

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 26TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 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: 2 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 fill a vacancy by Co-option

Cllr Dye proposed Mrs Caroline Edge for the position of Parish Councillor, seconded by Cllr Daniels and carried. Cllr Edge signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

3. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no Interests declared.

4. To confirm and accept Minutes of 6th 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.

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

Mr Ireson has been sent a contract regarding his allotment.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the budget will soon be set at Norfolk County Council and a meeting will be taking place soon. The council tax will raise the same as last year. N.C.C. are looking at ways to save money. They will be looking at buildings to see if the services can be amalgamated. Mobile libraries may be stopped and libraries may become part of village halls. Between now and 2021 £125m has to be saved. £30m will be lost from the Government. A new Committee has been formed to look at Broadband. Some money may be spent on putting in Fibre optic in places. Mobile phone reception should improve.

6. To discuss any Correspondence: received

A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Burton, thanking the Parish Council for dealing with the hedge problem.

A donation appeal from the CAB had been received. Cllr Newton proposed a £50.00 donation be sent, seconded by Cllr Andrews and it was carried.

A request from Whissonsett P.C.C. for £17.00 for the Remembrance Day wreath, Cllr Newton proposed this be sent, Cllr Dye seconded the proposal and it was carried.

An invoice from Justin Bamforth for the website work was received and the Parish Council agreed to pay this invoice.

7. To discuss the bird problem on the play equipment

The Clerk will contact Playsafety Ltd., the company who organise the RoSPA inspection, to find out if they can recommend anything.

8. To receive an update on the seat at Hurn Lane

Some residents had been unable to locate the seat, due to the overgrowth. Someone has cleared the rubbish away now. Cllr Buckley offered to look at the seat periodically and trim away the overgrowth when necessary. It was decided a permanent solution would be matting and some shingle, so this will be investigated.

9. To discuss any Planning issues

3PL/2017/1210/F Site to the rear of Queensforth, London Street, 2 houses, 1 ½ storey dwellings with garages, parking and amenity space. The Parish Council had responded by saying it does not object to small scale development. It is essential that the access off road parking and turning are more than adequate as per the proposed layout. Access is off one of the busier roads in the village, which is often restricted by vehicles parked on the road. Serious issues have arisen from unauthorised parking on the village hall car park opposite. If outbuildings were demolished the Parish Council would like to see the clay lump showing a date and name preserved on the site in the interest of local history.

3PL/2017/1108/O Mr J Daniels, land adjacent to Meadow House, Mill Lane, erection of a self build retirement dwelling. It was referred to the Planning Committee and planning permission has been passed.

3PL/2017/0937/O Mr I Smith, The Old Pitt, High Street, construction of 1 dwelling. The Parish Council approved the amended plan and is pleased that the concerns were taken into account.

10. To discuss the World War 1 celebration and a donation for a Wreath

The Clerk will email Mrs Sue Rutter and try to ascertain exactly what will be happening for this event. She will be asked to attend the next meeting if possible. The Clerk will find out when the £100.00 agreed donation is needed and who exactly wants to receive it.

11. To discuss any Highways issues

The Horse Close Lane problem is still outstanding. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will look into this problem. The Clerk was asked to write again to Mr Merton and ask for an update on what he intends doing about the laurel hedge. The Church has asked the Parish Council to deal with this so the Parish Council needs an update to pass onto the Church.

12. To authorize financial transactions

The Parish Council authorised the following transaction:-

Reimbursement to Mrs S Dye £100.00 for Justin Bamforth (website)	
Clerk's salary for October £99.70	HMRC tax for October £24.80
Whissonsett PCC £17.00 (poppy wreath)	Ravencroft Tree Services Ltd. £270.00
Mrs S Dye (reimbursement for Dog Signs) £8.85	Donation to Citizens Advice Bureau £50.00
Gary Lake Grounds Maintenance (3 rd payment) £2,000.00 and mole work £180.00	

13. To set the Precept

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

14. To receive an update on the maintenance of the play equipment

Cllr Dye asked if a Parish Councillor could look at a few small problems on the playing field and deal with whatever they felt they could do. Gary Lake had offered to deal with some of the overgrowth that needs cutting, for a fee, on the Campingland. He quoted a price of £400.00 to do this extra work. Cllr Dye will also get a price for some of the work from Mr Paul Burton.

There are seven trees need attention. They are all large and in Church Lane. One will need to be done in the next six months. Cllr Dye will email the report she has received to all the Parish Councillors and ask them to digest it and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

15. To discuss any progress filling the Parish Councillor vacancy

Although Mrs Edge was co-opted onto the Parish Council this evening, there is still a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Parish Councillors will continue to try to fill the vacancy and speak to the residents regarding the vacancy.

16. To receive items for the next Agenda

There were no items requested.

16. To set date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday December 6th 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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