

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

Present as per register, County Cllr Pepper, WPCSO Jane Gardener and one member of the public.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Ford, and Barlow.

**Declarations of interest:**

Cllr Merchant – re issues associated with planning and G R Merchant Ltd.

**Open Forum:**

Mr Odling asked why there were so many Councillors on the Parish Council and the Chairman explained that the parish was made up of four wards.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record with two matters arising,

- Cllr Pullen reported that the village hall was not available on 20<sup>th</sup> August and members agreed that the meeting be arranged for the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- County Cllr Pepper confirmed that he had followed up the two highways issues and replied to the appropriate Councillors.

**Police matters:**

PCSO Gardener reported the following,

- There had been no developments regarding the allotment break in at Whaplode Drove.
- The latest panel meeting was on 14<sup>th</sup> January but no members of the public raised any concerns.
- Speed checks in the parish would continue.
- The mobile police station would visit Whaplode on 24<sup>th</sup> February and 25<sup>th</sup> March outside J R Cycles.
- Cllr Mackman reported that Robert Congreve had asked him to report local concerns into the policing panel.
- Cllr Roulstone expressed concern about parking on the zigzag lines outside normal school hours at Whaplode Primary School. PCSO Gardener was aware that PCSO Cripps had been monitoring parking but would seek further input about the rules for parking in these areas.

## Finance Report;

The Clerk reported the following cheques for payment,

101561 G Hawkes salary & expenses	£	333.48
101562 HMRC	£	149.60
101563 Whaplode village hall	£	22.50
101564 Holbeach P C	£	50.00
101565 Millgate garden maintenance	£	312.00 vat £52.00
101566 S M Mackman	£	60.00 vat £10.00

1. Balances:      High interest a/c    £ 68,966.60  
                         Business Prem        £ 23,324.44  
                         Current a/c            £ 12,153.63  
                         Less cheques         £     864.00  
                         Balances                £103,580.67
2. The Clerk reported that Cater Allen had failed to provide the application forms to move the investment from Scottish Widows and interest rates on offer had fallen. Members agreed for the Clerk to monitor rates and report back to the finance committee.
3. The Clerk reported that the Bank Mandate would be updated at the next Finance meeting which members agreed.
4. The Clerk read out a letter from St Marys church about possible future tree maintenance required in the cemetery.

## Planning applications,

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

## Allotments;

1. The Clerk reported that the deeds relating to the allotment roadway were still missing and he would visit Holbeach Parish Council to search their archive.
2. Cllr Mackman reported that the allotment roadway had been repaired at Whaplode Drove at a cost of £60.
3. The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Carter Jonas re the Crown Land rent review in response to the council offer of £12,350 Carter Jonas had dropped from 15,000 to £14,000. Following a discussion, members resolved that the Clerk write back offering an increase to £13,000.
4. Carter Jonas have also requested that the Council complete a review of culverts and bridges on the Crown land which Cllr Stafford agreed to review.
5. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Horrox had acknowledged the conditions imposed by the council in respect of the change of use of his allotment to a pony paddock.

**Highway matters:**

**Whaplode village,**

1. Cllr Pullen reported that the A151 bus shelter opposite Mill Lane was full of rubbish and the ceiling boards needed replacing and graffiti removed. Cllr Stafford agreed to follow up.
2. Cllr Clay reported problems with freezing water at Millgate coming from Whaplode St Catherines to Whaplode on the bend which Cllr Pullen will report.
3. Members advised the Clerk that the BT box in Whaplode had not been repaired and asked the Clerk to chase BT.

Whaplode St Catherines, Cllr Clay reported that a new 20mph sign had been erected at Thorpes Lane off Little Lane but the road was in a poor state of repair and members agreed the Clerk report to Highways (Pode Hole).

**Whaplode Drove,**

Cllr Mackman advised that he had reported a number of issues to Lincs Highways and spoken to Mr Shah.  
Cllr Stimson reported pot holes in Daniels Drove.

**Saracens Head,**

Cllr Roulstone advised that there were a number of pot holes eastbound on the A17.

District Cllr Pepper provided a handout of all actions taken in the parish and on his advice members agreed to bring all highway issues to the next meeting for the Clerk to report by letter.

**Parish Council website:**

The Clerk reported average activity levels.

**Whaplode playing field:**

Cllr Merchant reported that there were new members on the committee and several fund raising events had been held.

**Whaplode St Catherines playing field:**

Councilor Clay reported all was in order.

**Locked tin box:**

The Clerk presented a locked tin box collected from Barclays Bank Peterborough which contained various deeds.

**General correspondence & general business;**

- 1. Cllr Merchant reported that he had met a lady from Whaplode St Catherines who thanked the council for their support for the village hall**
- 2. The Clerk reported confirmation from Lincs Rural that they would attend the March meeting.**
- 3. The Clerk reported on a new initiative from SHDC re Grants4growth.**
- 4. The Clerk reported letters from LCC confirming library provision would continue in all wards except Saracens Head where the stop would be cancelled due to a lack of use.**

**There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.**

**Chairman**