

WHISSONSETT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.15pm in the Village Hall

The Chairman of the Parish Council, D/Cllr Robert Hambidge, eleven members of the public (including representatives of local groups and parish councillors) and the Clerk were present.

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris, Mr & Mrs Andrews (Carpet Bowls), Mr Richard Andrews (Outdoor Bowls), Mrs Caroline Wilson (100 Club), Mrs Jean Hart (20/10 Group) and Mrs Sue Rutter (PCC).

2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2021.

The minutes were approved as a true record and will be duly signed by the Chairman.

3. To receive reports from District Councillor and County Councillors.

In the absence of the County Cllr, his report is attached.

The District Cllr, being relatively new in post, had little to report but did say that Council Tax had been kept as low as possible and there was a Breckland Hardship Fund for anyone who required assistance.

The Chairman thanked D/Cllr Hambidge for attending and presenting his report.

4. To receive a report from the Chairman of the Parish Council.

A copy of the Chairman's report is attached.

5. To receive reports from Village Clubs and organisations.

- a) Carpet Bowls Club – copy attached.
- b) Outdoor Bowls Club – copy attached.
- c) Women's Group – this group has not met since March 2020 and is now closed.
- d) Village Hall Committee – copy attached. The Chairman thanked Mrs Rangeley for attending and presenting the report. The new Chairman and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee were also in attendance.
- e) 100 Club – copy attached.
- f) 20/10 Group – copy attached.

- g) Horticultural Society – copy attached. The Chairman thanked Mrs Griffiths for attending and presenting the report.
- h) Parochial Church Council – copy attached.

6. Open Forum – an opportunity for residents to express their views on matters of interest or concern relating to the village and to suggest ideas for the future.

The issue of children being dropped off from the bus and then wandering into the road when listening to music on their headphones was raised as there had been a couple of near-misses recently. It was agreed to write to Litcham and Brisley Schools to ask them to raise the issue with the children and make them aware of the dangers. The Chairman confirmed there would be no case to reduce the speed limit to 20mph.

The issue of litter at the building site on New Road was raised, both food waste and litter from the skip and it was agreed to contact the agent to ask them they speak to the contractors.

A request for a dog bin on London Street was made but the D/Cllr confirmed it was difficult to get permission from Breckland as they did not want to empty any new bins. A member of the public volunteered to put a map on Facebook with the location of dog bins in the village. A suggestion was also made for a Parish Council Facebook page.

The issue of human excrement being smeared at various locations in the Village was raised and the Chairman encouraged everyone to report any issues to the Police as it was a police matter.

The issue of the broken playing field fence was raised and the Chairman confirmed this would be discussed at the Annual Council Meeting, to follow.

7. To confirm the date of the next annual parish meeting.

The next annual parish meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 8th May 2023 and the Chairman then close the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Date

Overview 2021/22

1. 70% of Norfolk streetlights converted, or work underway to convert to LED
2. 96.7% of highways inspections completed within timescale
3. 99.6% of dangerous highway defects dealt with within timescales set out in the Transport Asset Management Plan
4. 94% of Looked after Children (LAC) with an up-to-date Personal Education Plan
5. Completed 51,000 Adult Social Care Assessments for 20,700 people.

Highways: Maintenance of Norfolk's 9000km of roads and associated infrastructure was allocated £42m (revenue and capital) in the budget set in February 2021. The backlog of maintenance has largely been addressed by the team led by the local highway engineer. This has allowed for quicker resolution of defects, especially those which are urgent.

The public examination of the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the dualling of the A47 between Tuddenham and Easton concluded in February. The Planning Inspectorate will submit a report, with recommendations, to the Secretary of State (SoS) within 3 months. The SoS will then determine the DCO. If approved the scheme will relieve the daily congestion between Dereham and Norwich and allow sustainable economic growth and development.

