

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 30TH MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN
WHISSONSETT VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr D Burton, Cllr B Andrews, Cllr J Daniels, Cllr S Dye, Cllr J Newton,
Cllr A Mountain and Cllr G Buckley

Others Present: 4 electors

1. Welcome and to accept apologies for absence

Dist. Cllr Trevor Carter sent apologies for absence.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm and accept Minutes of February 5th 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 February (not on agenda)

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Participation period

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Mrs Stangroom commented that the new notice board looked attractive. Mr Stangroom enquired whether any of the Parish Council members had any influence regarding motor bike riders riding across the field next to Hurn Lane, but was advised they had no influence and he should report the matter to the Police.

Mr Davenport stated that he thought that since the dog signs had been erected around the Church, the problem of dog mess was getting worse. He asked if the Parish Council would consider taking them down, but the Parish Council was unanimous in the view that they should not be removed. They had cost money from the precept and will be staying in place but the Parish Council stated it was open to any useful suggestions regarding this troublesome problem.

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. Planning permission received

Breckland 3PL/2015/0192/F Mr David Rowe, High House, High Street, single storey side & rear extension. To existing dwelling to provide kitchen, sun room, utility room & shower, plus workshop/store to rear of existing double garage. The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

6. To discuss the Breckland Local Plan

Cllr Dye had emailed Breckland regarding the allotment field to be considered on the Local 5 year Plan for Breckland but has only had an acknowledgement of the register of interest, not an acknowledgement of the Supporting Statement she submitted.

7. To discuss any Highways issues

The Chairman met with Jon Winnett regarding the Colkirk Road having a speed change from 40 m.p.h. to 30 m.p.h. He was told it would not be possible. The Clerk will arrange a meeting with Highways and the Chairman and Cllr Andrews will attend. The problem of the pot holes in the village will be discussed as well.

8. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Police crime report for January – 2 crimes, 1 described as other, 1 burglary at a dwelling

Police crime report for February – 2 crimes, 1 described as other, 1 violence against another person

The Norfolk Playing Fields Assoc. Newsletter and renewal invitation

The Whissonsett Parochial Church Council sent a thank you letter to the Parish Council for putting up the new notice board.

9. To discuss dog fouling in Church Yard and Campingland

This was discussed under Public Participation.

10. To discuss the notice board situation

A new notice board has been put up.

11. To discuss the Village Hall

The question of whether or not to go ahead with a new village hall was discussed and the viability of the idea. A Public Meeting had taken place a while ago and Cllr Burton had obtained some costings. If the roof on the present hall needed replacing it would take a great deal of money to have it done. At the moment, people using the Church use the toilets at the village hall, and what would happen if a new hall was built was discussed. Nothing would happen at all, without the majority of parishioners being in favour of a new hall. The whole idea has to begin with the Parish Council, as they are Trustees. After the last meeting. The Parish Councillors voted unanimously in favour of the idea of going forward to get more costs and names of developers. All the evidence would be looked at and then it would be decided whether or not to go forward with a Public meeting.

12. To discuss the Bus Shelter

Mr Etteridge painted the bus shelter on 4th March and removed all the graffiti. Unfortunately it was vandalised again, very soon after it had been painted. Cllr Burton contacted the Police and a P.C.S.O. visited Cllr Burton and the pupils of Litcham school were spoken to. A Police Officer is attached to Litcham High School and a crime reference number was given.

13. To discuss the Website

Cy Campbell has closed down the old website and a new one is up and running. It is a good website and all the organisations will have their own password and they will be able to put on their

own information. The Chairman set an email of thanks to Mr Campbell for all he had done in the past.

14. To discuss the May Parish Council elections

The Parish Councillors had all returned their forms to Breckland.

15. To authorize any necessary financial transactions

The Parish Council authorized the following financial transactions:-

Information Commissioner's Office – data protection, renewal £35.00

Clerk's net salary March £96.30

HMRC tax March £24.20

Clerk's end of year expenses ££267.08

G Lake Garden Maintenance £2,000.00

Cy Campbell (website) £53.00

Norfolk Playing Fields Assoc. £20.00

Justin Bamforth (new website) £750.00

16. To receive items for the next Agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Adopt the end of year accounts

To discuss the Village Hall

17. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday May 14th at 7.45 p.m., Annual Parish Council meeting.

This will be preceded at 7.00 p.m. by the Annual Parish meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting finished at 8.50 p.m.

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Chairman

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Date