

**WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015**  
**AT THE CHURCH MEETING ROOM WHAPLODE DROVE**

Present as per register.

Present: District Cllr Chandler and two members of the public.

Apologies: Cllrs Rudkin, County Cllr Pepper and the Police.

**Public Forum:**

Mr Bugby from Whaplode St Catherine thanked the council now that passive signs were in place. Members and the Clerk advised him that the council had written to Highways previously about traffic calming but no progress had been made. Mr Usher referred the council to correspondence residents had been sent about funds available from the Wryde wind farm project and Cllr Stancer advised that he was on the committee that reviewed funding applications.

The Clerk presented Cllr Merchant with his declaration of acceptance of office which was signed.

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

**Matters arising:**

Cllr Merchant advised that Mr & Mrs Lings planning application had been granted on appeal.

**Police matters:**

In the absence of the Police Cllr Chandler reported that at the Neighbourhood Panel meeting it was advised that speed checks had been carried out throughout the county. Cllr Merchant reported acts of vandalism at Whaplode playing field which the Clerk will report to the police.

**Finance Report:**

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

101686 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 329.15
101687 HMRC	£ 76.40
101688 MGM	£ 480.00 vat £80.00
101689 PWLB	£ 56.06
101690 M Seymour	£ 400.00
101691 Royal British Legion	£ 25.00
101692 Crown estate	£7,000.00
101693 Whaplode play field comm	£1,300.00

101694 Whaplode P C C	£1,000.00
101695 Whaplode primary school	£ 300.00
101696 Whaplode drove pf comm	£ 600.00
101697 Whaplode drove PCC	£1,000.00

<b>Balances:</b>	<b>High interest a/c</b>	<b>£ 69,450</b>
	<b>Business Prem</b>	<b>£ 23,345</b>
	<b>Current a/c</b>	<b>£ 19,359</b>
	<b>Less cheques</b>	<b>£ 12,567</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>£ 6,792</b>
	<b>Balances</b>	<b>£ 99,587</b>

**Date of next meeting:**

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 16<sup>th</sup> December at Whaplode St Catherine. Next finance committee meeting 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**Planning applications.**

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

**Allotments:**

The Clerk reported that Mark Hill had now suggested that the Clerk sign a declaration that the deeds to the allotment roadway had been lost which members agreed.

Cllr Mackman advised that the allotment roadway had not been reinstated by the builders and the Clerk will report to SHDC.

**Highway matters:**

Whaplode village – no issues.

Whaplode St Catherines – no issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman reported that various problems had been reported to Highways with no response or action as yet.

Saracens Head – Cllr Rose reported road edge damage by tractors in Pipwell Gate he will report to Highways.

**Interactive traffic indicators:**

Passive signs were up in Whaplode Drove, movable post locations were known for Whaplode Drove and Saracens Head and will be reported to LRSP by the Clerk for action. Members agreed to purchase 12 more 30mph passive signs. Members will recharge interactive sign batteries and arrange for them to be moved around the parish. Cllr Chandler has offered to help and Clerk to add to meeting agendas in the future.

**Whaplode playing field:**

Cllr Merchant advised that the field was in good order.

**Whaplode St Catherines playing field**

The mole problem is being sorted out by Cllr Clay.

**Whaplode St Catherine memorial hall;**

The Clerk reported an email from David Blaxter Secretary advising that he has received a quote for £21,000 plus vat for the building work and will seek more quotes as this was far higher than expected.

**Whaplode Primary school;**

Cllr Rouleston reported that the school kitchen project will depend on free school meals being a Government policy going forward – a decision was awaited.

**Clerk salary review;**

Members agreed with the Finance committee recommendation to increase to £4,750 as budgetted in the council finances.

**General correspondence & general business;**

Cllr Mackman enquired about a defibrillator being installed in Whaplode Drove and Cllr Chandler advised that on application he has a budget available

The Clerk reported details of the South East Lincs Local Plan which was given to Cllr Merchant to review and members asked to be circulated with a copy.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05pm.

Chairman