Norfolk County Council has continued to work towards building a new road between the A47 (hopefully dualled) and the A1067 near Taverham at the junction with the Broadland Northway. This will stop the "rat running" through the villages between the 2 roads and reduce the traffic levels (especially HGVs) using the B1145 to access Kings Lynn.

Broadband: Hard to reach premises in Norfolk are to receive between £115m and £195m of funding as part of the Government's Project Gigabit to provide 1GB per second broadband to up to 119,000 premises. Contracts will be awarded from February 2022.

Rural homes and businesses across Norfolk and Suffolk will get next-generation gigabit broadband brought to them under a £5 billion plan to level up internet access across the UK. It means families no longer having to battle over bandwidth and will give people in rural areas the freedom to live and work more flexibly, with the speed and reliability needed to start and run businesses.

Flooding: A new single point of contact for flooding in Norfolk has been launched, allowing residents to report any sort of flooding quickly and

efficiently. In the event of flooding residents can call 0344 800 8013 to report it. Alternatively, residents can continue to report flooding on NCCs website. The new number gives residents a single point of contact and allows reports to be made swiftly.

Different agencies respond to different types of flooding, which has historically made reporting a flood by telephone more complicated when and where it is not possible to ascertain the source of floodwaters. Where there is a potential risk to life from flooding people should still call 999 immediately.

Norfolk's Cabinet considered the allocation of the council's £1.5m Flood Reserve Fund to support urgent works, repairs and to enable recommendations from flood investigation reports. The Reserve Fund was set up in the annual budget for 2021/22 agreed by the County Council in their budget meeting in February.

The Cabinet meeting, held on 6th September, discussed the proposed allocation of the funding, including £695k for additional highway and ditch maintenance and £365k for drainage asset improvements. This funding will be used for work on the 285,864 metres of drainage grips and 31,037 metres of kerb drains on Norfolk's highways, as well as operations to clear some of the county's 145,305 gullies that help drain rainwater.

The Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSFA), under the Chairmanship of General Lord Dannatt, has formally adopted an overall Strategy, designed to enable county wide responses to flooding across all agencies involved. The Strategy, which lays out the NSFA's vision, objectives, approach and structure, is a major milestone in the development of the Alliance, which was founded earlier this year by the Council to bring together all agencies and partners involved in planning for and responding to flooding in Norfolk.

Adult Social Care: Plans to support Adult Social Services with the expected "winter pressures" have been unveiled.

A report was heard by Norfolk County Council's Cabinet in December saying that Adult Social Services across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. However, here in Norfolk practical solutions are being put in place.

The report said: 'Norfolk Adult Social Services face a level of unprecedented challenge in 2021/22 as a result of the pandemic, with national and local workforce shortages, rising demand in hospitals and the community and the continued infection risk posed by COVID-19 as well as other recurring respiratory viruses such as flu. Adult Social Services received 20,279 calls for support between April and October this year – an increase of 9,400 over four years.

Action taken by the Council includes:

1. Expanding action to support people at home or, where appropriate, in short term residential settings
2. Stepping up the council's care recruitment campaign, to tackle staff shortages
3. Providing wrap-around support for care settings
4. Providing assistive technology, with 100 video phones sent out to homes
5. Improving capacity in the Norfolk First Response service
6. Supporting mental health services, with three new services

Norfolk County Council is taking a step closer to establishing a new integrated approach to health and care by agreeing their support for new local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, putting local communities at the heart of health and care in their area. Under the new Health and Care Bill, Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) are being established in all areas of the country to drive changes that are intended to lead to better, more joined-up care for the population. Much of the activity to deliver integrated health and care and improve the population's health will happen more locally in the places where people live and work, meaning the new Health and Wellbeing Partnerships will play a key role in driving forward this activity.

