

Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Ian Mercer

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th May 2016 at
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:00pm**

Present:

Chairman: I Mercer

Councillors: D Edgerton, J Spenser, C Platon, S Marlow, J Hardiman, B Harris, J Fitton,

Shropshire Councillors: C Mellings, P Dee

Clerk: K Hatton

Public: Dr J Daniels

49/16 Introduction

Cllr Mercer declared the meeting open.

50/16 Apologies for absence

M Howard

51/16 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

None

52/16 Invitation for nomination of Chair

Nominations: Ian Mercer. Proposed by Cllr Edgerton, seconded by Cllr Harris.

53/16 Election of Chair

Cllr Ian Mercer was elected as Chair and a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

54/16 Invitation for nomination of Vice Chair

Nominations: Cllr Bob Harris. – Cllr Harris declined

Cllr Chris Platon. Proposed by Cllr Spenser, seconded by Cllr Marlow.

55/16 Election of Vice Chair

Cllr Chris Platon was elected as Vice Chair and a Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

56/16 Election of other officers

The council's Code of Conduct was re-issued to all present.

57/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2016

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

It was resolved that the minutes of 20 th April 2016 be signed by the Chair as an accurate record of the meeting.

58/16 Financial mattersBalances- To note

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
	Community Account	£8,921.32
	Business Saver Account	£3,922.47
TOTAL		£12,843.79

Outstanding accounts- To approve

- The Clerk raised the matter of an un-cashed cheque to C Jones from last financial year and asked if it should be re issued.

Decision: Re-issue cheque and cancel original.

- Insurance policy renewal**

Decision: Following the review of 2 quotations it was decided to renew insurance with current provider.

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

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT	LEGAL POWER TO SPEND
Date of meeting: 11 th May 2016	101091	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for April * agreed increment applied from 1 st April	£311.25	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	101092	C Jones- Grass cutting	£120.00	HA 1980 s.96
	101093	Insurance	£204.95	LGA 1972 s.111
	101094	C Jones- Grass cutting cheque re-issued from last financial year due to it being lost and un-cashed.	£80.00	HA 1980 s.96
Total			£716.20	

LGA= Local Government Act

HA= Highways Act

It was resolved that the outstanding accounts should be paid and cheques signed by two authorised councillors.

59/16 Planning

-All planning applications and decisions can be tracked on line at www.shropshire.gov.uk

Applications received- to consider response

An amendment to an application that was received too late for the agenda: Ref: 16/01502/FUL.
The council noted the amendment and resolved not to make comment.

Decisions- to note

No new decisions to note.

60/16 Clerk's Report**a) Correspondence- To note**

The following correspondence was noted:

Thank you letter from school re: donation.

North Salop Wheelers report.

Email from parishioner (JF) re: flooding:

Email from SB (Social Centre Committee) re: bequeathed money.

b) Highway safety at primary school- re-submission of request for footpath- To consider

Decision: Cllr Spenser proposed: To re-submit concern for consideration for next year's capital programme. Seconded by Cllr Hardiman, agreed by all.

c) Flooding update

Cllr Mellings reported on the outcomes of the meeting on 21st April with Shropshire drainage team, Dr Daniels, residents and Cllr Mercer. All residents contacted by Shropshire Council have agreed to carry out maintenance work on their ditches. A Map of plans and actions has been produced and will be reviewed in late September.

Cllr Mellings is also following up on the concerns about the road surface condition and the structure of the bridge on Moss Lane.

61/16 Councillors' Reports

Cllr Harris reported on the Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme steering group meeting. Its purpose: to oversee the delivery of the project. Grants are available to apply for.

Cllr Marlow reported that dog excrement has been left in leaflet boxes at Morris' Bridge.

Cllr Edgerton reported on the road closure at Green Lane.

62/16 Consider Future Agenda Items

There has been correspondence from architect working on a proposed development scheme in Whixall. It is expected that they will send representation to the next meeting to present their client's proposal. If this is confirmed, details will appear on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 8th June 2016 at 7:30 pm
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