

**WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015**  
**AT THE HERALDIC SUITE WHAPLODE CHURCH**

Present as per register.

Present: County Cllr Pepper and two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Merchant, Clayton and the Police.

**Public Forum:**

Mr Bugby from Whaplode St Catherine expressed concern at the lack of traffic calming measures in his village and that no passive signs were yet in place. Members and the Clerk advised him that the council had written to Highways who had referred us to the Police to enforce speed limits if they were being abused. Passive signs were due to be put in place shortly.

The Clerk presented Cllr Pullen with his declaration of acceptance of office which was signed. Members discussed the appointment of the Chairman as Whaplode St Cathrine are due in the normal rotation. Following discussion members resolved that Cllr Roulstone remain as Chairman for a further year.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. County Cllr Pepper gave an update regarding the trees at Shepeau Stow school which remain a problem but Highways do not propose to take any further action. The Council has written to the school with a request for the trees to be cut back.

**Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**Police matters:**

In the absence of the Police the Clerk confirmed that there had been no major incidents. Cllr Roulstone had reported mini motor bikes being ridden in Stockwell Gate Whaplode.

**Finance Report:**

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

101676 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 313.73
101677 HMRC	£ 76.60
101678 LRSP	£ 96.00
101679 MGM	£ 408.00 vat £68.00
101680 Grant Thornton	£ 240.00 vat £40.00

101681 A C Wrought Iron

£ 460.00

1. Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,403
	Business Prem	£ 23,341
	Current a/c	£ 25,787
	Less cheques	£ 1,594
	Balance	£ 24,193
	Balances	£116,937

The Clerk confirmed that Grant Thornton had audited the councils books and completed the 2014-2015 Annual return and that the Notice of Closure of Audit had been published.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 21<sup>st</sup> October at Whaplode Drove. Next finance committee meeting 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Planning applications.

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. The Clerk reported an email from Mrs Ling who has re submitted a planning application for Broadgate Whaplode Drove which had previously been declined. She has asked for a letter of support from the council and members agreed for the Clerk to write to SHDC.

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that Mark Hill had now suggested that the Clerk sign a declaration that the deeds to the allotment roadway had been lost which members agreed – once completed a new agreement could be arranged between the council and SHDC regarding maintenance of the roadway. Cllr Mackman advised that there was now a dog fouling problem in the same area.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village,

Cllr Rudkin reported that Mr & Mrs Thomson of Buttercup Paddock had done work to tidy up the area and members agreed for the Clerk to send a thank you letter.

Whaplode St Catherines,

No problems were reported.

**Whaplode Drove,**

**Cllr Stimson reported subsidence in the road at Postland Station signal box and Cllr Stancer potholes at Daniels Drove. The Clerk will report both to highways.**

**Saracens Head**

**No issues.**

**Interactive traffic indicators:**

**The Clerk reported that there had been numerous delays with Highways and the LRSP. Passive signs were up in Whaplode and Cllr Stafford had signs for Whaplode St Catherine. Interactive signs were being manufactured after advance payment had been sent. Members agreed sites for the removable posts to be installed which the Clerk will progress. More passive signs were being purchased.**

**Village signs:**

**Cllr Rose reported that the Saracens Head village signs were in place the total cost was within the £1,000 agreed budget.**

**Whaplode playing field:**

**Cllr Pullen reported that the field was in good order and was being well used – some fencing repairs were required.**

**Whaplode St Catherine's playing field:**

**Members reported the field was in good order but there is a mole problem which Cllr Clay agreed to sort out.**

**Wheeled bier in cemetery chapel:**

**Cllr Pullen reported that the bier was in poor condition and ward members agreed to donate it to Mark Forth funeral directors for refurbishment and display in their premises.**

**Parish noticeboard:**

**Cllr Pullen reported the village noticeboard was too small, members suggested using the bus shelter noticeboards and the Clerk will contact Transported for the key.**

**Whaplode St Catherine memorial hall:**

**Cllr Pullen reported a letter from David Blaxter Secretary advising that the planning permission for the disabled toilets had been received and building regulations would be applied. They are now looking for funding although no figures were given. Members agreed for the Clerk to write offering support for the project and more details of what funds were being sought to meet the total cost.**

**Whaplode Primary school;**

Cllr Pullen reported a letter from Mrs Flack, Headteacher advising that the school had plans to build and equip a kitchen so that school meals can be prepared on site, at a cost of £100,000. They are now looking for funding although no figures were given. Members agreed for the Clerk to write offering support for the project and more details of what funds were being sought to meet the total cost.

**General correspondence & general business;**

Cllr Chandler reported that Saracens Head village hall committee thanked the Parish Council for the donation for the new notice board.

Members reported the Whaplode village hall committee were to discuss the installation of a defibrillator on the village hall wall.

The Clerk sought permission for the finance committee to review his salary at their next meeting which was agreed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05pm.

Chairman