

**WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 18TH MAY 2016**  
**AT SARACENS HEAD VILLAGE HALL**

Present as per register.

**Present:** District Cllr Chandler, County Cllr Pepper, PCSO Cripps and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Rudkin, Barlow, Clay, Merchant and Clayton.

**Public Forum:**

No questions.

**Election of officers:**

Cllr Stafford recommended and Cllr Stimson seconded that Cllr Stancer be elected Chairman for the ensuing year which members agreed.

Members agreed to agenda the election of the vice chairman to the next meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> April having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

None.

**Declarations of interest:**

None.

**Presentation re Whaplode St Catherines village hall:**

Messrs Blaxter and Phoenix gave an update on the building work and confirmed that the total cost is £15,550 they have raised £8,500 and are looking for support of £7,000 from the parish council. After some discussion members voted in favour to support the request.

**Police matters:**

PCSO Cripps advised that the parish was currently quiet and there were no issues from members.

**Finance Report:**

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

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 101727 G Hawkes salary | £ 449.07            |
| 101728 HMRC            | £ 79.20             |
| 101729 G Atkin Ltd     | £ 375.00            |
| 101730 Came & Co       | £ 693.95            |
| 101731 MGM             | £ 504.00 vat £84.00 |
| 101732 LALC            | £ 508.34 vat £81.89 |
| 101733 SHDC            | £ 134.92            |

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| 101734 Fen Tiger Pest Control | £ 180.00            |
| 101735 M Grummitt             | £ 150.00 vat £25.00 |
| 101736 G S Parkes             | £ 230.00            |

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| <b>Balances:</b> | <b>High interest a/c</b> | <b>£ 69,611</b> |
|                  | <b>Business Prem</b>     | <b>£ 23,350</b> |
|                  | <b>Current a/c</b>       | <b>£ 28,301</b> |
|                  | <b>Less cheques</b>      | <b>£ 4,880</b>  |
|                  | <b>Balance</b>           | <b>£ 23,421</b> |
|                  | <b>Balances</b>          | <b>£116,382</b> |

The Clerk reported that the audit papers for 2015-2016 had been received and the annual return was ready for signature. The members agreed the governance and accounting statements and the Chairman signed the annual return.

**Date of next meeting:**

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council is 17<sup>th</sup> August at Whaplode St Catherines the next finance meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**Planning applications,**

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. Cllr Roulestone advised members that he was concerned at the number of retrospective planning applications received from the Regard Partnership regarding Pipwell Manor.

**Allotments;**

The Clerk reported that SHDC had provided reimbursement for the allotment roadway – the Clerk needs to complete the statutory declaration.

**Star of India:**

In the absence of Cllr Merchant to be held over to the next meeting.

**Highway matters;**

Whaplode village – no issues.

Whaplode St Catherines – no issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman continues to advise LCC Highways about pot holes.

Saracens Head – the A17/Washway Road junction has been done.

**Interactive traffic indicators:**

The interactive sign in Churchgate needs moving to post 1859 as recommended by Cllr Pullen, this is in hand. LRSP have advised that the sites for the removable posts are due to be surveyed.

**Whaplode playing field:**

Cllr Merchant advised by email that the field was in good order and the next project was to replace the fence at the front.

**Whaplode St Catherines playing field:**

Members advised the field was in order.

**General correspondence & general business:**

The Clerk gave out posters for the Best Kept village competition and Local plan consultation.

Cllr Pepper advised that the Boundary Commission had opened a new consultation from 6<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> June.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55pm.

Chairman