

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH 2014
AT WHAPLODE ST CATHERINE VILLAGE HALL

Present as per register, WPCSO Jane Gardener and six members of the public.

Apologies; Cllrs Pullen, Roulstone, Stafford and Dilley.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr Stancer chaired the meeting.

Declarations of interest;

None

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

Police matters;

The Clerk reported WPCSO Gardeners follow up to Cllr Mackmans enquiry about speed monitoring by the LRSP in Whaplode Drove and Cllr Roulstones enquiry about parking restriction outside Whaplode school.

Finance Report;

The Clerk reported the following cheques for payment,

101570 G Hawkes salary & expenses	£ 302.80
101571 HMRC	£ 74.80
101572 K Harris	£ 324.00
101573 Millgate garden maintenance	£ 672.00 vat £112.00

1. Balances:

High interest a/c	£ 69,011.12
Business Prem	£ 23,327.15
Current a/c	£ 10,821.55
Less cheques	£ 1,373.60
Balances	£ 9,447.95
2. The Clerk reported that Grant Thornton had set an audit date of 9th June 2014.
3. The Clerk reported that the Bank Mandate had been updated with Cllr Roulstone added to the mandate.
4. The Clerk reported that LALC had sent through a number of changes to financial regulations and procedures which will mean the council will need to review our standing orders. Members agreed that this be referred back to the finance committee for review.

Planning applications,

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

Cllr Mackman expressed concern at the design and size of the SHDC house being built in Whaplode Drove.

Allotments;

1. The Clerk reported that the deeds relating to the allotment roadway were still missing and he would visit Holbeach Parish Council to search their archive.
2. Cllr Mackman reported that the parish council part of the roadway at Whaplode Drove was a mess. He had also referred another complaint from a resident about the lane at the back to SHDC.
3. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Carter Jonas re the Crown Land rent review. Carter Jonas had declined to move from £14,000. Following a discussion about how to implement the rent increase, members agreed that the matter be referred to the finance committee for review and recommendation back to the full council.
4. In the absence of Cllr Stafford there was no update on the Carter Jonas request that the Council complete a review of culverts and bridges on the Crown land.

Highway matters;

The Clerk reported a road closure order from LCC re the A151 from 7/04/14-17/04/14 for carriageway works.

The Clerk reported a letter from the LRSP about a speed trial in Ancaster from 19/03/14-03/04/14.

Whaplode village,

In the absence of Cllr Stafford there was no update on the A151 bus shelter opposite Mill Lane.

Whaplode St Catherines,

Nothing to report.

Whaplode Drove,

Cllr Mackman reported that he had received a letter back from Mr Shah of LCC Highways about a number of issues he had reported which the Clerk read to the meeting. Cllr Mackman was disappointed at the lack of progress.

Saracens Head,

Nothing to report.

Parish Council website;

The Clerk reported average activity levels.

Whaplode playing field;

Cllr Merchant reported that the committee had been the recipients of a bequest which had enabled them to buy some additional play

equipment which members agreed could be invoiced via the parish council. Interest and activity levels were currently very good.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field;

Councilor Ford reported that the field was in good order but there is a mole problem. Members of the public enquired about the feasibility of installing some play equipment. Members discussed option and asked the Clerk to contact SHDC to see who was responsible for the field. The previous local committee had folded a number of years previously.

General correspondence & general business;

1. The Clerk reported details of the SHVCS agm which Cllr Merchant agreed to attend.
2. The Clerk reported on details of the Transported arts group.
3. The Clerk reported a letter from LCC regarding the 4all project.
4. The Clerk reported a letter from Mr Staphenhill-Hunt regarding works and improvements at Whaplode Drove Playing Field which had been discussed at the Finance committee. Members were unsure of the full project and the Clerk was asked to seek clarification.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

Chairman