

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN  
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr B Andrews, Cllr S Dye and Cllr J Daniels

Others Present: 3 electors, County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr T Carter

**1. To appoint a Chairman for the meeting**

Cllr Daniels proposed Cllr Dye for the position of Chairman for the meeting, seconded by Cllr Andrews and carried.

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

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were apologies for absence from Cllr G Buckley and Cllr J Newton these were accepted.

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

There were no Interests declared.

**4. To confirm and accept Minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> January meeting**

Item 5. Correspondence was amended. Names were deleted regarding the meeting that had taken place. After the amendments, Cllr Dye proposed the minutes, which had been circulated, be accepted as a true and accurate record, Cllr Daniels seconded the proposal, carried by the Council.

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

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported the N. C. C. council tax has been raised by 4.8% and 3% extra was raised to cover additional social care costs. It is £11m over spent. A great deal of money is spent on children in care and there are 1,100 in care at the moment. Because of the lack of Social Workers, Agency staff has to be used. The situation was bad in 2013 but slowly the situation is getting better. N.C.C. is waiting to hear how much extra money the Government will give them to deal with these problems. Children's Services and Social Care will not carry over a deficit budget. On May 4<sup>th</sup> the whole of the County Council will be involved in the Elections.

Cllr Carter reported that Breckland have raised its council tax by 2% but it will be a very small cost per person and the council tax is very low compared to other counties. Better Broadband by 2020 means that it is expected that more people will have a decent Broadband speed than they are getting currently. There is a fiber box in the village and Cllr Kiddle-Morris suggested residents contacted B.T. to find out what speed they should have.

The Vattenfall Windfarm project is still on-going. The project should start on the North Norfolk coast and finish at Necton.

The Chairman adjourned the Public Participation period and resumed the Parish Council meeting.

#### **6. To discuss Correspondence**

To discuss the Laurel Hedge on the Campingland. It is restricting light to a property. This will be dealt with later on in the year.

Due to the complaints regarding village litter, Cllr Dye suggested a Village Litter Pick take place on 15<sup>th</sup> April and afterwards refreshments will be served in the Village Hall. The Clerk will investigate whether it is available on that date.

To discuss emails received from Mr David Burton. Mr Burton had resigned from the Parish Council as a result of a resident visiting his house. He made the visit because he was displeased at receiving a parking ticket for parking on the Village Hall car park when he was not inside the Village Hall. Mr Burton had the ticket put through his letterbox and he felt it was too personal. His door was kicked. He reported the situation to the Police but they were not helpful. Mr Burton felt he did not receive the support of residents, which he thought he would receive. He was carrying out instructions given to him by the Parish Council and felt very distressed over the whole matter. At that time Notices were being stolen from outside the Village Hall. The Police regarded that as a civil matter. Eventually Mr Burton received a visit from the Police but only after the Parking Company spoke to them. The Village Hall Committee approached the Parish Council to see if they could help with the situation of cars being parked on the Village Hall car park by people not using the Village Hall.

#### **7. To report on the informal discussion between Cllrs Buckley and Dye, A Village Hall representative and a Resident**

A letter from a Parishioner was sent to Cllr Dye and because of this she set up an informal meeting between herself, another Parish Councillor, a Village Hall representative and the Parishioner. During the meeting the Parishioner had certain matters explained to him, such as Village Hall parking. He was assured he had not been personally victimized and was told that Mr Burton is not responsible for actions taken by the Car Parking company and that his behaviour towards Mr Burton had been unacceptable. He said he was not going to pay his car parking fines but Cllr Dye did advise him to pay them. If the problems subsided then the Parish Council will consider removing the parking control. The signs have gone back up and they are currently still there.

#### **8. To discuss any Planning issues**

Breckland 3PL/2016/1411/HOU Mr Ivan Newton, Primrose Cottage, London Street, demolition of existing garage & erection of ancillary granny annexe, planning permission received.

Breckland 3PL/2016/1520/F Mr & Mrs Dye, Oldsted Yard, Brisley Road, Horningtoft, erection of a detached single storey dwelling and garage at land adjacent to Ceduna, New Road, planning permission received

#### **9. To discuss the outcome of the Local Plan Consultation**

It was not possible to discuss this, so it will be put on the May agenda.

**10. To discuss any Highways issues**

There are potholes at Sign Post corner that need attention. The location is on the Colkirk Road at the junction with Oxwick Road. There are also some potholes down Mill Lane, Highways will be informed.

**11. To authorize financial transactions**

The Parish Council authorized the following necessary financial transactions:-

Clerk's net salary for February/March £199.20 HMRC tax February/March £49.80  
Clerk's end of year Expenses invoice £321.82 Invoice from Action Play & Leisure £1,072.20  
Clerk's pay in lieu of holiday £174.30 Expenses for Cllr Dye £60.00 Information  
Commissioner's Office (data protection) £35.00 Gary Lake Grounds Maintenance £2,000.00  
and £250.00.

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

To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year  
To adopt the end of year accounts  
To set a date for the Village Walk-About  
To discuss the planning application at The Old Bell  
To discuss the outcome of the Local Plan Consultation  
Update on the safety flooring around the play equipment

**13. To confirm date of next meeting or meetings if possible**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. It will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7.00 p.m.  
The following meeting was set for Thursday July 13<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

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Date