

# **Whixall Parish Council**

**Chairman: Ian Mercer**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at  
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm**

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**Present:**

**Chairman:** C Platon (Vice Chair)

**Councillors:** S Marlow, J Hardiman, B Harris, J Fitton, M Howard, D Edgerton

**Shropshire Councillors:** P Dee

**Clerk:** K Hatton

**Public:** 2 members of the public were present.

## **82/16 Introduction**

Cllr Platon took the chair in Cllr Mercer's absence and declared the meeting open.

## **83/16 Apologies for absence**

J Spenser

I Mercer (Did join the meeting later)

C Mellings

## **84/16 Report from P Ashton of North Salop Wheelers Community Transport**

A summary of the report is as follows:

**Withdrawal of bus service between Market Drayton and Telford-** Councillors had been made aware of the fact that this service is ceasing. NSW aim to replace part of that service as it impacts on passengers being able to access Princess Royal Hospital and the Magistrates Court.

The question was asked as to whether the 'replacement' service will be free? Answer: They are hoping it will be subsidised but all passengers will have to be members of NSW and it will be a ring and ride service.

It appears that there is still some lack of awareness of the service- Clerk agreed to promote in next newsletter.

NSW are still looking for volunteer drivers (who are under 70 years old).

P Ashton left the meeting.

## **85/16 Public Participation**

Two members of the public entered the meeting. One person addressed the council in relation to the presentation by Greenspace architects and their client who attended last month's meeting. Her question was regarding feedback from that presentation as she claimed that none had been received. She asked what did the parish want to see on the land and said that she wanted to help.

Cllr Harris responded by re-iterating some of the key comments that had been made at the time of the presentation (8<sup>th</sup> June 2016). The most significant point being that the current policy is that Whixall is designated as rural hinterland and therefore open market development on open countryside would not be supported. There was some discussion in response to the statement (made by the member of the public) that there will be no houses for the future generations of Whixall; in explanation it was stated that some Specific development does take place in Whixall e.g. conversions, extensions and also under specific schemes and policies such as Build Your Own Affordable House scheme.

Members of public left the meeting.

**86/16 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensation.**

None declared.

**87/16 Minutes of the meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

An amendment to the minutes was proposed by Cllr Harris to insert the words "an example of" into the last sentence on page 1. This was seconded by Cllr Edgerton and agreed by all present that the minutes were now an accurate record of the meeting.

**It was resolved** that the amended minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 be signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

**88/16 Parish Matters**

**a) Flooding- Update**

The Clerk reported on the most recent correspondence with residents of Moss Lane, Shropshire Council and Shropshire Wildlife Trust with regard to the clearance of ditches in the area.

The Clerk highlighted the fact that it appears that no work physical work to clear ditches has actually taken place yet. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to keep a clear audit trail of all emails relating to the matter and to continue to check the situation over the coming weeks.

There is a meeting between residents and organisations planned for August.

**b) Marlot grazing- Update on progress towards enabling grazing at the Marlot.**

The Clerk reported on progress towards enabling grazing on the Marlot: An application for a grant to pay for the supply and installation of a water trough is being completed. Cllr Howard proposed that the Clerk continue with this work as necessary until the September meeting, seconded by Cllr Hardiman and agreed by all.

**89/16 Planning**

**-All planning applications and decisions can be tracked on line at [www.shropshire.gov.uk](http://www.shropshire.gov.uk)**

**Applications received- to consider response**

-Ref: 16/02446/OUT -Outline application (access, layout and scale) for new visitor facilities in existing open shed to include enclosed space for 30, cafe facilities with retail area, WCs, a 10m-high viewing tower, boardwalk access, playscape and 40 space car park at Former Furber's Breakers Yard, Roving Bridge, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2RT

**RESOLVED:** Stance- Support

Comment- Whixall Parish Council supports this outline application but has some concerns over traffic to the site and the tower/ periscope. It would want full consultation if it goes to a full planning application and would like to request that the planning officer/ committee undertake a site visit.

-Ref: 16/02480/FUL - Erection of multipurpose agricultural building at 2 Upper Barn, Rack Lane, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2RN

**RESOLVED:** Stance- Support

Comment- None

-Ref: 16/02574/FUL - Erection of a local need dwelling at The Cottage, Alders Lane, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2QN

**RESOLVED:** Stance- Support

Comment- Whixall Parish Council support this application and is pleased to note that the Area Planning manager has highlighted his view "that the relationship between the existing and proposed properties needs to be carefully considered in terms of their eventual separation of occupation, and maintenance of adequate privacy/ amenity".

#### Decisions- to note

-Ref: 14/00834/FUL - Erection of two agricultural sheds; siting of temporary agricultural workers dwelling; extension to access track at Little Acorn Farm, Dobsons Bridge, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2QD- Decision: **Grant Permission**

**Cllr Dee left the meeting.**

#### **90/16 Clerk's Report**

##### **a) Correspondence- To note**

The following correspondence was noted:

-Barclays- The Financial Services Compensation Scheme

-Information about St. Mary's church history

##### **b) Feedback from last meeting**

-Rob Cadman has agreed to donate gravel for the cenotaph.

