Lake and ask him to cut the hedge to the west of the campingland right back to the trees along the pit edge behind. It needs a fairly brutal cut, about 10' is needed. However, this cannot be done until maybe September. A shredder will be needed so the Clerk will enquire as to whether he has one. The Clerk will write a letter to the occupants at the Reading Room and ask them to trim the hedge.

Regarding the playing field, some fencing pieces around the play area need renewing. Cllr Newton will deal with this job. He will also remove the metal around the tree. Three letters will be written to residents regarding the fly tipping of garden rubbish that is occurring on the playing field. A gate latch needs replacing and Cllr Newton will deal with this. The dog sing on the playing field has been damaged and Cllr Dye will source a new one in due course.

The footpath map needs a new cover. Cllr Dye will look into replacing the cover.

The Clerk will write to Mr Etteridge and thank him for painting the bus shelter.

Unfortunately there has been some graffiti painted around the village and the bus shelter has had some spray paint put on it.

**12. To authorize financial transactions**

The Parish Council authorized the following necessary financial transactions:-

Clerk's net salary for June/ and July	£199.20	HMRC tax for June and July	£49.80
Internal auditor	£85.00	Playsafety Ltd	£92.40
Gary Lake Grounds Maintenance	£1,814.00 and £180.00,		

**13. To discuss the allotment situation**

Cllr Dye had been contacted by a resident who wished to hire an allotment. He will be told he can hire one. Cllr Dye will contact Mr W Green and inform him that a piece of the land that he hires will need to be taken back by the Parish Council. If the Parish Council is approached by a resident wishing to hire an allotment, then the Parish Council has an obligation to try to oblige.

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

- Allotment update
- Playing field maintenance update
- Car parking contract
- Parish Councillor vacancy

**15. To confirm date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 9.15 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date