

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extra-ordinary meeting of Whissonsett Parish Council held virtually at 7.30pm on Monday 29th March 2021.

Present: Cllr Sally Dye (Chair)
Cllr Bruce Andrews (Vice Chair)
Cllr Catherine McGee
Cllr Charles Holloway
Cllr Caroline Edge

One member of the public
Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from County Cllr Kiddle-Morris and District Cllr Carter.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

There were none received.

3. Open Forum for Public Participation.

The member of the public updated Council in respect of his request to take part of the trunk of the beech tree which was due to be felled as it had become dangerous. He had liaised with the tree surgeon and been advised to contact a crane company to see if it was feasible to move a 20ft section to his property, to be used for a sculpture. If it is possible then the tree surgeon will be reimbursed for the loss of the wood tonnage and the Council's contract will not be affected. If it is not possible then the tree surgeon will revert to the original plan.

The Chairman thanked the member of the public and Council were happy for this plan to go ahead as it would not affect either the removal of the tree or the price agreed by Council to do so.

4. To receive an update regarding the 2021 grass cutting contract and consider the way forward.

The Chairman updated Council that the contractor appointed for the next five years had withdrawn. Despite signing the contract agreeing to three payments in May, September and November, they had requested an April payment which would have required approval by Council at a meeting, however, despite Council being able to consider this option at this meeting the contractor had withdrawn.

The Chairman proposed the appointment of the contractor who had given the best price on the recent tender process, with the option to go to the third contractor if it became necessary. This was seconded by Cllr Holloway and agreed by Council.

5. To receive an update regarding the Beech Tree to be felled.

This item had been dealt with at item 3.

6. To note the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 10th May 2021, following the Annual Parish meeting commencing at 7.00pm.

Council noted that the regulations permitting virtual meetings ended on the 7th May and agreed to bring forward the annual meetings to the 3rd May, despite that being a bank holiday. It was agreed that, although the Village Hall was likely to reopen on the 17th May, it was still too early to encourage large public meetings and was advisable to continue with virtual meetings whilst possible. The Annual Parish meeting will commence at 7.00pm on Monday 3rd May 2021, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council, and all the local groups and organisations will be invited to attend.

The meeting closed at 7.53pm.

Signed:

Date:
