

## MINUTE 133

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 8 P.M. ON MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2009

#### The following Councillors attended:

Mr Mike Lewis in the chair, Mr Ken Bowers, Mr Greg Lye, Miss Nora Swinford, Mr Michael Thomas and Mrs Susan Wingrave.

Two parishioners attended.

**Apologies** were received from Mr Jonathan Hanslip, District Councillor Wendy Amos and County Councillor Steve Osborne.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

It was requested that the attention of the DDC be drawn again to Rose Cottage, that the faulty street light near Tudor House be reported and that the salt bins be refilled.

#### 1. DECLARATION OF COUNCILLORS' INTERESTS RELEVANT TO MATTERS ARISING ON THIS AGENDA

No declarations were made.

#### 2. RESOLUTIONS TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November, with the addition of the words: "*final version of*" in section 5, third paragraph. It was also resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

#### 3. FINANCE

##### a) Financial Statement

Reserve Account: £5621.48

Current Account: £1980.98

**It was resolved to approve the following income and expenditure:**

##### Income:

VAT refund: £270.05

##### Expenditure:

Cheque no			Gross	VAT to reclaim
697	E.ON	Lighting maintenance	48.33	6.30
698	Clerk	Salary Oct – Dec 2008	275.00	
699	Orchard Print Services Ltd	Printing Newsletter	72.90	
700	Open Spaces Society	Annual subscription	40.00	
701	Anglian Water	Allotment Water Charge	26.17	

##### b) Budget for 2009-10

The Clerk's salary was reviewed and it was agreed to raise this to £1300 per annum, and to include £100 to be used for sprucing up the village especially at the time of summer competitions.

£300 will be allowed towards the new village sign, and grants of further money towards this will be investigated. There were no suggestions for other projects for grant money.

It was agreed to provide a new street light at the Locks

**c) Precept for 2009-10.**

It was agreed to set the precept for 2009-2010 at £5750, with expected use of the money as follows:

<b>2009-10</b>	<b>PRECEPT</b>
Administration	1450
Clerk's salary	1300
Parish Clock maintenance fund (Grant money this year)	nil
Newsletter	370
Churchyard maintenance	100
Allotments	160
Street lighting	700
Fund towards new street light	500
Roughmoor Spinney	450
Trees	300
Sprucing up the village	100
New village sign	300
Section 137	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5750</b>
<b>Intended Reserve Fund</b>	
Mower replacement fund	800
Election costs	1000
Towards new street light, unforeseen expenses/ contingencies	3900
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5700</b>

**e) Clock: replacement of automatic winding unit**

Notification has been received that a grant of £2297.25 has been agreed to cover costs from the NCC Empowering Councillors and Communities Fund. It was resolved that the Clerk should request an up-to date quote and authorise Smiths of Derby to proceed with the work.

**4. ROADS AND TRANSPORT**

- The Clerk reported that she had put drainage as the top priority for Whilton on the MGWSP list, and that problems with water on the road at both Whilton Locks and Main Street were being followed up.
- Manor Lane: NCC has posted its notice of intention to adopt
- CPM is hoping to instal the new street furniture, once conditions are suitable, and it has been agreed by the DDC that a seat may be erected on the allotments.
- MGWSP: safer winter driving leaflets and Highways Agency leaflets re journey planning December to January have been received
- Daventry and South Northants Area Public Transport Guide from Nov 2008 (including the infrequent service through Whilton.) has been received

**5. FOOTPATHS**

Following the last Parish Walk , the Clerk had written to NCC, suggesting the provision of a footpath between the village and the Locks. NCC has agreed to look into this.

## **6. VILLAGE GREEN**

- Registration: the Clerk reported that the NCC have not yet made a decision on this, but have requested a further legal opinion.
- The tree report has not yet been received, but it is likely some work will be required this winter.
- Village sign on the Green: there had been very little response to the competition. The Chairman asked if anyone would be willing to take responsibility for following this up and investigating a grant, as the £300 allowed in the precept is unlikely to be enough. As there were no volunteers, it was agreed that the matter will be followed up by the Clerk as and when there is time.
- The Clerk reported that she had arranged with the DDC for the collection of Christmas trees from the Green for recycling.

## **7. PLANNING**

- The Whilton Design Statement: Mr Lye agreed to hold the spare copies and to be the contact for those who request a copy. Three further copies will be given to the Clerk.
- WNDC: Mr Lewis reported that all the developers have now put in amended plans, and that these are available on the website. The appeal inquiry has been postponed to 20 January.
- DDC response re planning concerns: a letter from Keith Thursfield of the DDC had been received, confirming his understanding that the DDC had already apologised over the handling of the outline planning application for 7 South View.
- The Clerk was asked to follow up the DDC's response to the query on the field entry to the barn at the end of Brington Lane and the appeal against the application for a barn at Felines.

## **8. DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS FOR 2009-10**

The following dates were agreed:

Monday, 5 January 2009

Monday, 2 March 2009

Monday, 27 April 2009 Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, 11 May 2009 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday, 6 July 2009

Monday, 7 September 2009

Monday, 2 November 2009

Monday, 4 January 2010

Monday, 1 March 2010

These meetings will be at 7.30 p.m.

## **9. POLICE LIAISON**

The following Police Community Support Officer surgeries were agreed :

Tuesday, 10 February: 2 – 3 p.m.

Monday, 2 March : one hour before Parish Council

Lorraine Humfress will also be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

She had suggested a parish survey of concerns of residents. The Clerk was asked to find if there is a format which could be used.

## **10. LIAISON WITH DDC**

*Daventry Calling* Winter 2008, and details of grants for play spaces for 8-13 year olds have been received.

## **11. LIAISON WITH NCC**

The following are available from the Clerk:

- NCC Agenda and reports: meeting 18 December 2008
- Consultation on mandatory standard application form for planning applications for NCC.
- Information re Northants Minerals and Waste Development Framework: Core Strategy Submission, now submitted to Secretary of State.

## **12. NALC AND ACRE**

*Village Viewpoint Winter 2008*: has been circulated.

Information on Northants ACRE, and *Northamptonshire CALC Update* Nov – Dec 2008 will be circulated.

## **13. INFORMATION RECEIVED**

The following will be circulated:

- *Clerks and Councils Direct*. November 2008. Already circulated.
- *Centre Screen*: details of cinema screening in local halls.
- *Active Ageing* Newsletter Winter 2008
- Wildlife Trusts Training Workshops 2009

The following are available from the Clerk:

- Daventry and District Housing: *Tenants' Voice*: Newsletter Autumn 2008
- Futures Housing Group Annual report 2007-8
- Northamptonshire Rural Housing Association Annual report 2007/8
- Autumn 2008. Does the Parish Council wish to continue to receive this?
- Glasdon catalogue. Winter 2008-9
- Victim Support and Witness Services, Northamptonshire. Annual report 2006-7
- Communities and Local Government: consultation paper: *Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity*

It was agreed to discontinue receipt of *East Midlands Development Agency News*

## **14. MATTERS TO RAISE ON THE NEXT AGENDA**

It was requested that the decision not to replace the mower this year be reviewed.

The meeting closed at 10 p.m.