

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 10TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr J Daniels, Cllr S Dye, Cllr J Newton and Cllr A Mountain

Others Present: 5 electors and Mr M Gardiner, dog warden for Breckland Council

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

The Vice Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Burton, Cllr G Buckley and Cllr B Andrews and these were accepted.

County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter also sent apologies for absence.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

Cllr Daniels declared a Personal Interest in item no, 6 Planning and item no. 11, electric cables across the playing field.

3. To confirm and accept Minutes of 9th July meeting

Cllr Daniels 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 July (not on agenda)

The Clerk had received an email from Mrs English complaining about the hedge at the property owned by Broadland and Cllr Dye had received a second complaint from a resident. The resident had to cut a portion of the hedge as it was damaging their fence. It has not been cut at all this year. Church Lane hedges are on Mr Lake's contract to be cut and the contract will be looked at to see if it states one or two cuts should be carried out. Regarding the spraying of weeds, Mr Lake's contract states that spraying will be carried out once at the beginning of the season and once around November. The pathways should be sprayed twice and the hedges cut twice. He will be contacted to see if he intends to carry out the second spraying soon.

The Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

Mr Gardiner, the Dog Warden spoke about the problem of dog fouling and stated that bagged dog waste can be put in an ordinary green wheelie bin. He gave out cards to those present, which gave telephone numbers to use to report problems. Cllr Dye explained that the Parish Council had put articles in the village magazine, spent money purchasing signs which had been put up and recently purchased a dog bin. But the dog bin had been ripped out and the situation had been reported to the police. It was felt it was pointless purchasing another. Mr Gardiner was thanked for his attendance.

The problem of children playing in the road and being in danger was discussed. Those present felt that drivers needed to be careful because of this as the children could get hit by the cars. Cllr Dye said she would look for some suitable signs regarding this problem and pass on to interested parties this information.

The Vice Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and resumed the meeting.

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Copy of Clerks & Councils magazine

The RoSPA report

Police report – one non dwelling crime in June

Donation appeal letters from The C.A.B. and The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House. Cllr Daniels proposed they both be given £50.00, proposal seconded by Cllr Newton and carried

6. To discuss any Planning issues

Breckland 3PL/2015/0401/F Mr J Daniels, land adjacent to Mill Lane, erection of 2 storey dwelling house with detached garage & workshop, planning permission received

Breckland 3PL/2015/0834 Mr T Ulph, The Old Bell, High Street, change of use of residential annexe to holiday let with private rear amenity space, planning application received. The Parish Council objected to the part of the application which involved the removal of the hedge and trees. The applicant wants to pave the whole of the front of the house, so objections were made.

Breckland 3PL/2015/0930/F Furnell Developments, Rose Cottage, erection of 2 dwellings, planning application received. The Parish Council supports the application.

7. To discuss any Highways issues and discuss the Village Walk-About

There is a pot hole at the junction of Oxwick Road and Horningtoft Road and it will be reported. The surface of the road on the High Street at Swan Hill junction is in a bad condition. It is breaking up and the surface is coming off. The Clerk was asked to write to Ms Mary Porter and ask her to cut the hedge as it is causing problems. The north hedge on the playing field should possibly be cut by Mr Lake and this fact will be investigated. At the gate on the playing field, going into the children's areas there is a tree growing near it and it is causing an obstruction. A price needs to be obtained for trimming the tree. The footpath that goes from Horse Lane through to Tittleshall has an obstruction, according to Lesley Pegg, the Warden, but at the moment the Parish Council does not know if it is responsible for dealing with the obstruction. It will be investigated.

8. To discuss the Village Hall

There was nothing to report, so it will be on the next agenda.

9. To discuss the dog fouling problem

This was discussed under Public Participation. The Clerk will put an article in the village magazine and on the website.

10. To authorize any necessary financial transactions

Cllr Dye proposed the following financial transactions be authorised for payment:-

Playsafety Ltd invoice £88.80 Breckland invoice for uncontested election £75.00

Justin Bamforth (website) £100.00 C.A.B. (donation) £50.00

The Norfolk Hospice Tapping House (donation) £50.00

HMRC Tax August-Sept. £49.80 Clerk's net salary August-Sept. £199.20

11. To discuss the electric cables across the playing field

Cllr Daniels has had a discussion with U K Network because some electric cables need to be buried. Eventually the Parish Council will need to have a Solicitor to make sure everything is correct. There is high voltage cable running over the playing field but they will be buried instead. Cllr Dye proposed a Solicitor is employed to deal with this matter, seconded by Cllr Newton and carried.

12. To discuss the allotment position

The allotments are in a good condition now and could be rented out. It was thought the people wanting to rent them should be given the opportunity to have a shed on their allotment, the size to be no bigger than 6' x 6' and their own water butt. The shed should be removed when the renting ceases. Some money will need to be spent on hard surfacing. Cllr Daniels proposed a yearly rent of £10.00 should be obtained, seconded by Cllr Dye and carried. Cllr Mountain proposed a £50.00 deposit should be charged, seconded by Cllr Dye and carried. This would be returned when the renting ceases, providing the allotment is not in a mess. The charging of this refundable deposit will hopefully deter people from leaving the allotment in a mess. The availability of the allotment needs to be advertised now and an article can be put in the magazine and on the website. Mr & Mrs Burton currently have an allotment and offered to talk to any interested parties. Posters could also be created.

Mr Wilson, a member of the public present, said he wished to have an allotment. He felt the idea of having a shed would be a good idea and having a water butt.

13. To adopt the amended Standing Orders, which will incorporate the Transparency Code

Cllr Dye proposed the amended Standing Orders be adopted, seconded by Cllr Daniels and carried.

14. To receive items for the next Agenda

- To discuss the Village Hall
- To discuss the website
- To discuss dog fouling
- To discuss the electric cables across the playing field
- To discuss Mr Lake's grass cutting contract
- To discuss progress with the allotments
- To discuss the RoSPA report and potential pigeon deterrent

15. To set date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday October 29th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 9.20 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date