

Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: David Edgerton

**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11th February 2015 at
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30 pm**

Present:

Chairman: Vice Chair- S Beer

Councillors: D Evans, J Spenser, S Marlow, I Mercer, C Platon, P Poole, J Hardiman, C Mellings

Clerk: K Hatton

Public: CSO G Baines

13/15 Apologies for absence

D Edgerton- work commitments

14/15 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

None

15/15 Minutes of the meeting of 14th January 2015

It was proposed by Cllr Poole that the minutes of the meeting were an accurate record of the meeting.
Seconded by Cllr Spenser and agreed by all present.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.

Cllr Beer welcomed Cllr Hardiman as a member of the Parish Council.

16/15 Public Session

Cllr Beer invited Community Support Officer G Baines to address the council: CSO Baines explained that he had been asked to attend the meeting to provide an update re: gate thefts in the area. He explained that as a result of working with other police forces (South Cheshire and North Wales) and various auction houses they have made an arrest and the person is on bail pending investigation.

CSO Baines offered an explanation as to why the CCTV image was not followed up.

CSO Baines left the meeting at 7:55 and returned with Sgt Greenaway who confirmed CSO Baines' report and added that there had been no further problems in the area but acknowledged the recent suspected arson attack – she conceded that there is very little to work on and reiterated that “the public are our eyes and ears”.

The best procedure for contacting the police was stated as follows:

-To contact the safer neighbourhood team use email as they are checked every day by the team rather than going to a central exchange.

-If you witness an event and it is happening 'now' then dial 999.

-If you have witnessed an event and more than 15 minutes have passed dial 101.

It was acknowledged that it would be appropriate to include a piece in next Parish Council newsletter about recent criminal activity in Whixall.

Cllr Mercer raised the matter of the Whitchurch Motor Club 30mph rally- Sgt. Greenaway confirmed that there will be an officer on hand and on the route of the rally to deal with any problems.

17/15 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:

- All actions from previous meeting complete.
- Cllr Hardiman has signed her 'Declaration of acceptance of Office', completed 'Declaration of Pecuniary Interests' form and received a copy of the council's code of conduct, standing orders and a copy of 'The Good Councillors Guide- 4th edition'.

- Still no response from Land Registry re: Marlot application.

18/15 Financial Matters

- Outstanding accounts

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT
11.02.2015	101022	NWN Media Ltd- Grass cutting tender advert in Herald	£89.04
11.02.2015	101023	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for January	£193.25
		Total	£282.29

- Orders for the payment of money as per the financial report of the Responsible Financial Officer were proposed by Cllr Marlow, seconded by Cllr Hardiman and agreed by all present.

It was resolved that the outstanding accounts should be paid and cheques were signed by Vice Chair, Cllr Beer who agreed to obtain a signature from Chairman Cllr Edgerton.

- Balances

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29.01.15	Community Account	£3,056.60
30.12.14	Business Saver Account	£3,920.02
TOTAL		£6,976.62

The Clerk confirmed that all Parish Cllrs present had received a copy of the balance sheet via email.

- Grass cutting tender

The Clerk tabled the tenders received- 5 were received in total, all tenders were opened by the Chairman in the presence of the Council.

Cllr Mercer proposed that the tender from Mr C Jones was the preferred quote subject to confirmation of billing arrangements, proof of public liability insurance and control over number of cuts being agreed by the parish council. Cllr Spenser seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all.

The Clerk was asked to contact all concerned as appropriate.

- Donations

RESOLUTION: The following donations/ payments were agreed by all:

Donation to:	Amount:	Proposer/ seconder
United Reformed Graveyard Trust	£50	Cllr Poole/ Cllr Spenser
Welsh End Chapel	£50	
St Mary's Church	£100	
All donations are towards grounds maintenance costs		
Payment to:	Amount:	Proposer/ seconder
Social Centre Hire x15 (2014/15)	£300	Cllr Evans/ Cllr Spenser

It was resolved that the donation amounts listed above and payment for hire of the social centre 2014/15 should be paid and cheques were signed by Vice Chair, Cllr Beer who agreed to obtain a signature from Chairman Cllr Edgerton.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to North Salop Wheelers to request more specific detail about what a donation from the parish council would be spent on- a stronger rationale and a copy of annual accounts.

