

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST 2016
AT WHAPLODE ST CATHERINE MEMORIAL HALL

Present as per register.

Present: District Cllr Chandler and five members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Barlow, Clay and the Police.

Public Forum:

Mrs Dyson reported problems with subsidence in the road in Cranesgate South which she had reported previously to highways was an ongoing issue, supported by Mr Bone. Clerk advised residents to collate details and forward to the clerk. Mrs Dougald reaffirmed an issue with Mr Hoyes statue outside her property, this subject is on the agenda and the Chairman agreed to bring forward.

Election of officers:

In the absence of a candidate from Whaplode St Catherine Cllr Stancer recommended and Cllr Rouleston seconded that Cllr Merchant be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year which members agreed.

The Clerk reported the resignation of Cllr Rudkin and her resignation letter was read in full by the Clerk. Mrs Pam Langstaff was co opted onto the council for Saracens Head ward and she signed her declaration of acceptance. The Clerk will forward a copy of the model code of conduct for completion.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 18th May having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

None.

Declarations of interest:

None.

Village sculptures:

Cllr Pullen reported that ownership needed clarification as the problem outlined by Mrs Dougald demonstrated. Members reported that this had been looked at before with Mr Hoyes but nothing had been resolved. The council cannot spend funds on the sculptures until ownership had been established. The Clerk will contact Cllr Barlow as he had agreed to contact Mr Hoyes following the last finance meeting in June.

Police matters:

No report available.

Finance Report:

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

101741 G Hawkes salary	£ 316.63
101742 G Hawkes salary	£ 309.62
101743 HMRC	£ 172.76
101744 MGM	£ 852.00 vat £142.00
101745 Mark Grummitt	£ 270.00 vat £45.00
101746 Whaplode PCC	£ 1,000.00
101747 Whaplode primary school	£ 300.00
101748 Whaplode Drove P Field	£ 600.00
101749 Whaplode Drove P C C	£ 1,000.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,657
	Business Prem	£ 23,353
	Current a/c	£ 25,605
	Less cheques	£ 4,647
	Balance	£ 20,958
	Balances	£113,968

The Clerk reported that the audit papers for 2015-2016 had been sent to Grant Thornton.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council is 19th October at Whaplode Drove the next finance meeting is 14th September.

Planning applications,

Cllr Rouleston advised members that parishioners comments no longer appear on the SHDC planning portal.

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that he needs to complete the statutory declaration for the allotment roadway – Cllr Mackman reported that he had moved the bridleway sign. The Clerk will write to Mr Login about his untidy allotment.

Star of India:

In order to progress this matter members agreed for the Clerk to obtain a plan of the footpath and Cllr Merchant will obtain photographic evidence.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village – Cllr Merchant commended the school for the way they had developed the land given to them by the council.

Whaplode St Catherines – no issues.

Whaplode Drove – Trees overhanging the roadway at Coronation House the Clerk will write.

Saracens Head – the Clerk will forward the email re the Archer survey to Cllr Rouleston.

Interactive traffic signs:

The Clerk will chase the installation of the removable posts at Saracens Head and Whaplode St Catherine.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Merchant advised that the chain link fence has been replaced by a galvanised fence.

Grass Cutting Whaplode:

The Tulip Fields/Wesley Road area was untidy the area is cut by Howard King and Cllr Stafford will liaise.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Members advised that the field was suffering from moles and the Clerk will arrange another treatment. The chain link fence needs a repair and Cllr Stafford will arrange.

General correspondence & general business:

The Boundary Commission had confirmed changes and we will now have three different County Cllrs covering the parish. Members agreed for the Clerk to write to Cllr Pepper thanking him and asking if he can continue to support us.

Members agreed for Cllr Mackman to arrange for the ditch between the school and the Whaplode Drove allotments to be cleared up to a cost of £500.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45pm.

Chairman