

**WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015**  
**AT WHAPLODE ST CATHERINE MEMORIAL HALL**

Present as per register.

Present: County Cllr Pepper.

Apologies: Cllrs Pullen, Clayton, Rouleston, and the Police (absent Cllrs Rudkin and Clay).

Public Forum:

No public members were present.

In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Stancer chaired the meeting. The minutes of the previous meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> October and the November Finance committee having been circulated were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

Police matters:

In the absence of the Police there was no report or matter from Concillors to report back to the Police.

Finance Report:

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

101704 G Hawkes salary/expenses	£ 324.19
101687 HMRC	£ 79.20
101688 MGM	£ 312.00 vat £52.00

Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,495
	Business Prem	£ 23,347
	Current a/c	£ 18,671
	Less cheques	£ 715
	Balance	£ 17,956
	Balances	£ 110,798

The Clerk resented an update on the financial position as per the attached and members agreed to increase the annual precept from £12,750 to £13,000.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the date for the next full council was 20<sup>th</sup> January at Whaplode. The Clerk will circulate the meeting dates for 2016 by email.

### Planning applications,

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

### Allotments;

The Clerk reported that Mark Hill of Mossop & Bowser had sent the Clerk a statutory declaration that the deeds to the allotment roadway had been lost which will need to be witnessed at a third party Solicitor.

The Clerk reported that R Scorthorne SHDC had agreed for SHDC to meet the cost of reinstating the roadway and Cllr Mackman will obtain a quote to be sent to the Clerk.

### Highway matters;

Whaplode village – Cllr Barlow advised that one of the interactive camera batteries were faulty and he will obtain a replacement from the supplier.

Whaplode St Catherines – no issues.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Stimson reported a problem in Crowland which County Cllr Pepper will follow up. Cllr Mackman reported 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) he has had no response from Highways, so the Clerk will report again.

### Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that the removable post locations had been sent to LRSP for Saracens Head and Whaplode Drove.

### Whaplode playing field;

Cllr Merchant advised that the field was in good order, they are busy fund raising over Christmas. The next project was to replace the fence at the front.

### Whaplode St Catherines playing field

The Clerk will contact Cllr Clay about the mole problem.

### Whaplode St Catherine memorial hall;

The Clerk reported a further email from David Blaxter Secretary advising that he has received a quote for £28,000 for the building work but from his email it was unclear what other funding was available to add to the request for £3,000 from the parish council. Members asked the Clerk to get clarification.

### 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 will circulate a link for members to review and feedback as necessary.**

**The Clerk reported that there are only 10/12 unreserved grave spaces in Whaplode cemetery. Members agreed for the Clerk to review the burial registers for reserved spaces and contact the owners to see if the spaces are still required – estimated time to complete 10 hours.**

**There being no further business the Chairman wished members a happy xmas and closed the meeting at 21.05pm.**

**Chairman**