19/14 Planning Issues

Applications to be viewed at the meeting

- Ref: 15/00193/FUL- Replacement of an existing wooden bungalow and garage with a two storey dwelling and garage; installation of package treatment plant at Rhos, Church Lane, Whixall, Shropshire.

Decision/ response for submission to Online Planning Register-public access:

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

Comment: Whixall Parish Council have been pleased to see that all aspects of drainage and highways access have been addressed as part of the application.

- Ref: 15/00267/FUL- Erection of one affordable dwelling and associated garage at Browns Brook Farm, Whixall, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2SB

Decision/ response for submission to Online Planning Register-public access:

Object/ Support/ Representation

Comment: See appendix 1

Current applications

- Ref: 14/05007/OUT- Outline application for residential development including formation of new access (all matters reserved) at land to the rear of Whixall Social Centre, Church Lane, Whixall, SY13 2NA

No further information received.

- Ref: 14/00834/FUL- Erection of two agricultural sheds; siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling; extension to access track at Little Acorn Farm, Dobson's Bridge, Whixall, Shropshire- RECONSULTATION

The Clerk was asked to contact the Case Officer to ask about the timescale for a decision in light of recent report from independent business consultant.

Planning Decisions

Ref: 14/04399/FUL -Erection of detached double garage and workshop to include the change of use of land from agriculture to domestic; detached implement storage shed; extension of existing access track and erection of two storey extension to south elevation at Cumberland Cottage, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2NJ- **Grant Permission**

20/15 Parish Matters

a) Community Led Plan

Cllr Marlow reported on the recent meeting with Rt Hon. Owen Paterson MP along with Cllrs Poole and Mellings. The subject of the meeting was the way that Shropshire Council managed the Parish Council's application to register The Waggoners as a community asset in light of the localism act and the importance of this subject to the community.

Rt Hon. Owen Paterson expressed agreement with the Parish Council's view and has referred the matter back to the leader of Shropshire Council. Reply pending.

b) Senior Citizens' Party Entertainer

The Clerk shared details of a potential entertainer for this year's party and an opportunity to view a performance locally. Cllr Beer and Spenser agreed to attend.

c) Spring/ summer newsletter

Suggested items for inclusion:

- Thank you to donators to Xmas party
- Police report
- Update re: Waggoners
- Dog Show
- Road safety concerns- appeal to drivers

d) Whixall School – Road safety concerns

The Clerk shared information re: concerns raised by a parent of children attending Whixall School about the lack of a pavement along the road where parents/carers park to access school – the absence of a pavement means that very young children have to walk on the 'traffic side' of parked cars. The parent in question contacted Shropshire Council directly but he has been asked to approach the Parish Council in the first instance.

The Clerk referred to Shropshire Council's policy on 'community-led road safety concerns'.

The Parish Council was in agreement that they support the principle of safe pedestrian access to the school and as such the concern should be formally registered. The Parish Council would like to ask Shropshire Council to look at potential options that would address this matter.

21/15 Highways

The Clerk shared a second community-led road safety concern raised by a resident of Stanley Green relating to farm traffic and other vehicles driving at inappropriately fast speeds through the area by The Smithy, Stanley Green.

As per item 20/15d) (above) The Parish Council share the safety concerns and as such was in agreement that they be formally registered. The Parish Council would like to ask Shropshire Council to look at potential options that would address this matter.

The Clerk was asked to contact highways about the location of several pot holes:

- Welsh End, nr. No.8
- Slack's Corner, Brownsbrook
- Spring Farm (edge of road deteriorated)

Also, the Clerk was asked to obtain confirmation about the plan for resurfacing/ patching of Rack Lane.

-Acknowledgement of good work on road to Edstaston.

-Acknowledgement of new 'Whixall' sign outside Holly Farm.

22/15 Website- Comments and updates

Cllr Platon reported the cost of registration fee for web host for a new Parish Council website: £30.

Cllr Spenser proposed that the website be re-established under new host/ domain, Cllr Marlow seconded the proposal.

23/15 Correspondence

The Clerk shared with the council the following correspondence:

- Response from Rt.Hon. Owen Paterson MP to letter re: non-payment of CTSG.

24/15 Councillors Reports

Cllr Spenser- URC Graveyard trust representative: Meeting due.

Cllr Platon- Fly tipping reported and cleared.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 11th March at 7.30 pm