Schools and Children's Services: More than a dozen new primary schools could be needed in Norfolk in the next decade, to cater for growing pupil numbers in areas of development. A report to Norfolk County Council's Cabinet highlighted the scale of school development that is likely to be needed to support Norfolk's growing communities. It addresses both demographic changes and population growth from new housing. The report, discussed by members on 31st January, provided a snapshot of the council's plans to ensure there are sufficient school places for Norfolk children aged four to 16. Alongside district councils, the County Council expects to secure nearly £100m in developer contributions for the proposed new and extended schools but if all the places are needed, a further £191m would need to be found. Some of this will be met by Community Infrastructure Levy and government grant contributions. Most children in care in Norfolk are well looked after and receive good support for their emotional and mental health and education, Ofsted inspectors have found. A team of Her Majesty's Inspectors visited Norfolk County Council in October for a two-day focused visit of the council's services for children in its care. In a letter detailing their findings, inspectors said that social workers know their children well, listen to them and help them to understand their experiences. Ofsted's visit follows a similar focused visit in 2019, which looked at how the council responds to child safeguarding calls and referrals. Following that visit, inspectors described the quality of decision making as "consistently strong".

The 2022/23 Budget: Council tax was set at the meeting of Council in February and was increased by 2.99%; 1.99% increase in the general rate and a 1% increase in the adult social care budget.

Adult social services will see an additional £35.4m of investment against savings of £10.5m. Children's services will receive a further £23.2m, with a further £10m this year for the SEND school programme.

Community and Environmental Services will receive an additional £11.2m; there will be a £10m pothole fund, new recycling centres across the county, £5m on library upkeep and extension of services and £12m on the Better Broadband project.

The councilors personal budget of £10k will continue for 22/23.

Your County Councilor: The Necton and Launditch division covers around 80 square miles of rural Norfolk and is the 3rd largest division in the county. It consists of 22 parishes which have between them 19 parish councils, 2 parish meetings and one parish administered by the district councilor.

As well as attending as many parish council meetings in the evening as I am able, I also attend meetings at County Hall and other informal meetings from home using Teams. At County Hall I attend meetings of full Council, and am a member of the Scrutiny Committee, the People and Communities Select Committee and the Audit Committee. Additionally, I am Chair of the Councils Standards Committee and Chair of the Norfolk Countywide Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny Sub Panel. I am also a substitute member of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee. Using Teams, I attend the Adult Social Care Performance Review Panel and regularly have conference calls with officers and other members to discuss matters affecting my division.

Mark Kiddle-Morris,

Member for Necton and Launditch Division.
Norfolk County Council.

**Whissonsett Parish Council
Chairman's Report 2021/22**

The Parish Council have met bi-monthly with generally good attendance by Parish Councillors and the occasional bonus member of the public. We continue to deal with the regular agenda items including planning and highways although progress on some matters seems painfully slow at times.

The Council has received three resignations and I would like to thank ex-councillors for their contribution over a number of years. We currently have two vacancies and welcome applications from eligible candidates interested in volunteering their time and opinions to their community. I also thank our Clerk for her excellent performance.

Our District Councillor also resigned and although he has been missed we look forward to working with the recently elected District Councillor. Our County Councillor continues his regular contributions to meetings and assistance when requested.

We have had technical difficulties with the SAM II speed monitoring of late so will be considering this.

A recent litter pick produced a pleasingly small haul from the village in general, and only a couple of areas are troublesome. I suspect parishioners are doing a great job of keeping on top of this.

Two councillors kindly planted 20 trees provided free through Norfolk County Council scheme. We have yet to replace the controversial Beech tree.

The Council maintains a satisfactory financial position. There are some minor maintenance issues outstanding but no projects planned for the near future. Councillors were unable to organise events for the forthcoming Jubilee celebrations but were pleased to donate towards efforts made in the village to celebrate the occasion.

Sally Dye

Report from Whissonsett Carpet Bowls.

Carpet bowls closed at the start of covid and has not, as yet, started up again. Last December the club account with HSBC was closed and sent directly to the Village Hall fund. The money is being kept till needed. The princely sum of just over £100 was transferred.

