

# **Whixall Parish Council**

**Chairman: David Edgerton**

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## **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30 pm**

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### **Present:**

**Chairman:** D Edgerton

**Councillors:** Vice Chair- S Beer, D Evans, J Spenser, S Marlow, C Platon, P Poole, J Hardiman, C Mellings

**Clerk:** K Hatton

**Public:** P Ashton (North Salop Wheelers), PC Stuart Le Clere and PCSO Louise Fowler (Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team)

### **25/15 Apologies for absence**

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P Dee- Whixall School Governors meeting

### **26/15 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Beer declared a personal interest in planning application Ref: 15/00457/FUL- Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at Strenshall, Stanley Green, Whixall, Shropshire on the basis that the applicant is a fellow member of the Social Centre Committee.

### **27/15 Minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

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

<b>It was resolved</b> that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as an accurate record of the meeting.
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### **28/15 Public Session**

**Cllr Edgerton invited P Ashton of North Salop Wheelers to address the council.**

PA asked if Cllrs had received the information sent from J Harrison in response to a request for specific details about what a potential donation from Whixall Parish Council would be spent on- Cllrs confirmed receipt.

PA asked if there were any questions regarding said information: no questions were raised.

PA provided the council with a general report about the organisation's current situation and answered several questions relating to training, passenger numbers and costs.

PA promoted a fundraising event which has been arranged as a result of sponsorship from a restaurant in Market Drayton. The event will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

PA stated that she intends to be present at the Parish Council's July meeting.

PA left the meeting.

**Cllr Edgerton invited PC Stuart Le Clere and PCSO Louise Fowler of Whitchurch Safer Neighbourhood Team to address the council.**

PC Le Clere referred to the report he had emailed prior to the meeting and asked if Cllrs had received it- it was confirmed that they had.

PC Le Clere spoke about the following ongoing investigations:

- A series of burglary and theft related crimes in the Higher Heath and Prees area resulting in the arrest of a suspect thought to be involved in a number of other offences.
- A burglary at Prees resulting in three arrests.
- The series of gate/agricultural thefts in the Whixall and Wem areas- Two people have been arrested and both have admitted involvement in the crimes. A third person is being questioned.
- A series of burglary and criminal damage offences in Whitchurch- One arrest.

- Theft of pick-up hitches from rear of tractors (not believed to be linked to thefts of agricultural equipment).
- Arson of a barn in Dobson's Bridge.
- Domestic related assault.

PC Stuart Le Clere and PCSO Louise Fowler left the meeting.

### 29/15 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:

- All actions from previous meeting complete.
- No response from Land Registry re: Marlot application.
- Response from Jane Preece re: Little Acorn Farm
- Report from Safer Neighbourhood Team (see above).
- No formal response from Road Safety concerns- all Cllrs copied in to responses to those who raised the concerns
- CTSG decision- confirmation that grant will not be passed on to town and parish councils.
- Transparency code- The Clerk shared a list of things that need to be implemented.
- Back pay- The Clerk requested that calculations were checked.
- Parishioner's litter picking action.
- Parishioner query re: proposed housing development in Whixall – no evidence found.
- Applications too late for the agenda- Re consultation on Little Acorn Farm following response from applicant.

### 30/15 Financial Matters

- Outstanding accounts

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT
11.03.2015	101028	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for February	£199.49
	101029	CHEQUE CANCELLED DUE TO ERROR IN WRITING	
11.03.2015	101030	K Hatton- Back pay owed 2013/14 and 2014/15	£46.28
11.03.2015	101031	Whitchurch Museum and Archives- web site host fee and domain name	£35.00
11.03.2015	101032	K Hatton- January pay amendment	£5.97
11.03.2015	101033	K Hatton- Expenses postage costs 2014/15	£10.43
11.03.2015	101034	North Salop Wheelers- Donation	£400.00 (See below)
11.03.2015	101035	North Salop Wheelers- Membership	£25.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£722.17</b>

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

**It was resolved** that the outstanding accounts should be paid and cheques were signed by Chairman Cllr Edgerton and Vice Chair, Cllr Beer.

- Balances

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29.01.15	Community Account	£2,659.31
30.12.14	Business Saver Account	£3,920.02
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£6,579.33</b>

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

- Grass cutting contract

**The Clerk tabled the draft grass cutting contract for approval**

-Contract approved agreed that the Clerk would send to C Jones for signing.

- Donations

RESOLUTION: The following donation was agreed by all:

Donation to:	Amount:	Proposer/ seconder
North Salop Wheelers	£400 (cheque number listed above)	Marlow / Evans

**It was resolved** that the donation amount listed above should be paid and cheque was signed by Chairman Cllr Edgerton and Vice Chair, Cllr Beer.

