

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 16th AUGUST 2017
AT WHAPLODE ST MARYS CHURCH HELENIC SUITE

Present as per register.

Present; County County Cllrs Pepper and Coupland, District Cllr Chandler, and the Clerk

Apologies:

Cllrs Clay, Stimson and the Police.

Public Forum:

No members of the public present.

Matters arising:

The minutes of the June meeting having been previously circulated were agreed and there were no matters arising.

Police matters:

In the absence of the Police they had confirmed by email that there were no issues.

Finance Report:

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

101802 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 337.77
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101804 HMRC	£ 158.40
101805 Mr D Rous	£ 360.00
101806 MGM	£1,308.00 vat £218.00
101807 T Wilkinson	£ 400.00
101808 Whaplode Drove room hire	£ 20.00
101809 Whaploe PFC	£1,300.00
101810 Whaplode PCC	£ 1,200.00
101811 Whaplode primary school	£ 300.00
101812 Whaplode drove plat fld	£ 800.00
101813 Whaplode drove PCC	£ 1000.00
101814 CPRE best K Village	£ 18.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,794
	Business Prem	£ 23,359
	Current a/c	£ 23,661
	Less cheques	£ 7,616
	Balance	£109,198

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 18th October at Saracens Head. Next Finance meeting 13th September.

Planning applications,

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

Allotments;

Cllr Mackman agreed to contact Mr Login about his untidy allotment and the fact that it was not being farmed.

Star of India footpath:

The Clerk reported that Cambs County Council had advised that it would cost £1,700 to apply for the bridleway status to be removed with no guarantee that an application would be successful. Members agreed that the encroachment by a resident was unwelcome and resolved that the Clerk contact the council solicitor to establish the boundary and write to the culprit.

Highway matters;

Whaplode village – Irby Crescent and Mill Lane have areas the CCC no longer cut, the Clerk will contact SHDC for details of the areas where amenity cutting takes place in the parish.

Whaplode St Catherines – no issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman reported that Highways had not responded to his contact regarding parish issues in the ward. Cllr Pepper will send the Clerk details of the on line reporting process which the Clerk will circulate to members.

Saracens Head – entrance to the village needs grass cutting and Cllr Langstaff will contact Millgate Garden Maintenance.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that for various reasons the removable posts had not been installed in Roman Bank, Broadgate or Whaplode St Catherine so he will chase the LRSP.

Whaplode playing field;

Cllr Merchant advised that the field was in good order and two grant applications had been made to two of the wind farm support funders for new equipment.

Whaplode sculptures:

The Clerk has received no response to a letter to Mr Hoyes about his intentions for the sculptures. Members agreed that the parish council discuss again at the next council meeting.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

The grass has been cut but mole damage remains a problem. Cllr Stafford will repair the damaged fence.

Whaplode cemetery update:

The Clerk reported a letter from Roythornes solicitors about activation of the planning consent for the extension and members asked that he respond to confirm that the council had activated the application when extending the east side of the cemetery.

General correspondence & general business:

The Clerk reported that the grave digger John Watson has sadly passed away and his son will take over.

Members agreed that the Clerk recirculate the proposed complaints procedure for comment to Councillors.

Members agreed a proposal for co option of new members and the Clerk will write to SHDC member services for clarification.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20.

Chairman