In April we advertised two "Come and try" bowls sessions one from 2 - 4pm and another from 7 - 9 pm. Unfortunately even with the lure of Free refreshments the turnout was poor. Three new people attended, one of whom had been a member in the past. Information had been put on social media, in the Village magazine and in the form of posters on Whissonsett lamp posts.

When we first joined the club it was thriving under Mike Pye but over time numbers have sadly dwindled and not been replaced.

We are trying to encourage people "to give it a go." If anybody would like a fun, sociable afternoon please join us on Monday 13th June from 2 - 4pm, again with free refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 13th June!

Liz Andrews

Whissonsett Outdoor Bowls Club

After a year off because of the Coronavirus, last season was quite successful. The club plays in three leagues, finishing first in the Mid-Norfolk league, second in the county league and fourth out of ten teams in the Whissonsett league.

At present only two out of our 30 players live in Whissonsett.

If anyone is interested in having a god we can supply them with bowls.

Apologies I cannot attend in person as I will be playing in a league game.

Richard Andrews

Secretary

Whissonsett Village Hall Committee Report

WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE REPORT for 2021/2022

At the AGM in 2021, the previous committee of Dawn Rangeley as Treasurer, Sarah Gore Clough supported by Julie Long as Secretaries and George Rutter as Chairperson all resigned as usual. Dawn and Sarah offered to stay in role and were re-elected and Catherine McGee volunteered as Chairperson and was warmly welcomed.

Hall Hire

The hall slowly came back into use with all appropriate Covid prevention requirements in place and the clubs and groups returned when they felt safe to do so. A few private hires booked in and a couple of elections boosted the funds for the year. It was decided at the beginning of March 2022 that the hall hire rates would have to increase for the first time in 5 years and new rates have been advised to all concerned. We remain a very reasonable option for both events and regular bookings. We are delighted to welcome Sue Lyman to the village and her Yoga Class is now running weekly.

Fund Raising

Caroline Wilson continues to run the Village 100 Club, which I'm delighted to say has more than 100 members. This makes a significant contribution to the Village Hall funds and our endless thanks go out to Caroline for her support. If you are not a member already, please do speak to her for an application form.

Georgina and Charles Holloway kindly opened their house and gardens in June as the world started to move again and Caroline Wilson and Sue Rutter kindly organised a Village Coffee Morning with a few stalls in October, to re-open the village hall and their support was much appreciated.

A large team, with a lot of new faces got together to organise and run a Bingo evening in December and it was a good evening enjoyed by many. Many thanks to those of you who helped with this. An officer representing The Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk - Lady Dannatt, MBE - came to the village to present a plaque commemorating our community's resilience in the year of the pandemic and this was handed over as part of the evening.

At Catherine McGee's suggestion, we started to host a few Street Food Vendors, for which we provide the electricity and publicity. They in turn contribute a percentage of their takings. It seems to be a very welcome facility for the village and one which we aim to continue.

Sarah Gore Clough kindly arranged for the installation of the new Clothes Recycling Bank, which has started to generate revenue for us – a great way to recycle unwanted clothing and support us at the same time.

Future Events

We have put together a proposed list of events for 2022 and the publicity has started. The ability to continue with some of these will depend on the availability of a new committee to organise our band of willing volunteers, who are happy to be called upon when needed.

- 28/5 - Platinum Jubilee – Posh Afternoon Tea
- 3/6 – Platinum Jubilee – Children's Party with Charlie Cheesecake children's entertainer
- Date TBC – Band Night
- 15/10 – Quiz Night
- 12/11 - Craft Fayre
- 29/11 – Christmas Bingo.

Advertising and Promotion

We continue to evolve how the Village Hall is advertised and promoted. We advertise for the year in the Upper Wensum Diary and have an active Facebook presence. We ensure that when they happen events and meetings are well represented in as many mediums as possible (Posters / Printed publications / Online) to reach as many people as possible.

