

## WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Whissonsett Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr S Dye (Chair)  
Cllr B Andrews (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr J Daniels  
Cllr J Newton  
Cllr C Edge

C/Cllr M Kiddle-Morris  
D/Cllr T Carter  
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

### **1. Welcome and apologies for absence.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr Buckley.

### **2. To receive any declarations of interest.**

There were no declarations received.

### **3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.**

The date of approval for Hamrow Farm planning application was queried as it was believed permission had been granted after the date of the May meeting. The minutes were amended accordingly.

The Chairman then proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record. This was seconded by Cllr Edge and agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

(NB: a check following the meeting revealed permission had been granted on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and the original minutes were correct).

### **4. Matters for information only (not on the agenda).**

Work on the trees by the Church started on the 12<sup>th</sup> July, as previously agreed. Council requested that the contractor be contacted to cut the Church Lane West hedges right back as they were causing a major obstruction.

### **5. Open Forum for Public Participation.**

There were no members of the public present.

## **6. County & District Councillors**

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the previous Council Leader, Cliff Jordan, had tendered his resignation and sadly died very shortly afterwards.

A new leader was now in place, together with his deputy, and no changes had been made to date.

The budget is as expected and savings are being made in the areas where predicted.

The Minerals and Waste Local Development Plan is at the consultation period and the nearest sites closest to Whissonsett are four at Beetley.

D/Cllr Carter reported that the councillors room at Breckland had been renamed the Jordan Room in honour of Cliff Jordan.

In respect of previous funding made to village halls, this stream no longer exists and all funding is now through the Norfolk Community Foundation and is match funding only.

Issues have been raised regarding a site at Stanfield and an eviction notice has been posted.

The Chairman thanked both Councillors for their input.

## **7. To receive a report on the Play Area.**

No quotes had yet been obtained for the new fence. The bird spikes had been installed. A quote had been obtained to repair the Cone Climber but it was felt it was too high. Two council members will investigate and see what can be done.

The annual ROSPA inspection will be approved at the September meeting once repairs have been carried out.

D/Cllr Carter reported that the cottages on the corner were now part of the Breckland regeneration programme and could be compulsory purchased and renovated if repairs were not carried out.

## **8. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to circulate.

## **9. Planning Issues**

### **a) Decisions to note:**

- 3/PL/2018/0235/F – rear of Queensforth, London Street – residential development of two 1.5 storey dwellings and associated garages, parking etc – Approved.
- 3/PL/2018/0283/D – Agricultural land at Hall Farm – reserved matters, one dwelling and garage (3PL/2016/0891/O) – Approved.
- 3PL/2018/0303/O - Land south of The Cottage New Road – one dwelling – Approved.

- 3PL/2018/0333/F – Land off Dereham Road - Erection of dwelling with associated garage incorporating an annexe, parking and garden – Approved.

**b) Applications to consider:**

There were no new applications to consider.

**10. To receive a report on the website.**

It was agreed the Clerk should contact the webmaster to ascertain the current contract and arrange amendments to the site.

Councillors were asked to have a look at the site prior to the next meeting and to recommend any amendments they felt were necessary.

Cllr Andrews advised that he had a contact who would build a new site free of charge if necessary.

At this point D/Cllr Carter left the meeting.

**11. To receive a report on the Allotments.**

Invoices for the current year are to be sent to the tenants.

**12. To consider any Highways matters.**

The following issues were reported:

- Mill Lane – surface & potholes.
- Junction of London Street and High Street – surface.
- New Road – two potholes.

These will be reported to Norfolk County Council for repairs.

**13. To consider an application under the Parish Partnership Scheme.**

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris advised the Council regarding the scheme which would fund up to 50% for highway related projects. The Council will consider possible projects at the walkabout.

C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris then left the meeting.

**14. To set a date for the Village Walkabout.**

The date of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm was agreed.

**15. Finance & Governance Matters**

**a) To receive a financial statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

The Chairman proposed that the Clerk be paid at Scale 19 as previously agreed, this was seconded by Cllr Daniels and agreed by Council.

In respect of the financial statement, there were no questions.

**b) To approve the following payments:**

The Chairman proposed approval of the following payments. This was seconded by Cllr Daniels and agreed by Council.

- Clerk (Salary/Allowance – May - July)      £302.20
- HMRC      £68.00
- Caroline Edge (bird spikes)      £29.33
- Grass contractor      £1934.00

**16. To consider the co-option of a councillor to fill the vacancy.**

No volunteers had come forward to fill the vacancy.

**17. To receive matters for the next agenda.**

There were no new matters received, however, Cllr Andrews reminded Council of the defibrillator training course taking place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2018 at 7.00pm to which all villagers were welcome.

**18. To note the date of the next meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.**

The date was noted.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

Signed:

Date:

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