

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING
AT WHAPLODE ST CATHERINES MEMORIAL HALL

Present as per register.

Present; W Brown and 29 members of the public.

Apologies:

Cllr Pullen, Cllr Roulestone, Cllr Langstaff, Cllr Mackman and the Police.

Public Forum:

Extended as a number of Whaplode St Catherines residents wanted to comment on the latest draft of the South East Lincolnshire Local plan which has been made available for public consultation and includes a traveler site in the village – this has not appeared on any previous drafts of the plan. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to arrange a further meeting at the village hall on 26th April inviting SHDC and Lincs CC along to discuss the issue. Cllr Merchant declared an issue and left this part of the meeting.

Matters arising:

The minutes of the February meeting having been previously circulated were agreed and there were no matters arising.

Police matters:

In the absence of the Police there was no formal report.

Finance Report:

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

101781 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 331.83
101782 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 337.59
101783 HMRC	£ 158.00
101784 PWLB	£ 56.06
101785 MGM	£ 408.00 vat £ 68.00
101786 North Level I D B	£ 464.47
101787 South Holland I D B	£ 1,794.61
101788 LALC	£ 504.83 vat £ 84.14
101789 South Holland car scheme	£ 970.57
101790 Total Blast Ltd	£ 600.00 vat £100.00
101791 MGM	£ 642.00 vat £ 107.00
101792 Best Kept village competition	£ 45.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,792
	Business Prem	£ 23,360
	Current a/c	£ 15,006
	Less cheques	£ 6,265
	Balance	£101,893

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 17th May at Whaplode Drove church meeting room.

Planning applications,

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. Cllr Barlow reported that it was sad to see the Lamb & Flag being demolished as planning had been agreed for residential development.

Allotments:

The allotment holder of garden allotment 9 at Whaplode Drove had given notice to quit – a new application had been received which the Clerk will progress.

Star of India footpath:

Cllr Merchant had previously presented photographs of the encroachment and land registry maps showing its position. After discussion members agreed that they would prefer to see the bridleway closed and the land offered to residents, the Clerk will contact Lincs CC.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village – the dirty refuge bollards in the High Road had been reported but as yet no action had been taken.

Whaplode St Catherines – Cllr Clay reported no new issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman reported by letter that the dyke opposite the school had been cleared but breeze blocks left by a resident to deter parking that had been thrown in the dyke were still there. Damaged and missing road signs had been reported but no action had been taken.

Cllr Stancer reported that the bus shelter had been damaged and had received a quote for £587.24 plus vat to repair it which members agreed.

Saracens Head – no new issues.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that LRSP had suggested that the post installation in Whaplode Drove be next to the telephone exchange which members agreed.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Merchant advised that the field was in good order and being well used, an early Easter Egg hunt had raised £700 to be invested in the field.

Whaplode sculptures:

Cllr Barlow reported that there was no recent progress with Mr Hoyes but requested this matter be left on the agenda which members agreed. He also reported that the shot blasting and repainting of the flower village signs had been completed.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Cllr Clay reported that Terry Wilkinson would do an annual mole treatment for £400 which members agreed. Mark Grummitt will need to cut the grass first so the treatment can be applied. If MG does not wish to do it Cllr Clay will contact MGM – the Clerk will chase MG and liaise with Cllr Clay.

Saracens Head village hall:

The Clerk reported that Cllr Langstaff had prepared a full report about repairs to the gutter, downpipes and fascia boards at the hall. Three quotes had been obtained and the lowest quote from Belmont builders was preferred at £1,985 plus vat. Members agreed to match fund the village hall committee at £998 with the parish council reclaiming the vat as we own the hall.

Ringrose Law Group:

The Clerk reported that the agreed letter had been sent and he awaits a reply. The Clerk has prepared a complaints procedure policy which will be discussed at the next full council meeting.

Whaplode Cemetery update:

The Clerk reported a letter had been received from J Hayes MP enquiring about the background to the cemetery chapel and members agreed that the Clerk send a reply. Cllr Stafford had obtained a quote for fencing the extension perimeter at £5,000 plus vat and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Stafford over obtaining two other quotes.

General correspondence & general business;

The Clerk reported a letter from Whaplode Drove PCC about requesting further financial support, the Clerk will seek formal figures. Saracens Head had submitted an entry for the BKV competition, the parish council will cover the entry fee but members agreed not to enter the other wards this year.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05

Chairman

