

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

23rd August 2018

Present: - Mr. R. Simmons - Chairman

Ms. S. Tomlinson

Mr. L. M. Phillimore

Mr. A. Raithatha

Mr. D. Smith

Mr. S. Duffin

Mr. L. Breckon (Clerk)

No Parishioners in attendance.

Mr. P. Cox

Mrs. P. Kenney

Mr. M.E. Jackson

Mr. M. Bradford

Mr. M.R. Bounds

Mrs. A. M. Tyler

Mrs. S. Coe – (Deputy Clerk)

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. N. Howden – family illness, Mr. A. Tanner - other meeting, Mrs. D. North – family matters, LCC Cllr. Mr. D. Jennings and Mr. T. Richardson – other meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

51. CHAIRS REPORT AND REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting. He reminded Members that he was away for the September meeting. He had attended the BDC Planning Committee and praised the speakers for their well-spoken words, which ended in the officer's recommendation being overturned and the application for Central Close being refused.

52. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None.

53. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL DATED 26th JULY 2018

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting dated 26th July 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

54. TO RECEIVE MINUTES

Mr. M.E. Jackson gave a verbal update on the Highways Working Party meetings. A meeting would be held with LCC highways to receive the results of the PV2 surveys they had committed to undertake. The Clerk may be able to get these by email. This would then be added to the final report which would be presented to Council in September. There were meetings of the Finance and Staff working Party's which may need to review possible recommendations that would be applicable to precept and budget settings if Council were minded to look at some of the suggested schemes and also the possible recruitment of an enforcement type officer for the village. Finance WP would also be asked to look at effective use of the s106 monies available to the Council.

LCC had offered to attend a meeting and it was agreed that WPC needed to discuss the matters first before talking with LCC. This would be scheduled for October, and the LCC Cllrs and the Police would be invited.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th July 2018, that the verbal update on the Highways Working Party meeting held be received and a verbal report on tonight's Planning Committee be received.

55. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a) Public Speaking Protocol – No requests had been received by the protocol deadline.

b) The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about any item not on the agenda (old parishioners time).

i) The underpass was discussed. The Highways working party had also covered this in brief. It was agreed that the graffiti wall project should not be renewed and the mood was

that the underpass had seen its day and perhaps the need to close and use alternatives were the best option. To do this, LCC would need to consult as footpath closures and alternatives would be needed. It was possible, but depended on public sway. People did use the subway regularly, but it had to be safe and attractive. The subway was now re-open after the fire. LCC were assessing the lighting etc. It was agreed to add an item on the September Council agenda.

ii) The A426 grass cutting and walk to school route was raised again. The Clerk would ask the Deputy Clerk to contact the County Councillors to see if pressure could be applied to get the grass cut. The use of the ground staff was raised but no suitable equipment was held to mow such a verge.

iii) The issue of smelly bins was raised as a result of the move to fortnightly bin collections by BDC.

iv) The 3 arches steps had been completed.

v) The railings on Warwick Road had been repaired.

vi) Posters were still around the village after the festival on the pitch event. The Clerk would raise this as it had been a problem in previous years and had been resolved without intervention from BDC Environmental.

56. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

BDC Cllr. Mr. M. E. Jackson thanked the officers for their work at BDC planning regarding Central Close. RESOLVED: That the verbal report given be received.

57. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

58. FINANCE TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of July 2018 were confirmed. The bank reconciliation statement was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

59. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported the following: BDC had replied regarding the wall on the High Street build next to the church. The Deputy Clerk had been collating data on the High Street car parking and had now sent the details to BDC to assist in enforcement.

The 3-year First Aid refresher course had been booked for the Deputy Clerk to ensure compliance. The Bloor Home Shellduck open space had been agreed as to outstanding issues. We had, by discussion, agreed an additional £5,000 to add final fencing and some bund clearance to allow easier ongoing maintenance.

The Clerk showed the Otter Way to Linden Homes footpath completed and also made Council aware of the fencing and shrub replanting works agreed with one of the affected home owners.

The Clerk had handled a query regarding the lamppost poppies and had explained we had looked at these for at previously and decided that they were not value for money and a more fitting tribute was being organised for this year.

The Clerk had dealt with several queries regarding Back Lane hedging. He showed Members an example.

There were two working party meetings scheduled for September and the Clerk asked that for business reasons that these be swapped, meaning Staffing would now meet on 13th September and Finance would meet on 6th September. This was due to possible Highways WP recommendations.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his informative report.

60. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence report: RESOLVED: The list be received and noted. All correspondence had been copied to members.

a) BDC – Notice of a building has become listed - noted.

b) LCC – Update from Annual Liaison Meeting held on 9th July 2018 - noted.

c) LRALC – Blaby District Parish Councils Group agenda for meeting to be held on 5th September 2018 at 7.30 p.m. – Noted. Mr. D. Smith was not able to attend this meeting.

RESOLVED: The letters be received and any actions noted.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.