

# **Whixall Parish Council**

**Chairman: David Edgerton**

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**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at  
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30 pm**

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**Present:**

**Chairman:** Vice Chair- S Beer

**Councillors:** D Evans, J Spenser, I Mercer, S Marlow, C Platon C Mellings

**Clerk:** K Hatton

**Public:** E Munden

**67/14 Apologies for absence**

P Poole

J Jarrett

D Edgerton

P Dee

**68/14 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests**

Cllr Mercer declared an interest in planning application Ref: 14/02255/LBC- Erection of 14 solar panels to barn roof at The Paddocks, Waterloo, Whixall (Cllr Mercer's own property).

**69/14 Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

It was proposed by Cllr Spenser that the minutes were an accurate record of the meeting. Seconded by Cllr Evans 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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**70/14 Public Session**

Mr E Munden was invited to speak but he declined.

**71/14 Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported on the following:

- All actions from previous meeting complete.
- Welsh End Chapel- The Clerk explained that a parishioner had reported that the grass at the chapel's graveyard had not been cut- this issue has been resolved.
- Potential VAT claim
- Next North Shropshire Area Committee (NSAC) of Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July at Wem Town Hall at 7:15pm.

**72/14 Financial Matters**

- Outstanding accounts and balances

The Clerk listed the invoices received: see table below.

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT
11.06.14	100997	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for May	£193.25
11.06.14	100998	J & E Ford- grass cutting	£252.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£445.25</b>

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

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

- Balances

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
30.05.14	Community Account	£6,768.20
31.03.14	Business Saver Account ( <i>quarterly statement</i> )	£3,918.51
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£10,686.71</b>

The Clerk confirmed that all Parish Cllrs present had received a copy of the balance sheet via email. Cllr Beer signed the bank statements to acknowledge that these balances were accurate.

- Audit Commission Annual Return- Elector's Rights Notice

The Clerk confirmed that the Elector's Rights Notice to view accounts has been posted on notice boards as per regulations to advertise period that electors can view accounts: 23<sup>rd</sup> June- 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

**73/14 Planning Issues****Applications to be viewed at meeting**

**\*Cllr Mercer left the room.**

Ref: 14/02255/LBC- Erection of 14 solar panels to barn roof at the Paddocks, Waterloo, Whixall.

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment.

- Ref: 14/02209/FUL- Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey side extension and detached car port following part demolition of existing property at 5 Sandy Bank, Whixall, SY13 2NS.

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment.

- Ref: 14/02241/FUL- Formation of a ménege for recreational use and application under section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for change of use of a shippon into stabling for horses and agricultural land to equine at Four Lane Ends Farm, Whixall, SY13 2QA

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

**Comment:** No comment.

**Applications received too late to appear on the agenda:**

None.

**Planning Decisions:**

- Ref: 14/01637/VAR - Variation of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 attached to application 12/04791/FUL for the conversion of redundant agricultural buildings to create one dwelling with detached double garage.  
Conditions(s) Removal: Variation of condition no. 2 for minor material amendment and conditions nos 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to address details required in original approval at Ladywell House, Whixall, SY13 2RR. **Permission Granted**

**Planning Enforcement matters:**

- **Little Acorn Farm**

Cllr Mellings provided an update: The Planning team at Shropshire Council has been significantly reduced therefore there are delays in processing applications. The Case Officer has been in correspondence with the applicant. The application is still under consideration. The enforcement issue cannot be resolved until a decision on the current application has been reached.

- **Land at Green Lane**

Cllr Beer reported that concerns had been raised by a parishioner regarding the 'storage' of a caravans\* and vehicles in a field in the Green Lane area. Cllr Mellings confirmed that planning permission exists for the caravan in connection with management of the land. Cllr Beer also reported that there was a smell likely to be that of a rotting carcass on the said land. Cllr Mellings agreed to follow this up with the relevant department(s).

**\*=Amendment agreed on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**74/14 Parish Matters**

- a) Community Led Plan

The Clerk confirmed that the application to register The Waggoners Inn as a Community Asset had been completed by Cllr Poole and sent to relevant department on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014.

Cllr Beer reported that no members of the public attended the AGM of the Social Centre Committee.

The Clerk acknowledged correspondence from J Peters re: litter picking.

- b) Notice Boards

Following a short discussion it was agreed that the notice board at Hollinwood could be renovated rather than replaced. Cllr Spenser agreed to assess the potential for this and report back at the next meeting.

- c) The Marlot

The Clerk reported that in relation to minute ref: 62/14b of last meeting (14<sup>th</sup> May 2014) she and Cllr Spenser had met to discuss the possibility of registering ownership of the Marlot in connection with shared management of the site with Shropshire Wildlife Trust (SWT) and Natural England. The Clerk suggested that Luke Neal of SWT be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting to present his ideas in order for the Parish Council to make an informed decision should such an arrangement be formally proposed. Cllr Spenser suggested that Luke Neal could invite others with knowledge on the subject.

**Resolution: The Clerk is to invite Luke Neal to attend the next Parish Council meeting.**

#### **75/14 Highways**

Cllr Platon reported that Canal Side has not yet been resurfaced although it was said that it would be done early in the new financial year: Cllr Mellings said that he would follow this up with the relevant people.

Cllr Beer reported that a parishioner who maintains the unadopted road that he lives on is now seeing increased use since there is now a Natural England car park at the end of said road. The parishioner feels that Natural England should contribute to the maintenance; the Parish Council agreed that the parishioner should approach Joan Daniels of Natural England about this issue.

The following pot holes and poor road surfaces were reported:

- Large pot hole outside 9 Rack Lane
- Pot hole the 2 new houses on Post Office Lane
- Section of road from the turning for Braynes Hall towards the Social Centre needs resurfacing
- Top of Ossage Lane where it meets Chapel Lane requires attention
- The lane that cuts the corner from Bostock Hall to the school is flooding and poor surface
- The road surface running outside Whixall Hall requires attention

The Clerk was requested to report the above to Shropshire Council Highways department.

#### **76/14 Website- Comments and updates**

Cllr Platon reported that this month's agenda appeared on the website in advance of the meeting. This led to a brief discussion about the agenda appearing in the Community News magazine retrospectively: It was suggested that the meeting schedule be published instead.

The Clerk agreed to send all documents for the website to Cllr Platon in pdf format.

#### **77/14 Correspondence**

- Reply from Graham Murphy
- Shropshire Playing Fields Association- request for donation. **Resolution: Decline request.**
- Michael Peake- email re: Whixall Community page on facebook. **Resolution: The Clerk to reply to say that the Parish Council do not, at present, wish to set up a facebook account in order that they join his page as 'Whixall Parish Council'.**
- Monthly crime report from PC LeClere.

#### **78/14 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Mercer reported that the garden area at Whixall School had been vandalised: He had advised the school that it be reported by phoning 101.

Cllr Platon reported vandalism to the notice board at World's End.

Cllr Beer reported on the Social Centre Committee's AGM and declared accounts available.

The meeting closed at 8:52 pm

<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm</b>
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