### **31/14 Planning Issues**

Applications to be viewed at the meeting

- Ref: 15/00457/FUL- Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory at Strenshall, Stanley Green, Whixall, Shropshire

Cllr Beer declared an interest and left the room during the discussion relating to this application.

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment

- Ref: 15/00439/FUL- Erection of a two storey extension to the rear and side elevations at 9 Platt Lane, Hollinwood, Whixall, Shropshire

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment

- Ref: 15/00584/VAR- Variation of conditions No.2 (Development plans, No. 6 (Drainage), No.7 (Parking)and No. 10 (Windows and Doors) attached to planning application reference 14/00010/FUL dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014 to allow for redesign at The Forge, Stanley Green, Whixall, Shropshire

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment

- Ref: 15/00583/LBC- Repairs and renovation to existing forge, replacement of existing workshop building, installation of toilet with associated drainage affecting a Grade II Listed Building at The Forge, Stanley Green, Whixall, Shropshire

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment

- Ref: 15/00711/FUL- Erection of rear extension, porch and replacement roof to lounge at Yew Tree Farm, The Moss, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2PA

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment

### **Applications too late for the agenda**

- 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

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

**Object/** Support/ Representation

**Comment:** Whixall Parish Council's previous comments made on the application still stand and councillors remain unconvinced that traffic, drainage and viability of the business have been correctly established nor justify a temporary dwelling. Furthermore, there are concerns about foul water from the septic tank being discharged into the ditch at the side of the road which, it is believed, does not flow all year round, therefore will lay stagnant in summer months producing a foul smell and would possibly pollute the adjacent SSSI.

### **Planning Decisions**

- Ref: 14/05104/FUL- Replacement of existing septic tank and drainage field with packaged treatment station with pumped outfall to watercourse at Jubilee Way, Platt Lane, Hollinwood, Shropshire- **Grant Permission**
- Ref: 14/05171/FUL- Erection of a demountable office with link passage to existing meeting room as a replacement for existing office at Natural England, Manor House, The Moss, Whixall, Whitchurch, Shropshire, SY13 2PD- **Grant Permission**

### **32/15 Parish Matters**

#### **a) Community Led Plan**

Cllr Marlow addressed the council with regard to the response to recent meeting/ letter to Owen Paterson MP. She expressed disappointment at the need to, *again*, chase a response that when received was unsatisfactory.

Cllr Marlow proposed that she make another appointment with Owen Paterson MP – The Parish Council gave her their support and Cllr Mellings offered to arrange a meeting between Steve Law, George Candler and the Parish Council to discuss the matter.

#### **b) Senior Citizens' Party Entertainer**

Cllrs Beer and Spenser reported on Eve's performance at Landona House on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Beer proposed that Eve be booked to perform at the party, Cllr Spenser seconded the proposal and all agreed.

The Clerk was asked to write to Eve to confirm booking.

#### **c) Spring/ summer newsletter**

The Clerk tabled a draft for amendments and approval: It was agreed that any further amendments could be agreed via email.

It was agreed that the 'Appeal to all drivers' notice in the newsletter be circulated with the school newsletter to reach those who live outside the parish but who drive into Whixall to access the school and nursery.

#### **d) Annual Parish Meeting**

The proposed and agreed topic/ guest speaker for the Annual Parish Meeting was 'Broadband'.

### **33/15 Highways**

The Clerk shared the response to last month's email.

The Clerk was asked to report the following:

- The pot holes along the road from Browns Brook through Welsh End are considered **safety hazards** as they are causing drivers to drive on the wrong side of the road- this is a busy road as it leads to Whixall Primary school. Please can they be treated as safety defects?

- The road is deteriorated at The Waggoners Inn/ Platt Lane junction.
- There are potholes outside Holly Farm where the new Whixall sign is.
- Cllr Hardiman reported that a parishioner had concerns regarding the impact of planning application 15/00267/FUL - Erection of one affordable dwelling and associated garage at Browns Brook Farm, Whixall, SY13 2SB.  
The concern was in terms of large vehicles associated with the build being present on the highway that accesses this site as it forms part of the route for some walking and cycling to school.

### **34/15 Website- Comments and updates**

The new Parish Council website is up and running- The Clerk reported that she had experienced difficulty locating the site from her computer although no problem from phone- there is a link on old site to the new site. Other Cllrs had successfully visited the site.

The Clerk confirmed the requirement to include councillors' 'Declaration of Pecuniary Interests' on the site- They are listed on Shropshire Council's site.

### **35/15 Correspondence**

The Clerk shared with the council the following correspondence:

- Response from Shropshire Council re: CTSG
- Mazars- Notice of audit of accounts

### **36/15 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Spenser- United Reformed Church, Whixall Graveyard trust representative: Cllr Spenser attended a meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 10:10pm

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm</b>
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