Donations

We were very kindly supported by a bequest from a villager who does not wish to be named and the Parish Council have kindly donated £500 for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. A beautiful Christmas Tree and decorations were kindly donated by Mrs. Janet Barton in memory of her Husband Ray and graced the Hall this year during the festive period. NFU Mutual in Swaffham kindly donated two new tables for the kitchen and a filing cabinet, along with some new entrance matting to keep our floor in good condition. Our thanks go to these kind benefactors for their support.

Post Office

Although we only provide the premises for the Post Office provision, the committee has tried to engage with the regional management, to improve the services. At this point in time, there has been very limited engagement from the team, so we can only apologise for the poor approach taken by the management of the Litcham Post Office, as they seem to feel that it is ok to simply not attend when they have other priorities. Should anyone have any issues with the post office not turning up, please do address your concerns to the postmaster at Litcham.

Parking

Unfortunately, the inappropriate use of the village hall car park reared it's head again, preventing access by hall users, event attendees and the Food Vendors. A series of conversations have taken place and polite notices have been posted on the vans and cars in question. We are delighted to say that the matter appears to have abated for now and no further action is needed at this point. Thank you to those who moved their vehicles and understand why we need to keep the area clear for our users. We remain happy to support neighbours who need short term additional parking facilities and ask that you contact the caretaker at the first point to discuss how we can help.

Whissonsett Arts remains in limbo as no one has stepped forward to run it and the funds belonging to the organisation are being kept safe under the control of Dawn Rangeley & Caroline Edge (separately to village hall funds).

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Renovations that were included in last year's report were finalised and paid for during the year. We have improved the electrics at the hall and a new kitchen was fitted in May 2021. Our thanks again go to Caroline Wilson for her work on the design, which has drawn many admiring comments. The redecoration of the main hall was completed, and the external doors were found to need some renovations which were organised by George Rutter and when these were complete, they were redecorated by Caroline and John Wilson. A working party was organised by Sarah Gore Clough to smarten up the remainder of the external décor and our thanks go to those who participated.

All in all a great improvement to our environment – The hall was put back together by a team of volunteers following the professional work and our grateful thanks go to all those who contributed time, tools and know how!

We hope to apply for lottery funding shortly to assist with installing a new boiler, more efficient hot water provision, the final phase of decoration and possibly new window dressing. Keep your fingers crossed for us please!

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Whissonsett Village Hall Committee for the year 1/4/2021 – 31/3/2022

Comparing Income vs Expenditure for the period.

Hall Rental	£991.80	Caretaking and Cleaning	£1,487.21
Coffee Mornings	£122.50	Utilities	£1,179.52
Fundraising Events	£1,075.44	Insurance	£508.19
Fundraising 100 Club	£682.00	Repairs & Maintenance	£396.26
Recycling	£504.78	Administrative Costs & Advertising	£210.92
Bowls Club	£405.20	Total Operating Costs	£3,782.10
Food Vans	£118.00	Renovation Spend	£15,455.47
Donations	£1,008.00	Total Expenditure	£19,237.57
Covid Regeneration Grant	£2,667.00		
Total Income	£7,574.72	Change in funds held year on year	(£11,662.85)

Bank Accounts

	<u>31.03.2021</u>		<u>31.03.2022</u>
Current Account	£14,775.13	Current Account	£6,145.18
Deposit Account	£3,394.32	Deposit Account	£0.00
Cash in hand	£210.06	Cash in hand	£571.48
Total	£18,379.51	Total	£6,716.66
Outstanding Credits	£0.00	Outstanding Credits	£0.00
Outstanding Debits	£0.00	Outstanding Debits	£0.00
Total	£18,379.51	Total	£6,716.66
		Balancing Figure	(£11,662.85)
Including Floor Grant Reserve of	£159.09	Including Messy Church Reserve of	£133.00
Including Messy Church Reserve of	£133.00	Including Parish Council VE Day donation of	£85.00
Including Parish Council VE Day donation of	£85.00	Including Indoor Bowls Club Reserved Funds	£107.59
Includes Ongoing Grant Spend which is committed of	£12,390.00	Includes Parish Council Jubilee Donation of	£500.00
Non Committed funds in hand	£5,612.42	Includes Oil Tank refill still to be paid out	£635.60
		Non Committed funds in hand	£5,255.47

