

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2015
AT WHAPLODE DROVE CHURCH MEETING ROOM

Present as per register.

Apologies: Cllr Stafford District Cllr Chandler and County Cllr Pepper.

The Chairman advised that Cllr Dilley had resigned and that Cllr Mackman had spoken to a possible co-optee. In the absence of a replacement Cllr Ford expressed a desire to move over to the Drove 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 attended and confirmed that there had been no criminal activity and there had been a priority to stop drivers with defective lights giving them so many days to repair them before prosecution. Cllr Mackman again expressed concern at the chip van parking but no action can be taken if the parking is legal.

Finance Report:

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

101637 G Hawkes salary	£ 313.49
101638 HMRC	£ 76.40
101639 MGM	£ 312.00
101640 G Atkin Ltd	£2,485.00

1. Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,242
	Business Prem	£ 23,336
	Current a/c	£ 14,482
	Less cheques	£ 3,187
	Balances	£103,873

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the next meeting was 25th February for the Finance committee, the date for the next full council was changed from March to the 15th April at Whaplode St Cathrines at the request of the Clerk.

Planning applications.

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. Cllr Mackman asked to be emailed details of further applications for Whaplode Drove parish.

Allotments:

Cllr Merchant reported that he had found some old documentation in respect of the Drove allotment roadway, this does not detail responsibility for ongoing maintenance. Members agreed for the Clerk to send to the Councils solicitor for consideration.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village,

No matters to report.

Whaplode St Catherines,

Cllr Ford to report old tyres dumped past the Bluebell Inn.

Whaplode Drove,

Cllr Mackman to chase the Highways Manager Mr Shah for a reponse to his previous detailed report.

Saracens Head,

Roadside verges being churned by lorries.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that he had the agreed locations for the fixing brackets, just needed to clarify a location in Stockwell Gate – Ropers Bridge which Cllr Merchant will review. Cllr Rose reported that District Cllr Chandler needs a copy of the purchase order as soon as possible to release his contribution from this years budget.

Village signs:

Cllr Rose reported that the Saracens Head keep village tidy group would like to purchase 2 more village signs and requested support from the council up to £1,000 which members agreed subject to seeing designs and quotes for the signs.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Pullen reported that the field was in good order, refurbished bins still to be supplied.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Moles are a big problem and Cllr Clay agreed to contact Crowland council for details of their mole catcher.

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 Parish Council own the bridleway and it appears that a resident has moved their back fence onto the footway and members agreed for the Clerk to write.

General correspondence & general business:

1. Cllr Pullen reported that the village had amalgamated with Moulton to produce a joint village magazine. Members agreed for their contact details to be added.
2. Cllr Pullen advised that Millgate Garden Maintenance had identified two trees in the cemetery with fallen branches and had agreed to remove them for £140 which members agreed.
3. Cllr Mackman advised that waste had been dumped in a dyke next to our allotments opposite Shappeau Stow school – this needs clearing and the Clerk will contact Highways department.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 pm.

Chairman