

WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2014
AT WHAPLODE ST CATHERINE MEMORIAL HALL

Present as per register and County Cllr N Pepper.

Apologies: Cllrs Clay, Dilley, Stimson, Merchant and Ford.

Mr Derek Rose was introduced to the meeting to represent Saracens Head ward where we have a vacancy. Cllr Roulstone proposed and Cllr Pullen seconded that he be co-opted onto the Council which members agreed and he signed his declaration of acceptance. The Clerk will send out the code of conduct paperwork.

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

Matters arising:

Cllr Mackman advised that the footpath at the entrance to the Whaplode Drove allotments is likely to cause parking problems for the roadway. Members agreed for the Clerk to ask R Scorthorne at SHDC to contact Cllr Mackman.

Cllr Chandler had advised the Clerk that he had not been contacted by the residents of Wheatfields who attended the last meeting.

Police matters:

In the absence of a representative Cllr Mackman reported that the chip van was still causing a parking problem during the day and the Clerk agreed to contact the Police.

Finance Report:

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

101631 G Hawkes salary	£ 328.50
101632 HMRC	£ 79.80
101633 M Grummitt	£ 30.00 vat £5.00
101634 Millgate Garden maintenance	£ 768.00 vat £128.00
101635 Paul Stafford repairs to shelter	£ 71.41
101636 R Jones re insurance excess	£ 100.00

1. Balances:	High interest a/c	£ 69,219
	Business Prem	£ 23,336
	Current a/c	£ 14,634
	Less cheques	£ 1,287
	Balances	£105,902

2. The Clerk reported to members that there had been an agreement to review the NJC payscales from 01/01/2015 which members agreed to implement the prorata payment in December and the 2.2% increase in payscales.
3. Precept 2015-2016
The Clerk reported the estimated figures as per the attached and members agreed to increase the precept to £12,750. Increase the grant payable to Whaplode Playing Field Committee to £1,300 per annum.
4. Members requested an update on the grant agreed to the Whaplode Drove playing field and the Clerk advised that he was waiting for invoices from Mr Stapenhill-Hunt. As the work had yet to be commissioned the Clerk was asked to obtain a full update to include whether Mr Hunts funds had yet been made available.

Date of next meeting:

The Clerk advised the next meeting was 21st January at Whaplode Drove church meeting room. Dates for meetings for 2015 were agreed and circulated as per the attached.

Planning applications,

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

Cllrs Stafford and Pullen were to review planning application H23-1026-14 with regard to the boundary line which had been subject to a previous dispute.

Allotments:

The Clerk reported that he had not received an update regarding the allotment roadway deeds and would chase SHDC.

Highway matters:

Whaplode village,

Cllr Pullen advised that he would report the numerous pot holes in Hagbeach Gate.

Whaplode St Catherines,

No report.

Whaplode Drove,

Members reported that the trees were still causing a problem in Daniels Drove and members agreed for the Clerk to write again.

Saracens Head,

No issues to report.

Interactive traffic indicators:

The Clerk reported that he had the agreed locations for the fixing brackets, just needed to clarify a location in Stockwell Gate – Ropers Bridge was recommended by members.

Whaplode playing field:

Cllr Pullen reported that the field was in good order..

Whaplode St Catherines playing field:

No report.

General correspondence & general business;

1. The Clerk reported a letter received from Mr Oldring to which he would reply.
2. Cllr Barlow reported a problem with the track behind the Star of India and members agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 pm.

Chairman