

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2017
AT SARACENS HEAD VILLAGE HALL

Present as per register.

Present: County Cllr Pepper and W Brown.

Apologies:

Cllr Pullen , Cllr Clayton Cllr Merchant, Cllr Barlow and the Police.

Public Forum:

No one present.

Matters arising:

The minutes of the December and January (finance) meetings having been previously circulated were agreed and there were no matters arising.

Police matters:

In the absence of the Police there was an email report regarding thefts from garages, Cllr Stafford expressed concern that local thefts had increased since some street lights had been turned off at night.

Finance Report:

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

101776 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 316.63
101777 HMRC	£ 79.20
101778 MGM	£ 312.00 vat £ 52.00
101779 Mossop & Bowser	£ 420.00 vat £ 70.00
101780 SHDC	£ 228.36 vat £ 38.06

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,786
	Business Prem	£ 23,359
	Current a/c	£ 13,126
	Less cheques	£ 1,356
	Balance	£104,915

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 12th April at Whaplode St Cathrines memorial hall.

Planning applications.

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

Allotments;

Payment had been made to Mossop & Bowser re work on the allotment roadway – the Clerk will complete the declaration in respect of the lost deeds. 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 presented photographs of the encroachment and land registry maps and in his absence it was agreed to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village – the dirty refuge bollards in the High Road had been reported.

Whaplode St Catherines – Cllr Clay recommended an ice road sign be erected at Millgate corner where a number of cars had left the road. The Clerk will follow up.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman advised the the dyke opposite the school had been cleared but breeze blocks left by a resident to deter parking had been thrown in the dyke, he also expressed concern about how dangerous radar junction was Cllr Pepper advised that a consultation was in progress.

Saracens Head – no new issues.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported no progress on post installation.

Whaplode playing field;

Cllr Pullen advised that the field was in good order and being well used.

Whaplode sculptures:

Cllr Barlow had prepared a schedule of art works which was circulated to Councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

He has organised the shotblasting and repainting of the flower village signs, F Dring & Sons will take down and paint the posts before reappointing the finished signs by Easter.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

Cllr Clay reported that he had yet to find a contractor to do another mole treatment but he would liaise with Cllr Barlow.

Saracens Head village hall:

Cllr Langstaff reported that repairs to the gutter, downpipes and fascia boards were needed at the hall. Councillors advised that quotes should be

obtained and funding sourced before a request was made to the parish council.

Ringrose Law Group:

The Clerk reported a letter had been received which he read out to the meeting with a suggested reply which members agreed should be sent. The Clerk is preparing a complaints procedure policy which will be discussed at the next full council meeting.

Whaplode Cemetery update:

Members agreed that there had been modest reaction to the councils plans for the cemetery, there had been a discussion about removing the cemetery chapel and relocating to another site but in the absence of Cllr Merchant there were no details. Members believed the plans can now be progressed.

General correspondence & general business:

The Clerk reported a letter from Lincs Highways about the closure of Saltney gate bridge for repairs the deadline for completion of the work had been extended.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45

Chairman