

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2014
AT WHAPLODE DROVE CHURCH MEETING ROOM

Present as per register, County Cllr N Pepper and District Cllr M Chandler.

Apologies: Cllrs Clay, Stafford and Mackman.

Public Forum:

Mr Taylor and Mr Flowerdew residents of Wheatfields attended as they were concerned about the current planning permission in place relating to the cemetery. Cllrs explained that the original planning permission given in 1965 covered the old and new extension to the cemetery. Mr Taylor advised that his solicitor had undertaken searches and had been unable to find any details. District Cllr Chandler agreed to meet both to discuss the matter and provide the Clerk with an update. The Chairman agreed to add the item to the next meeting agenda.

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

Matters arising:

County Cllr Pepper advised that the Highways direct line number was 01522 782070.

Police matters:

In the absence of a representative the Clerk advised that the police were aware of the chip van reported at the last meeting.

Finance Report:

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

101618 G Hawkes salary	£	325.86	
101619 HMRC	£	74.80	
101620 Saracens Head V Hall	£	500.00	capital fund grant
101621 Whaplode V Hall	£	25.00	
101622 Whaplode Drove PCC	£	20.00	
101623 Millgate Maintenance	£	432.00	vat £72.00
101624 RBL Poppy appeal	£	25.00	
101625 Carter Jonas	£	5,375.00	
101626 Public works Loan	£	56.06	
1. Balances:			
High interest a/c	£	69,173	
Business Prem	£	23,333	
Current a/c	£	13,960	
Less cheques	£	6,333	
Balances		£100,133	

2. District Cllr Chandler requested details of the Saracens Head litter picker from the Clerk so that he could follow up whether the litter was still being cleared.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the next finance meeting was 19th November and next full council meeting was 17th December at Whaplode St Catherines village hall.

Planning applications,

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

Distict Cllr Chandler confirmed that he had spoken to planning at SHDC who will replace the boundary fence at the Whaplode Drove allotment roadway and apologized for siting the temporary fence in the wrong place. The Clerk confirmed that R Scorthorne at SHDC was researching their deeds relating to the boundary.

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that the October rent demands had been sent advising that the allotment rents would increase by 20% to all allotment holders in April 2015.

Members agreed for the Chairman to sign the revised rental memorandum for the Crown Estate land.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village,

Cllr Pullen advised that the keep left bollard at the petrol station has been replaced. He will also take up problems with LFP traffic volumes with LCC. District Cllr Creese has already been contacted by a parishioner regarding this issue.

Whaplode St Catherines,

No issues.

Whaplode Drove,

No issues

Saracens Head,

Cllr Roulstone reported some night working on the A17 had been completed without problem.

Interactive traffic indicators:

Cllrs discussed this issue at length and felt that speeding was a major issue for residents and therefore some action should be taken to take up the LRSP offer. Members agreed to purchase two non recording interactive signs and request ten locations, four in Whaplode ward and two each in the other wards. District Cllr Chandler agreed to provide £2,000 towards the total cost of purchase and installation.

Parish Council website;

The Clerk reported that he no longer receives activity statistics and he will chase these up with SHDC.

Cemetery insurance claim;

The Clerk reported that our broker had heard nothing from the claimants insurer. Cllr Pullen agreed to contact the claimant to see if his own insurance company had settled the claim and report back to the Clerk regarding the £100 excess on the policy.

Whaplode playing field;

Cllr Pullen reported that he was confident that SHDC would be able to supply two refurbished litter bins.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field;

The Clerk reported that he had contacted SHDC and R Scorthorne was following up regarding ownership. Members believed the council had maintained historically. The mole problem remains an issue and District Cllr Chandler will look into who has responsibility.

Grant request Whaplode Drove playing field;

The Clerk read out an email from Mr Stapenhill-Hunt agreeing to the parish council terms. Members agreed that the Clerk contact him to find out when the funds are required so that a cheque can be issued as agreed at the last meeting.

General correspondence & general business;

1. The Clerk reported a letter received from LCC Highways about roadworks at the A151 link road roundabout.
2. Cllr Stancer reported that he attended a meeting with RES about the wind farm development. Some Drove ward members will receive a £100 discount per annum on their fuel bills and there will be an annual grant fund of £40,000 for good causes. The Council will be asked to nominate a representative to go on the committee in due course.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20 pm.

Chairman