

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL 2015
AT WHAPLODE ST CATHERINES VILLAGE HALL

Present as per register.

Present: WPCSO Gardner, District Cllr Chandler, County Cllr Pepper and three members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Mackman, Clay and Pullen.

Public Forum: Paul Bugby expressed concern at the speed of vehicles on the main road through the village. The Chairman advised that the council had written to Highways about a 30 mph limit and traffic calming which had both been refused in the past. Cllr Chandler advised that the criteria for a 30mph zone may now be applicable. County Cllr Pepper advised that a county review of speed limits was being undertaken at the moment. Cllrs also advised that two speed indicator signs were on order, it was agreed that the Clerk write to highways to request a speed limit review.

The Chairman advised that Cllr Ford had resigned from St Catherines ward.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Police matters:

WPCSO Gardner advised that there was a neighbourhood panel meeting next week. There had been a few incidents of thefts from sheds and out buildings.

Finance Report:

The Clerk reported the following cheques for payment which members agreed,

101648 G Hawkes salary	£ 305.83
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101650 HMRC	£ 152.80
101651 Anglian Water	£ 229.07
101652 MGM	£ 720.00 vat £120.00
101653 PWLB	£ 56.06
101654 Notice Board Company	£ 646.80 vat £107.80
101655 SHDC planning	£ 96.00

1. Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,287
	Business Prem	£ 23,338
	Current a/c	£ 10,710
	Less cheques	£ 2,247
	Balances	£100,908

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 20th May at Saracens Head village hall. Cllr Rose to book the hall.

Planning applications,

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed.

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that the allotment rent demands including the back dated element were due.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village,

Cllr Stafford reported that he had advised Sue Cooper at Highways of an overgrown footpath at Formans cottage Stockwell Gate. District Cllr Chandler advised that LFP had agreed not to use Cobgate as access to their premises.

Whaplode St Catherines,
Previously discussed.

Whaplode Drove,

Cllrs reported a number of pot holes in Daniels Drove and asked the Clerk to write.

Saracens Head,

Any change to speed limits will be picked up by the Highways review.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that all paperwork was with LRSP who needed to review the recommended fixing points.

Village signs:

Cllr Rose reported that the Saracens Head village signs were being designed and painted and the cost should be less than £800. Funds for the signs and a new noticeboard for Saracens Head village hall had been provided by District Cllr Chandler.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Merchant reported that the field was in good order, the Easter Egg hunt had raised £600. New rustic chairs and tables had been ordered.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

There was no update on the mole problem as Cllr Clay was not at the meeting.

Whaplode Drove Playing Field Committee:

The Clerk advised that he was still waiting for invoice details from Mr Stapenhill-Hunt.

Bridleway behind The Star of India:

The Clerk has again written to Mr Sampson about the bridleway and awaits a reply.

Wheeled bier in cemetery chapel: In the absence of Cllr Pullen to be held over to the next meeting.

Cemetery fence: Sue Forth had emailed the Clerk about a problem with the fence in the cemetery, a large dog was causing a problem for people visiting the graves. Cllrs had visited and agreed to extend the existing boarded fence and Cllr Merchant had obtained a quote from MGM to do the work at £720 which members agreed.

Parish noticeboard: In the absence of Cllr Pullen to be held over to the next meeting.

General correspondence & general business:

1. The Clerk reported that he had received the Best Kept village entry forms and members agreed to email maps with locations of buildings of interest. Entries needed for Saracens Head, Whaplode and Whaplode Drove.
2. The Clerk reported a letter from Mr Odling which had been copied from SHDC.
3. Cllr Merchant reported that St Catherines village hall were to submit a planning application for a porch and disabled toilet, the cost of £192 is reduced by half if the parish council pay which members agreed to do.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10pm.

Chairman