

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2017
AT SARACENS HEAD VILLAGE HALL

Present as per register.

Present: County County Cllrs Worth and Coupland, District Cllr Chandler, and the Clerk

Apologies:

Cllrs Clay, Stancer, Stafford. Winston Brown and the Police.

Public Forum:

Two Whaplode St Catherines residents attended to express concern at speeding in Cranesgate North, the lack of a footway for children and poor street lighting. Dist Cllr Chandler has asked the Police to monitor speeds and Cllrs agreed to consider purchasing a further speed camera for parish use.

Matters arising:

The minutes of the August meeting having been previously circulated were agreed. Cllr Langstaff advised that she had some quotes for grass cutting in Saracens Head but will need to investigate if they are council highway approved and have insurance cover..

Police matters:

In the absence of the Police they had confirmed by email that they had sent a Lincs Alert out regarding thefts from sheds and garden ornaments in Whaplode. They had also been on a mission to catch uninsured drivers.

Finance Report:

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

101818 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 335.17
101819 HMRC	£ 79.20
101820 M Seymour	£ 400.00
101821 MGM	£ 408.00 vat £68.00
101822 Grant Thornton	£ 240.00 vat £40.00
101823 Commercial Cadding Ltd	£ 704.69 vat £117.43
101824 PWLB	£ 56.06
101825 D Munson Construction	£6,065.32 vat £1010.89
101826 Poppy appeal	£ 30.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,796
	Business Prem	£ 23,359

Current a/c	£ 15,850
Less cheques	£ 8,319
Balance	£100,686

The Clerk reported that the 2016-2017 audit had been completed and the closure notice issued.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 13th December at Whaplode St Catherines. Next Finance meeting on 15th November.

Planning applications,

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. He also reported a proposed development on Land at Green Bank Whaplode Drove, Jolliffe Daking were seeking parish input and the Chairman will liaise with ward Cllrs and formulate a response.

Allotments:

Cllr Mackman had contacted Mr Login about his untidy allotment and this will be cleared. The Clerk reported that Carter Jonas had written to confirm the rent review would go to arbitration.

Star of India footpath:

Members agreed that the encroachment by a resident was unwelcome and resolved that the Clerk contact the council solicitor to establish the boundary and write to the culprit. The Clerk will progress this issue.

Highway matters:

Saracens Head, Whaplode Drove and Whaplode St Catherines – have areas the CCC no longer cut, the Clerk will contact SHDC for details of the areas where amenity cutting takes place in the parish.

Whaplode St Catherines – no report.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman and Cllr Clayton will liaise regarding the highways on line reporting system. The Clerk will report a missing dead end signpost at the junction of Whale Drove and Dowsdale bank.

Saracens Head – Cllr Langstaff had contacted highways and the pot holes had been sorted.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that the removable post had been installed in Broadgate. The Saracens Head post had been cancelled as there was no available post to attach it due to possible damage by agricultural vehicles. The Clerk will obtain the cost of a new fixing bracket and new SID for use in the parish.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Merchant advised that the field was in good order and two grant applications had been made to two of the wind farm support funders for new equipment were still outstanding. A benefactor has been found to improve safe access/exit for children.

Whaplode sculptures:

The Clerk reported no further news and Cllr Barlow will try to progress.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

No update.

Whaplode cemetery update:

Pre meeting Cllr Stafford reported that he was happy with the fencing installed around the extension and payment could be made. Cllr Chandler reported that there may be bats in the cemetery chapel. A bar report will be needed before demolition.

General correspondence & general business:

Members had previously agreed a proposal for co option of new members and the Clerk had written to SHDC member services for clarification and awaited a response.

Members agreed to add The Elizabethan centre to the agenda for future meetings.

Peter Warner had emailed the Clerk regarding the poor state of business premises in High Road Whaplode and the Clerk will reply and Cllr Barlow will follow up.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.25

Chairman