

**MINUTES OF THE WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT  
WHAPLODE DROVE MEETING ROOM  
ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**Present:** Cllrs Stancer (Chairman), Merchant, Stimson, Alan Beal, Sally Beal, Mackman, Stafford, and the Clerk.

**Apologies:**

Cllrs Brlow, Clay and Langstaff.

**Public Forum:**

No public members were present

**Minutes and Matters arising:**

On the proposition of Cllr Merchant seconded by Cllr Stancer, the minutes of the November meeting had been previously circulated and was signed by the Chairman, as a true record. There were no matters arising.

**Finance Report:**The Clerk reported the following cheques for payment which members agreed,

G Hawkes salary	£	351.20
HMRC	£	84.80
MGM	£	396.00 vat £66.00

Balances:	Business Prem	£	52,420
	Current a/c	£	21,175
	Less cheques	£	831
	Balance	£	72,764

**Date of next meeting:**

There will be a full council meeting on 10th May 2023 at Whaplode St Catherines, Finance meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**Planning applications.**

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed and circulated to members.

**Allotments:**

Members reported that Whaplode garden allotment number 1 was not being cultivated, Cllr Merchant will give name and address details to the Clerk.

**Whaplode cemetery report by Clerk:**

The Clerk has contacted the Issitt family who have agreed for the family bench to be removed. Members agreed with the purchase of four new benches at a cost of £2,172.00 inc vat.

Members asked the Clerk to review the cemetery charges by comparing with other local parishes.

Buttercup world will be installed on a plinth, members agreed for Cllr Stafford to design a metal panel to be installed as well.

**Highway matters:**

**Whaplode St Catherines – no issues**

**Saracens Head – LRSP are looking at a new site for the SID, the Clerk will liaise with Malcolm Chandler about the existing brackets.**

**Whaplode – no new issues.**

**The council are paying for the grass to be cut in Millers Rest where the residents are also being charged by Longhurst Housing Assoc, members agreed for the Clerk to cancel these cuts with MGM.**

**Whaplode Drove – all issues have been reported to Highways.**

**Whaplode Playing Field:**

**Cllr Merchant reported that the park was in good order and being well used, The local PCSO is aware of the vandalism issues.**

**Whaplode Drove Community centre lease agreement:**

**The Clerk will liaise with Mossop & Bowser to establish progress.**

**Whaplode bridleway:**

**(1)The Clerk reported that he will initially speak to Mossop & Bowser for advice then write to Mr Sampson again, this item will remain on the agenda until completed.**

**(2) A house adjacent to the bridleway has been advertised for sale with parking spaces for two cars on our bridleway. Cllr Merchant will supply the address for the Clerk to write.**

**Whaplode St Marys church yard:**

**No report agenda for the next meeting.**

**Whaplode Drove bus shelters:**

**The Clerk is progressing the insurance claim.**

**Cllr Merchant will arrange for the two damaged shelters in Whaplode to be repaired.**

**Parish estate and land responsibility**

**Cllr Merchant has contacted LCC and SHDC for plans, a review of contracts has been completed, the Clerk and Cllr Merchant will review in detail.**

**Correspondence/AOB:**

**Cllr Langstaff will attend the SHVPCS meeting.**

**Cllr Beal raised the question of who is responsible for the defibrilators and their maintenance – the Clerk will investigate.**

**The meeting closed at 21.05.**

**Chairman**

