

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2016
AT WHAPLODE DROVE CHURCH MEETING ROOM

Present as per register.

Present: County Cllr Pepper and Mr Usher a member of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Pullen, Clayton, Rouleston, Clay (absent Cllr Rudkin).

Public Forum:

Mr Usher suggested that Councillors names be added to parish notice boards.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Stancer chaired the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting on 16th December having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Police matters:

PCSO Gardener advised that Gedney Hill had experienced some burglaries. Cllr Barlow asked about hare coursing which the police are aware and have made arrests.

Finance Report:

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

101707 G Hawkes salary	£ 316.63
101708 MGM	£ 390.00 vat £65.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,519
	Business Prem	£ 23,348
	Current a/c	£ 18,100
	Less cheques	£ 706
	Balance	£ 17,394
	Balances	£ 110,264

The Clerk reported that the 2016-2017 precept had been submitted.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council is 13th April at Whaplode. The next finance meeting is on the 24th February.

Planning applications.

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed. The draft consultation on the local plan had been circulated. A paper copy had been given to Cllr Merchant to review.

Allotments;

The Clerk reported that R Scorthorne SHDC had agreed for SHDC to meet the cost of reinstating the roadway and Cllr Mackman had obtained a quote of £200 and members agreed for the repair to proceed.

Highway matters;

Whaplode village – no issues.

Whaplode St Catherines – no issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman reported and County Cllr Nigel Pepper confirmed that various problems had been reported to Highways with no response or action as yet and the pot hole problems are increasing.

Saracens Head – Cllr Rose again reported road edge damage by tractors in Pipwell Gate (turn off A17 on right hand side) had been reported by the Clerk.

Interactive traffic indicators:

Cllr Barlow reported that a new battery had been installed and the camera was working again in Cobgate. New posts and passive signs had been ordered by the Clerk.

Whaplode playing field;

Cllr Merchant advised that the field was in good order and the next project was to replace the fence at the front. The secretary had sent a letter of thanks for the grant.

Whaplode St Catherines playing field

The Clerk had contacted Cllr Clay about the mole problem and he will chase this up. A second treatment may be necessary.

Whaplode St Catherine memorial hall;

The Clerk reported a further email from David Blaxter Secretary to say that funds had been agreed in principle for the extension and the Clerk was asked by members to get confirmation when all funds were in place so that the parish council can formalise their support.

General correspondence & general business;

County Cllr Pepper advised that following the electoral boundary review the recommended number of county councils will reduce by 7 to 70.

District changes will split the existing Whaplode parish. He encouraged members to review and feedback via the public consultation.

The Clerk reported a letter from Mr S Stephens newly appointed Youth and Community Worker at Lincs C C members agreed to invite him to a future meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55pm.

Chairman