-Additional black bins: 90% of the relevant bins have been retrieved. Those that are left, and a few more that have appeared since the original list was created, will be handled in a different way to the first batch. From now on, any property with more than one bin will have one bin emptied and any others left unemptied. The resident will therefore make contact with the Council/Veolia. If the resident believes they are entitled to additional capacity for any reason, then that process will be triggered. If not they will be offered the choice of the additional bins to be emptied and removed or emptied and left, on the understanding that that this will be the last time that those bins are emptied.

##### **c) Feedback from Clerk's training**

-The Clerk briefly reported on recent training completed.

##### **d) Feedback from clerk's meeting with neighbouring clerk's**

-The Clerk briefly reported on recent meeting – discussion about working together, networking and offer of use of scanning facilities.

**Cllr Hardiman left the meeting.**

#### **91/16 Financial matters**

##### **a) Monthly Balance sheet- To note**

The June balance sheet was presented and confirmed as accurate with the current bank statements by Cllr Platon.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29.06.2016	Community Account	£6,824.01
	Business Saver Account	£3,922.96
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£10,746.97</b>

##### **b) 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly expenditure report- To note**

Councillors acknowledged receipt of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly expenditure report.

No questions.

Noted that power to spend is included.

c) Outstanding accounts- To approve

Orders for the payment of money (listed below) as per the financial report of the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)/ Clerk were proposed by Cllr Harris, seconded by Cllr Howard and agreed by all present.

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT	LEGAL POWER TO SPEND
Date of meeting: 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2016	101096	SALC- Training: Clerk's the knowledge part 1 12/04/16	£22.00	LGA 1972 s.111
	101097	Post Office Ltd. (Shropshire Council): Newsletter printing	£134.40	LGA 1972 s.142(1A)
	101098	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for June	£314.34	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	101099	K Hatton- Reimburse for printer ink	£40.40	LGA 1972 s.111
	101100	C Jones- Grass cutting	£210.00	HA 1980 s.96
<b>Total</b>			<b>£721.14</b>	

LGA= Local Government Act

HA= Highways Act

**Resolved:** that the outstanding accounts should be paid and cheques signed by two authorised councillors.

d) Electors' rights to view accounts notice displayed- noted

e) Budget review- Cllrs acknowledged receipt of the 'working budget' which highlights spending to date and lists powers to spend.

**92/16 Standing Orders Review**

Cllrs acknowledged their duties to review the standing orders. Every Cllr was asked to read the whole document and pay particular attention to sections allocated to them. Cllrs were asked to inform the Clerk of any proposed amendments prior to September meeting.

**93/16 Highways**a) Referrals to Shropshire Council

- The Clerk was asked to pass on thanks to Highways team for the work completed around the parish.
- 'No road markings' signage was left at Waggoners junction.
- 'Give way' sign at junction knocked down.
- Green Lane still closed....

b) Scheduled works by Shropshire Council

Road closure: A5 Sandford to Wolfshead for resurfacing- 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**94/16 Councillors' Reports**

## a) Parish Councillors

- Cllr Harris reported on North Shropshire Area Committee meeting:

In summary, the main crux of this matter is that Shropshire Council is looking to transfer services that are not within their statutory duty to provide, to town councils. The town councils, in turn, are likely to ask their surrounding parish councils to contribute financially to these services. There is much debate at this stage as to exactly how this is going to work but there are conversations taking place at all levels of local government. Percentage numbers of users are being analysed for services such as libraries and there is talk of parishes 'clustering' with others to provide services. The main reason for this is because Shropshire Council does not have funds to continue to provide such services and town and parish councils have the power to raise their precept to acquire revenue.

- Cllr Edgerton reported on a parishioner's concern about build in Hollinwood:  
Concerns have been raised that planning application Ref:13/00325/FUL- Erection of (replacement) dwelling; detached single storey storage building to include bat loft at Glenside, Whixall, Shropshire, SY13 2NH may not being built according to approved plans.  
Cllr Pauline Dee has raised this with planning officers.
- Cllr Harris reported on cenotaph tidy up:  
He has cleared the site of weeds and Cllr Fitton has strimmed around the exterior edge of the site. Once tidy-up is complete Miss Brayford (Whixall Primary school) has said that she is happy for yr 6 pupils to maintain the site. Cllr Harris suggested that the pupils are invited to participate in the Remembrance Day service.
- Cllr Marlow reported on a Right of Way on Cumberland Lane:  
There is a sign reading 'no public access'. The Clerk explained the reason for this- in summary, that the stile was rotten and needed replacing and gates were being left open causing a risk of livestock getting on to the road. The issue is being dealt with by Shropshire Council and Parish Paths Partnership (P3) group.

b) Shropshire Councillors  
No Shropshire Cllrs present for this item.

**95/16 Shropshire Council's budget cuts and transfer of services-impact on town and parish councils**

In reference to Cllr Harris' report above there was debate as to whether or not it is the responsibility of town and parish councils to fund 'at risk' services. However, it was agreed that there is a need to engage in the discussions and be mindful of the potential changes in the way services are provided and the impact that may have on the Parish Council's future budget.

**96/16 Consider Future Agenda Items**

Future role of Parish Council, Standing Orders amendments, planning for Remembrance Day and Senior Citizens' party.

The meeting closed at 10:25pm

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7:30 pm</b>
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