

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Burton, Cllr B Andrews, Cllr J Daniels, Cllr S Dye
and Cllr G Buckley
Others Present: 5 electors and Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Mountain and these were accepted.

County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris also sent apologies for absence.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept Minutes of December 18th meeting

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

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

Cllr Burton and Cllr Daniels attended a Seminar regarding the Local Plan and were not impressed with the outcome. They asked questions about the different pieces of land that could be put forward and they felt that Capita were only interested in hearing about the large towns and large villages. Cllr Carter suggested that all questions that the Parish Council wanted answered be given to him and he would take the questions to Capita, for answering. He spoke about the process when someone wants to build a house, which is outside the development boundary. Cllr Daniels and Cllr Burton told Cllr Carter that they were told that there would be a need for a referendum to accommodate a house outside the development boundary and Cllr Carter stated that this fact was incorrect. He stated that village boundaries may disappear in the future. Cllr Dye had put in a proposal for the Parish Council to put part of the allotments in for some small scale development. She did, however, find the website difficult to manage, as there was no method to put on the website the reasons why the Parish Council wanted to do certain things and it was not possible to give any explanations.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Carter reported that Band D houses in Breckland have the lowest council tax in the country. He is attending a Strategy meeting on Monday and he will raise the points spoken about, regarding the Local Plan. Broadband is much better now in the village, which is encouraging.

A resident present asked why the precept had been set at £15,000 and it was explained to her that a mistake was made last year, inasmuch as only £11,000 was asked for, instead of £13,000. She was told that there would also be some costs incurred, because of the Elections in May, but she was under the impression that if a General Election was taking place that there would be no costs. She was informed this was not the case.

Cllr Dye asked if the Parish Council had any plans to decorate the bus shelter as it is in an awful state. She knew of a volunteer who would paint it, if he was supplied with the paint. A decision will be made on this when the meeting is resumed.

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

5. To discuss any Planning issues

Breckland 3PL/2015/0057 Ms Dayment, West View Cottage, New Road, forming new rear bedroom extension at second floor level over existing flat roofed building. Alterations to reinstate the neighbouring Tinkers Cottage to one dwelling with West View Cottage. The Parish Council does not object to this application but it does not think that the cladding is keeping with the look of the village.

6. To discuss any Highways issues

The drains opposite East View in New Road are still all blocked with leaves, preventing rain water from going down, so the Highways Rangers will be asked again to deal with this when they next come to the village to do some work.

Regarding the bus shelter, Cllr Dye proposed that the Parish Council pays for some paint and Mr Etteridge will be asked to re-paint it, seconded by Cllr Burton and carried.

7. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Police report – 1 crime in November described as Other, 1 crime in December described as Violence against another person

Campaign to Protect Rural England – light pollution questionnaire (10 years on)

Letter from Norfolk County Council regarding the proposed amalgamation of Mileham Primary and Litcham School

Email from Cy Campbell stated he wishes to relinquish his involvement with the website.

An article will be put into the village magazine to try to find someone who would be willing to create a website and maintain it.

8. To discuss dog fouling in Church Yard and Campingland

The new signs have been purchased and are in place. When they were first put up, someone pulled them down and threw them in the hedge. Negative comments were also put on the website. They have been put up again, more securely and so far have not been vandalized.

9. To discuss the notice board situation

The Clerk had received the funding pack from Awards For All. A quotation for £800.00 had been received o put up a new notice board, so funding will be sought.

10. To discuss the new seat situation

The new seat has been delivered, has been sited and the plaque is in place.

11. To discuss the grass cutting contract

Mr Lake had submitted his contract and there was no price increase for the next three years. The Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation from Norse, for comparison.

12. To authorize any necessary financial transactions

The Parish Council authorized the following financial transactions:-

Signs 2 Wrap (dog fouling signs) £165.00	D Burton (expense) £109.00
Wybone Ltd (dog bin) £236.21	Newton Builders (siteing of new seat) £298.80
Clerk's net salary Jan – Feb £192.80	HMRC tax Jan – Feb. £48.20
Glasdon U.K. Ltd (seat) £842.46	

A cheque for £100.00 was received from Mr W Green, for allotment rent for a year.

13. To receive items for the next Agenda

To discuss the Village Hall

To discuss the Bus Shelter

To discuss the May Parish Council elections

To discuss the Website

14. To set a few dates of meetings

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 30th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

In May, the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Thursday 14th May at 7.00 p.m. This will be followed at 7.45 p.m. by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 9.05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date