OVERALL CONCLUSION

Due to the hard work of our dedicated team of volunteers (and their other halves, un-named but very much appreciated!), we have continued to improve the Hall facilities and hope that it can continue to flourish.

We are situated at the heart of the village and are the only social amenity Whissonsett has. We continue to provide essential services to both the Community and the Church and we hope to continue working closely with the Parochial Church Council to support fundraising activities for both.

We are very grateful for the support of the local clubs, who we hope will be able to regenerate their membership numbers soon and to everyone who uses the village hall in normal circumstances.

At the time of writing we have no new volunteers for the Village Hall Committee for the forthcoming year and will need people to step forward if the facility is to continue to operate. We have dropped leaflets in every home and put posters around the village to ask for volunteers. Our plea has also been noted on our social media pages.

The trust deed that created the Village Hall Charity, indicates that the Village Hall property should revert to the control of the Parish Council as the appointed Managing Trustees if a committee cannot be formed. We hope that this proves un-necessary.

As a representative of the outgoing committee, I thank you for your time and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at events and committee meetings in the future.

Dawn Rangeley
Treasurer
11th April 2022

The Whissonsett Hundred Club 2022

The Hundred Club year is November 1st to October 31st so we are now in our 6th month. The club used to run from July 1st to the end of June, but because of lockdown, we were unable to draw the numbers and deliver the prizes each month.

The funds were kept safely in the Village Hall account and so nobody lost out!

I had collected 117 members on November 1st 2021 and I am pleased to say I now have 121 members. We pay out four prizes for eleven months of the year, £20, £15, £10 and £5, and each December there is a bonus draw and this year it was £200 divided between seven members. Obviously the bonus varies depending on the number of members. The club is registered with the Small Society Lottery at Breckland and is run to support the village hall. This year it has raised £682 for the hall.

I would like to thank Dawn Rangeley for keeping the account so accurately and for Ann Blake for keeping all the numbers and for making sure the draw is witnessed each month. The draw takes place on the last Tuesday of each month.

CDW April 11th 2022

We were pleased to reassemble in February 2021 albeit with a reduced number. Members have kept fairly well and had no serious complaints connected to Covid.

As with many small Clubs we have had banking problems with HSBC which have been **stressful in the extreme**. Being inaccessible themselves, withholding access to our account and making monthly charges etc.

Despite this gloomy revue several members have continued to work their craft towards making items for sale and a generous donation was again made to support the hall and church funds earlier this year.

In the absence of any one person willing to oversee the organising of meetings the remaining nucleus of 5-6 have arranged to meet casually in each others homes twice a month and, should numbers increase, so providing enough income for the rent, it may be possible to return to the hall but this will be for someone else to decide.

Best wishes to the hall's new committee

Kind regards

Jean Hart

Whissonsett Horticultural Society: Annual Report to Parish Council

May 2022

When we last reported in May 2021, the Covid situation meant that we were not yet at a position where we felt able to restart our activities, although we were hopeful of putting on a carefully managed Autumn Show. This felt like a first step to see if there was still the interest to keep the society going.

The show did in fact take place in September and proved to be very successful. We made the decision to change the way the show was run, in that it would be open to anyone to put in exhibits, not just members as had been the case previously. We were keen that anyone might feel able to put in an exhibit – it didn't have to be something perfect or a potential winner, we just wanted people to come together and take part. We made various changes to try to make it more accessible to non-members and to our delight we had a very positive response, with numbers exceeding our expectations. We also had 8 new members join after the show.

