

Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: David Edgerton

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting held on
Wednesday 8th October 2014 at
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7.30 pm

Present:

Chairman: D Edgerton

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

Clerk: K Hatton

Public: None

103/14 Apologies for absence

Vice Chair- S Beer - work commitments

104/14 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests

None

105/14 Minutes of the meeting of 10th September 2014

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

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

106/14 Public Session

No members of the public were present.

107/14 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:

- o Letter to Mr C Jones re: to grass cutting is still to deliver.
- o All other actions from previous meeting complete.
- o Clerk attended SLCC training session on procurement.
Cllr Edgerton proposed that the Clerk be reimbursed for the £20 cost of training, Cllr Poole seconded this and all agreed – The Clerk advised that the grass cutting contract should go out to tender in the New Year.
- o Received notification from Shropshire Council that there has been no call for an election so co-option can go ahead as soon as practicable.
- o A road closure is planned- The Laurels junction to Maltkiln Lane on Monday 1st December for 2 days.
- o Helicopter Noise Liaison meeting- 14th October at RAF Shawbury- Cllr Mercer to attend.
- o SALC AGM and conference- 1st November- Cllr Marlow may attend.

108/14 Financial Matters

- Outstanding accounts and balances

The Clerk presented the following invoices- see table below.

The Clerk also informed the Council that she had contacted Shropshire Council print services to inform them that no invoice had been received for the printing of the Spring newsletter.

DATE	CHEQUE NO.	DETAILS	AMOUNT
08.10.14	101004	K Hatton- Clerk's pay for September	£193.25
08.10.14	101005	K Hatton- Reimbursed for SLCC training (procurement)	£20.00
		Total	£213.25

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

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

- Balances

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29.07.14	Community Account	£5,351.56
31.06.14	Business Saver Account (<i>quarterly statement</i>)	£3,919.00
TOTAL		£9,270.56

All Cllrs present confirmed their receipt of the balance sheet via email. Cllr Edgerton acknowledged that these balances were accurate and in line with the bank statements.

- 2nd Quarterly expenditure report

All Cllrs present confirmed their receipt of the 2nd Quarterly Expenditure Report.

109/14 Planning Issues**Applications to be viewed at meeting**

Ref: 14/04083/FUL- Erection of two storey extension to rear elevation at New House Farm, Chapel Lane, Whixall, Shropshire.

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

Object/ **Support**/ Representation

Comment: No comment

Planning Decisions:

Ref: 14/01639/OUT - Outline application for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with detached garage (All Matters Reserved) at Proposed Dwelling at The Farms, Whixall- **Application withdrawn**

Planning Enforcement matters:

- Little Acorn Farm

The Clerk informed the Council that she had received an enquiry from a parishioner about the status of the application for the above address. Cllr Mellings provided the Council with an update which is as follows: The Planning Officer is waiting for information from two parties. A decision on the application is expected to be reached once the current consultation period has expired. The enforcement issue cannot be resolved until a decision is made on the current planning application.

110/14 Parish Matters

a) Place Plan Review

The Clerk drew the council's attention to the fact that this year's place plan review was due to be submitted in January and asked that they consider any issues in advance of next month's meeting.

b) Community Led Plan

In light of the recent refusal of the community asset application for The Waggoners Inn Cllrs discussed the implications in terms of The Community Led Plan.

The Council resolved that the Clerk update the action plan to reflect the efforts of the council.

Cllr Poole informed the council that she had not received any response from Mr A Stirling in reply to her email to him (dated 12th September).

The Council resolved that the Clerk write a strong letter to Mr George Candler on the issue of poor communication and lack of common courtesy and professionalism on the part of Mr Stirling with regard to the matter.

c) The Marlot

The Clerk updated the council on her progress with the first registration application.

The Council resolved that the Clerk also provide Pete Bowyer and Luke Neal with a progress update via email.

The Clerk informed the council that the cost of a replacement picnic bench for The Marlot would largely depend on quality but would cost in the region of £150.

Cllr Spenser informed the Council of the efforts of a recent working party of volunteers to clear vegetation at The Marlot.

The Council resolved that the Clerk send an email to thank Pete Bowyer on behalf of the Parish Council for this work.

d) Potential Flooding

Cllr Platon raised the issue of potential flooding in the parish despite the dry summer and generally more extreme weather patterns coupled with the fact that there has been no work carried out on the culvert at Canal Side.

Cllr Mellings invited Cllr Platon to join him and others (Cllrs Edgerton and Beer, RSPB's Matt Jones and Shropshire Council Land Drainage officer) to inspect the area in relation to flooding on 28th October.

e) Autumn/ Winter Newsletter

The Clerk confirmed some suggested amendments for the newsletter. A final draft to be emailed to Cllrs by 9th October.

f) Senior Citizens' Christmas Party

The final catering arrangements will be made at the next meeting.

g) Remembrance Sunday Service

The Clerk informed the council that she had contacted Mrs Burrows in connection with the order of service and confirmed arrangements.

111/14 Highways

Cllr Evans noted the work that is being carried out on Ossage Lane.

Cllr Spenser reiterated the extent of the 'dip' in the road surface on Canal Side- Cllr Mellings inferred that work on this is imminent.

112/14 Website- Comments and updates

Cllr Platon reported that the website was up to date; latest agenda was uploaded and an amendment/ correction to Clerk's email address made.

113/14 Correspondence

- Notice from Shropshire Council to say that there had been no call for an election following Cllr Jarrett's resignation so co-option can go ahead.
- Letter from Rebecca Pilkington requesting 'confirmation of local connection' – **After careful assessment it was resolved that there was insufficient evidence provided and the Clerk was asked to respond as necessary.**

114/14 Councillors Reports

Cllr Platon reported on the recent unveiling of a World War 1 information board on Whixall Moss which was attended by Cllrs Platon and Beer as well as, among others, The Rt. Hon. Owen Paterson MP and Lord Kenyon.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 12th November at 7.30 pm
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