

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13th JUNE 2018
AT WHAPLODE DROVE CHURCH MEETING ROOM

Present as per register.

Present; County Cllr N Pepper, 25 members of the public and the Clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Clayton, Barlow and County Cllr J Whitbourne

Public Forum:

Members of the public discussed their concerns about the proposed Greenbank Development, the Chairman confirmed that if the plans go to application the parish council would support parishioners.

Matters arising:

The minutes of the April and May meetings having been previously circulated were agreed there was one matter arising regarding the parish grass cutting. Cllr Langstaff was pleased in Saracens Head but Cllr Barlow had expressed concerns via email about the standard of cuts and members agreed to monitor future cuts.

Police matters:

No report had been submitted.

Finance Report:

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

101854 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£1,154.43 (inc insurance)
101855 HMRC	£ 79.20
101856 MGM	£ 552.00 vat £92.00
101857 Carter Jonas	£7,000.00
101858 G Sparkes	£ 243.00
101859 Holbeach P C	£ 100.00
101860 Whaplode Drove PCC	£ 20.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,800
	Business Prem	£ 23,386
	Current a/c	£ 27,645
	Less cheques	£ 8,229
	Balance	£112,602

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had completed the 2017-2018 accounts and members proposed and agreed to approve the internal audit report. Members proposed and approved the Annual Governance Statement (section 1). Members then proposed and approved the

Statement of Accounts (section 2). Members then proposed and agreed that the Chairman sign the annual return as approved.

Date of next meeting:

The date for the next meeting is 15th August 2018 at the Heraldic suite Whaplode St Marys church.

Planning applications.

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

Allotments:

The Clerk reported a meeting with Carter Jonas attended by Cllrs Stancer and Barlow regarding the Crown estate land where a rent review is imminent. The Council have been given the option to give up the land which members discussed in detail. The Clerk has been requested to investigate the financial implication of this and report back to the August meeting.

Star of India footpath:

Cllrs Merchant and Barlow will provide photographic evidence of the encroachment to the Clerk.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village – currently various roadworks being undertaken.
Saracens Head – the conifers behind the field are too big some branches have fallen which the village hall committee are sorting out. The rest need pollarding and the Chairman will speak to J Sharp at Lincs Highways.
Whaplode St Catherines – need an ice warning sign at the Millgate and Thorpe Lane junction which the Clerk will follow up.
Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman concerned at no follow up to the April highways meeting. Still numerous potholes and the Chairman recommended using the on line reporting system. The Clerk will respond to Mr Barford about parking.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that the new SID has arrived. Cllr Barlow requested a fixing bracket for lamppost 105 High Road Whaplode which has been agreed. Members agreed for the Clerk to order ten 30mph passive signs.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Cllr Clay confirmed that the grass is being cut and will arrange a further mole treatment.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Merchant reported that the grant for play equipment for toddlers was progressing.

Whaplode sculptures:
No further update.

The Elizabethan Centre:
Cllr Mackman reported that a grant application had been submitted to apply to the wind farm fund.

Whaplode cemetery report by Clerk:
The Clerk reported that an initial visit had been completed with regard to the bat report. Further visits to monitor activity were required and Cllr Stafford will enquire what further visits are necessary. Cllrs Stafford and Merchant had met Mr Spenceley at the cemetery as he had some concerns and was prepared to help in the future. Cllr Barlow was obtaining quotes from contractors as substantial tree work was required in the coming months.

General correspondence & general business:
The Clerk reported that he was waiting for an update from NALC regarding the requirements of GDPR.
The Clerk reported that the play area in Wesley Road was overgrown and he had received complaints from residents – he will write to Seagate builders.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45

Chairman