Following the show we then had the first of our regular meetings in October 2021, which was very well attended and now are running with our full complement of meetings, garden visits, a summer show planned for June and an Autumn show for September. We also have a small team entering the local Horticultural Society/Clubs category in the Sandringham Flower Show for its re-opening this year.

Last month we had our first AGM since 2019 and are now back on track with posts filled including a new committee member. A decision was made to change the name of the Society reflecting our desire to present what we hope may encourage more members, in that we are aware that 'Horticultural Society' has put some people off, leading them to think it is something more exclusive than is the reality. We are now officially: Whissonsett District Horticultural Society and Gardening Club. A bit of a mouthful, but it helps with things like not changing banks and keeps a sense of history. We will in our wider publicity use Whissonsett Gardening Club as the shorthand.

Financially, the Society remains stable with reserves that allow us to subsidise various activities. We committed to not asking for new Subscriptions until we were starting a full new year, which we now have done. We have again also managed to ensure that our income and outgoings pretty much balance, with a small overspend during the period of lockdown to the end of year March 2022 of just £203.51

After a couple of years when the feeling across lots of small local societies was often quite pessimistic about the future, we are really pleased that we seem to be back, active and with new members joining. Hopefully this will now continue.

And we are delighted with the improvements to the village hall and would want to offer our thanks to the village hall committee for their work.

Sian Griffiths

Chair

May 2022

**Report to Whissonsett Parish Council – 8 May 2022 from St Mary's Parochial Church Council,
Whissonsett**

Work of the church during 2021

Incumbent: The Revd Robin Stapleford

Committee Members:

Vice Chairman/

Fabric Officer/H & S	Mr George Rutter
Treasurer/Secretary	Mrs Susanne Rutter
Fabric Officer/ H & S	Mrs Caroline Wilson
	Mrs Jean Hart
	Mrs Ann Seaman
	Mr Mike Travis
	Mrs Hilary Weston

Electoral Roll 2020: 34

There is one change to the Electoral Roll – change of name of Miss Sarah Seaman to Mrs Sarah Stapleford.

During the past year there were seven funerals including internments and memorial services, one christening and one wedding.

There was an average attendance at services of 21. The number of services was down due to their suspension for part of the year because of Covid restrictions.

Whissonsett Parochial Church Council complied with the House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding according to the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure of 2016.

Once again very few fund raising events were able to be held. Those that were held raised a total of £1,417. We are very grateful to Mrs Jean Hart for her hard work in creating cards for sale throughout the year, resulting in £271 being added to funds.

Work towards the installation of the kitchen and toilet went ahead despite Covid restrictions. The Architect sent out the Specification inviting tenders. After due consideration by the PCC, the contractors Phoenix Build were appointed. A Faculty Application was sent to the DAC in October. Following a visit from members of the DAC Committee in December 2021, a decision is expected by the end of April 2022.

Fund raising has begun and grant applications will be submitted in early 2022.

Thanks to an anonymous donation, and at the request of the donor, a new vacuum cleaner was purchased for use in the church and a new Church sign was ordered and erected at the top of the Campingland.

The PCC would like to thank the dedicated band of helpers who work so hard throughout the year keeping the church looking so clean and beautifully decorated with flowers.

Various other maintenance was carried out – cutting back undergrowth where necessary, tidying the Douglas Lane memorial and arranging for the repair of the ironwork around the grave. General clearance of leaves keeping downpipes and drains clear. Cleaning of font and purchasing/installing a new doormat. Part cleaning of the tiles in the altar area and chancel was also carried out.

The Churchyard and Camping Land have been kept tidy by Chris and Peter of

FT Grounds Maintenance for which we are very grateful and many thanks to Whissonsett Parish Council for their continued support towards this very important maintenance.

Sue Rutter

Secretary/Treasurer

19.04.22