

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST 2018
AT WHAPLODE ST MARYS CHURCH HELLENIC SUITE

Present as per register.

Present: County Cllrs N Pepper and J Whitbourn, the Freepress (W Brown) and the Clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Clayton and Stafford.

Public Forum:

Members briefly discussed the proposed Greenbank Development, and agreed that until plans go to application no further action is required. County Cllr J Whitbourn gave an update on the Community Speedwatch scheme seeking volunteers from the parish to support this initiative

Matters arising:

The minutes of the June meeting having been previously circulated were agreed there was one matter arising regarding the Ice warning sign in Millgate and the Clerk confirmed that a request had been sent to SHDC.

Co-option:

The Chairman proposed and Cllr Chandler supported the co option of Carl Rout onto the vacancy for Whaplode village ward which members agreed, Cllr Rout signed the declaration of acceptance.

Police matters:

No report had been submitted.

Finance Report:

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

101862 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 354.56
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101864 HMRC	£ 158.40
101865 LALC	£ 754.84 vat £122.89
101866 T Wilkinson	£ 250.00
101867 Anglian Water	£ 243.64
101868 MGM	£1,104.00 vat £184.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,800
	Business Prem	£ 23,387
	Current a/c	£ 20,266
	Less cheques	£ 3,207
	Balance	£110,246

The Clerk reported that the audit paperwork had been submitted within the end June deadline.

Date of next meeting:

The date for the next meeting is 17th October 2018 at Saracens Head. There is a finance meeting on the 19th September 2018

Planning applications,

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. The Little Lane application was briefly discussed and it was noted that a number of objections had been submitted to SHDC.

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that further work was needed to establish the financial implications of the next rent review before going back to Carter Jonas. The allotment register will be circulated to the finance committee so that this can be discussed in detail at the finance meeting.

Cllr Stimson reported a rabbit problem on the Login allotment and the Clerk will write.

Star of India footpath:

Cllrs Merchant and Barlow have provided photographic evidence to the Clerk who will contact Mossop & Bowser.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village – no issues but some local interest in the Co-operative renovations to the petrol station/shop.

Saracens Head – Cllr Longstaff gave an update on the conifers behind the field are too big, some branches have fallen and the rest need pollarding. The village hall committee have received quotes and the cost will be £1,500 and members agreed that the council contribute £750 towards the cost. Cllr Chandler complimented Lincs Highways on the resurfacing work in the village.

Whaplode St Catherines – no new issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman concerned at follow up to the April highways meeting there are still numerous potholes to be repaired.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that the new SID has arrived and Cllr Chandler will progress, a new fixing bracket for Whaplode Drove has also been received.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Cllr Clay confirmed that two further mole treatments will be applied.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Merchant reported that the play equipment for toddlers was now in place.

Whaplode sculptures:

No further update.

The Elizabethan Centre:

Cllr Mackman reported that the insurance work on the porch was underway.

Whaplode cemetery report by Clerk:

The Clerk reported that he had received two complaints about self set shrubs/trees encroaching on grave stones/spaces one regarding the burial of Mr Hotchkin. Following discussion members agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Cllr Stafford to establish what current work at the front of the cemetery was being done before repainting the front fence a maximum spend of £2,000 was agreed, where we are with the bat report, provide two new burial plots to the Hotchkin family without charge. Finally a formal specification needs to be agreed so that quotes can be obtained for the major tree work. Members agreed for the Issitt family to place a memorial bench in the garden of remembrance once renovations were complete.

General correspondence & general business;

The Clerk reported an email from Mr Dance regarding land for metal detecting to which he will reply.

A lady in the village had offered to renovate the village sign which members agreed within a budget of £250.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30.

Chairman