

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2016 AT 7.30 P.M. IN  
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Burton, Cllr J Newton, Cllr B Andrews, Cllr S Dye, Cllr G Buckley

Others Present: 2 electors and Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter

**1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence**

The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Cllr Adrian Mountain and these were accepted. Cllr James Daniels had intended coming to the meeting but had not been able to arrive.

Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris.

**2. To receive any Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Newton declared a Personal Interest in item 7, Planning.

**3. To confirm and accept Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> May meeting**

Cllr Buckley proposed the minutes, which had been circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record, Cllr Newton seconded the proposal, carried by the Council.

**4. To report on any matters arising from the minutes of May (not on agenda)**

Lorries are coming down from Raynham Road and when they reach The Swan they are jack-knifing. This is a dangerous manoeuvre and is happening in the early hours of the morning. Damage is being done to property. Cllr Dye had sent a letter to Mr Edmondson asking him if he was aware of the situation and also asking if the trucks could be re-routed.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD**

Mrs Stangroom spoke about weed spraying around the Church and she was informed that Mr Lake does carry out this task. There were some questions about the website and Mrs Rutter had reported that she was having some trouble putting items on the website. Cllr Burton suggested that she speak to Dawn Rangeley as she can put items on it without the need to contact the webmaster. Mr Stangroom gave some information regarding his broadband speed on the internet at the farm.

Report from Cllr Carter. He stated that he is now working for the charity SSAFA and he is an assessor for the charity. Since the referendum there has been an increase in racist comments in the large towns. Breckland have written a statement about this problem. Residents have contacted Breckland asking what leaving the E.U. actually means for them. He read out a statement that had been created by Breckland and it will be displayed on the notice board. He was thanked for his report.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation period and resumed the meeting.

**5. To discuss Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to discuss.

**6. To discuss any Planning issues**

Breckland 3PL/2016/0585 Mr Ivan Newton, Primrose Cottage, London Street, demolition of existing garage & erection of bungalow within cartilage of property. Three Parish Councils voted in favour of this application and two Parish Councillors abstained from voting. The Clerk was asked to submit the comment that the Parish Council requests that the residents of the property only park on the property and not on the road. Also Breckland would be asked to confirm the size of the area that has been allocated for parking. They wanted reassurance that the site plan is adequate to house 4 vehicles as the Parish Council thinks it might be tight.

Breckland 3PL/2016/0717 Mr & Mrs K Durrant, Talbot House, London Street, single storey front extension to entrance hall and study. The Parish Council all voted in favour of supporting this application.

Breckland 3PL/2016/0478/HOU Mr Stangroom, Small Holding Farm, London Street, removal of existing single storey conservatory & erection of a 2 storey extension, planning permission received.

**7. To discuss any Highways issues – pot holes**

The Clerk will send a strong letter to Mr J Winnett at Highways and copy it to Cllr Kiddle-Morris and Cllr Carter. Cllr Burton had received an email on 22<sup>nd</sup> June regarding the problems but so far still nothing had been done. The situation is now very dangerous. An accident will happen soon and Highways will be held responsible. Work is needed on the High Street, New Road, Signpost Corner on the Colkirk Road, and opposite Lime Kiln Lane on the Raynham Road. Also opposite East View there are blocked drains, which are causing flooding problems when there is excessive flooding.

**8. To discuss the Church Lanes – removal of the wood**

The wood has now been removed.

**9. To receive an update on the Village Walk-About**

On the playing field there was a lot of garden trimmings rubbish in the corner. The situation will be monitored. There is also a fly tipping problem on the playing field and this problem will be reported. The allotments were looked at and the Parish Council will send a letter to Mr Tim Burton and ask him to clear his plot so Mr Green can deal with planting the grass seeds, etc.

**10. To discuss the rubbish on the playing field**

This has already been discussed.

**11. To discuss the parish Grass Cutting**

Cllr Burton had received some telephone calls regarding Mr Lake cutting the grass late on a Sunday and he has been told not to cut it any later than 5 p.m. The Parish Council wants him to carry out the cuts a bit quicker to avoid any more complaints and the play area for the children must be kept in good condition. The wet weather has not helped the situation. The Clerk will contact him.

**12. To authorize any necessary financial transactions**

The Parish Council authorised the following financial transactions:-

Zurich Municipal (insurance) £479.41

**13. To discuss Insurance renewal**

After studying the quotations received from Came & Co. the Parish Council decided to use Zurich Municipal as their insurance provider paying a cost of £479.41. The lowest cost submitted by Came & Co. was £552.40. By paying this cost the Parish Council agreed to use Zurich for 3 consecutive years, thus obtaining a discount on the cost.

**14. To discuss the Village Hall situation**

Malcolm Davenport has resigned as Chairman and the work is now being done by Dawn Rangeley, the Treasurer, Karen Rodgers, the Secretary and Caroline Wilson helps also. If there is no committee within the next 6 months, they will resign and then the Parish Council will have to look after the Village Hall. The Parish Council are the Trustees of the Village Hall and the committee members are the Management Trustees. The Parish Council thought that it would be possible for a member of the Parish Council to chair the meetings. Cllr Burton stressed that the Parish Council needs to help the Village Hall Committee and try to find a Chairperson for their meetings. Cllr Andrews offered to Chair the next meeting. Cllr Burton suggested a Public Meeting be arranged to discuss the Village Hall. The Clerk will book the Hall for this meeting on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.

**15. To discuss the Local Plan and the Village Boundary**

The Parish Council had made comments to Breckland Council stating that the village favoured small developments. The Parish Council does want to maintain the boundary but also wants to allow the small housing developments to help the village alive. A meeting will be taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> July to discuss this issue and some of the Parish Councillors will attend, so the Clerk will book places for them.

**15. To receive items for the next Agenda**

- To discuss the Village Hall
- To discuss Highways issues
- To discuss the Local Plan

**16. To set dates of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 9.10 p.m.

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Chairman

Date