

**MINUTES OF THE WHAPLODE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
SARACENS HEAD VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2021**

Present: Cllrs Stafford, Barlow, Stimson, Langstaff and Stancer, County Cllr Pepper and the Clerk.

Apologies:

Cllrs Merchant, Mackman, Allan and Sally Beale, and Clay.

Public Forum:

No members of the public present.

Minutes and Matters arising:

The minutes of the September and October meetings had been previously circulated and were signed by the Chairman, as a true record. There were no matters arising.

Finance Report:

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

G Hawkes salary/expenses	£	354.50
HMRC	£	84.80
MGM	£	1,104.00 vat £184.00
SHDC	£	4,033.00 vat £672.17
Surfleet P C	£	250.00

Balances:	Business Prem	£	55,367
	Current a/c	£	3,335
	Less cheques	£	5,576
	Balance	£	53,126

Date of next meeting:

There will be a finance meeting on 8th December, meeting dates for 2022 were agreed and will be circulated by the Clerk.

Planning applications.

The Clerk reported that applications had been dealt with as per annexed and circulated to members. Cllr Langstaff, reported no known interest in making a community asset application with regards to the Saracens Head public house

Allotments:

The Clerk advised that Hix & Co were progressing completion of the Farm Business Tenancies. Costings are awaited from Cllr Merchant for the Whaplode garden allotment scheme. Rent demands had been dispatched.

Star of India footpath:

The Clerk reported that he would action and this item will remain on the agenda until completed.

Whaplode cemetery report by Clerk:

Cllr Stafford advised that he had obtained three quotes for the remaining tree work and members agreed that M Goose should be instructed to complete the work. Members also agreed a budget of £400 for posts to be purchased to delineate car parking spaces.

Highway matters:

Whaplode St Cathrines – no issues

Saracens Head – no issues

Whaplode – Highways are to completely resurface the High Road, an Archer report will be completed a local survey over a 12 hour period measured 1,000 vehicle movements per hour.

Whaplode Drove – Cllr Mackman had submitted a written report.

Whaplode Playing Field:

The adult gym equipment had been installed and the PCSO was on top of the anti social behaviour problems.

Community speed watch:

The Clerk reported no contact so this item will be removed from the agenda.

Whaplode Drove Community centre lease agreement:

The Clerk reported that he has a copy of the expired lease agreement and was waiting for the names of the current Trustees before instructing Solicitors.

Whaplode swimming pool committee:

The Clerk reported that he had a letter of thanks from the committee.

Correpondence:

Cllr Barlow reported that further tree work involving the removal of three trees will be required in Whaplode St Marys church yard – an email will be sent with the details.

The meeting closed at 20.20

Chairman

