

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2016
AT THE HERALDIC SUITE ST MARYS CHURCH WHAPLODE
FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Present as per register.

Present: District Cllr Chandler. PCSO Gardener and one member of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Rose and County Cllr Pepper.

Public Forum:

No questions.

The minutes of the previous meeting on 20th January having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

The Clerk reported to the meeting that Cllr Rose had give notice of his resignation for personal reasons. Members asked the Clerk to write to Cllr Rose thanking him for his past work for Saracens Head ward.

Declarations of interest:

None.

Police matters:

PCSO Gardener advised that the parish was currently quiet apart from instances of catalytic convertors being removed.

Finance Report:

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

101714 G Hawkes salary	£ 316.63
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101716 SHDC	£1,584.46
101717 P,K & M Grummitt	£ 240.00 vat £40.00
101718 Anglian water	£ 237.41
101719 MGM	£ 720.00 vat £120.00
101720 The Crown Estate	£7,000.00
101721 Whaplode drove room hire	£ 20.00
101722 South holland vol car scheme	£ 964.08
101723 South Holland IDB	£1,735.02
101724 North Level IDB	£ 459.51
101725 PWLB	£ 56.06
101726 HMRC	£ 79.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,565
	Business Prem	£ 23,350
	Current a/c	£ 18,989
	Less cheques	£ 13,734
	Balance	£ 5,253
	Balances	£ 98,168

The Clerk reported that the audit papers for 2015-2016 had been received and the annual return would be ready for signature at the May meeting.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council is 18th May at Saracens Head – Malcolm Chandler will book the village hall.

Planning applications.

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

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that the allotment roadway had been reinstated and members agreed for the invoice to be sent to SHDC for reimbursement as previously agreed.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village – Cllr Merchant reported that the footpath from the Moulton to Whaplode boundaries needed to be cut back and the Clerk will report to LCC Highways. The bridleway encroachment was still an issue and members agreed to add to the agenda for the next meeting.

Whaplode St Catherines – Cllr Clay reported that speeding vehicles in Thorpes Lane and Millgate were a problem for dog walkers and members agreed for passive signs to be erected. Correspondence between the Clerk and J Hayes MP were read by the clerk about speeding vehicles.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Stancer reported that pot holes had been repaired in Daniels Drove and some other areas in the ward.

Saracens Head – an overnight road closure had been circulated by the Clerk.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The movable posts for Roman bank and Broadgate were still not in place and the Clerk will chase again. The interactive sign in Churchgate needs moving to post 1859 as recommended by Cllr Pullen – the Clerk will report.

Whaplode playing field;

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

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Cllr Clay reported that a treatment for the mole problem had been applied. A second treatment may be necessary.

St Marys church Whaplode:

The churchwardens had written to advise that the tree work would cost £1,350 plus vat and a quote was supplied which members agreed to fund. There had also been a request to fund the first print run for a book on the history of St Marys church and Whaplode. Members felt that there were alternative options to fund this and the Clerk will write.

General correspondence & general business;

The Clerk reported a further email from David Blaxter of Whaplode St Catherine memorial hall requesting £7,000 towards the cost of the toilet extension and members agreed to invite him to the May meeting.

The Clerk gave details of the SHDC emergency planning workshops.

The Clerk reported a letter from Mr Dougill about the damaged plinth in Churchgate and Cllr Barlow will contact Mr Hoyes about this.

The Clerk reported the receipt of entry forms for the BKV competition and asked for input and maps for the judges for the entries for Whaplode, Whaplode Drove and Saracens Head.

Members agreed to discuss an application for funding from the Elizabethan centre when a written request was submitted.

Cllr Mackman reported that some residents in Whaplode Drove had reported that the defibrillator in Whaplode Drove was in the wrong place.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.15pm.

Chairman