

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone
25th October 2018

Present: - Mr. R. Simmons - Chairman
Mr. M.E. Jackson
Mrs. P. Kenney
Mrs. D. North
Mr. D. Smith
Mrs. A. M. Tyler

Mr. P. Cox
Ms. S. Tomlinson
Mr. L. M. Phillimore
Mr. M. Bradford
Mr. M. R. Bounds
Mr. L. Breckon (Clerk)

One Parishioner in attendance.

74. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. N. Howden – family matter, Mr. A. Raithatha – work, Mr. S. Duffin – work, Mr. A. Tanner – other meeting, Mrs. S. Coe – (Deputy Clerk) – civic engagement, LCC Cllr. Mr. D. Jennings – other meeting, Mr. T. Richardson – holiday.
RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

75. CHAIRS REPORT AND REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. He reminded Members of the Remembrance Parade for which details had been tabled for Members and also the Churches Together Tea, again details had been tabled.

76. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None.

77. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COUNCIL DATED 27th SEPTEMBER 2018

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting dated 27th September 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

78. TO RECEIVE MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th September 2018 be received and a verbal report on tonight's Planning Committee be received.

79. 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) Dog Fouling was raised by several people. Discussions were held regarding what services were available. These were well advertised on the website and in the Duckpaddle. It was agreed that the Christmas Duckpaddle would remind parishioners how to report dog fouling. The message needed reinforcing as there were a lot of new residents in the village.

The concept of a Parish Enforcement officer had been raised and could be looked at. It was agreed that this item be added to next months Council agenda. It had been reviewed as part of the highways issues which were being discussed at the next Council meeting.

A query was raised regarding Council Groundsmen reporting dog Fouling. This was not done currently as they simply “cleared it up” if it was on a play area or open space. No issues had reported to the office regarding dog fouling for the last three months, and no

new requests for stencilling the pavement by BDC had been received. It was accepted dark nights always changes some dog walker's attitudes towards picking up mess as they assume it and they cannot be seen.

ii) No update regarding timing was known regarding building work starting on the old Electroform site. The Wheatsheaf site was to be started once the contractor had completed the High Street site and also one other known "small job" that was planned ahead of the Wheatsheaf.

iii) The BDC planning meeting which had covered the Whittle Estate planning applications were discussed. The Clerk would let Parishioners know when the deferred application was due back at BDC Planning Committee. No update was available from the BDC planning officer at this time.

80. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A tabled report from BDC Cllr. Mrs. S. Coe was tabled.

BDC Cllr. Mr. M. E. Jackson reported the following: BDC Scrutiny had been working on a Tourism blueprint for the District and a car park strategy that saw the main car parks in the District as self-funding. This was a great turnaround as they had previously cost over £200,000 to run and maintain.

BDC Cllr. Mr. L. M. Phillimore updated Members on the unitary works being undertaken by LCC. It was planned that all Parish Councils would be invited to give their views on the subject and also on the proposals put forward by LCC. He had been asked and would be laying the Wreath on behalf of BDC at Whetstone. BDC Cllr. Mr. A. Tanner had laid the wreath last year and was laying one at Cosby where they were both Parish Cllrs.

RESOLVED: That any written and verbal reports given be received.

81. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

82. FINANCE

a) TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET

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

b) TO RECEIVE THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS LIMITED ASSURANCE REVIEW FOR THE 2017/18 AGAR

The Clerk had included the limited assurances documents in the agenda pack and overviewed the reason behind it being included.

RESOLVED: That the external auditors limited assurance review for the 2017/18 agar policies be received.

83. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported the following: Shellduck POS had finally completed and funds had been transferred. The Clerk would be organising the outstanding works agreed with Bloor Homes and for which the additional monies had been agreed.

The Oliver Park footpath was complete and the Trinity Road Park s106 grant application had been submitted to BDC. The works included College road safe access and egress by the addition of safety railings.

The Clerk had received advice from Zurich Insurance regarding tree risk, where an official log / record was being suggested. The Parish was fortunate with its grounds staff all being

fully qualified tree surgeons and able to inspect its own Public Open Spaces and Cemetery.

The Clerk shared with Members the dates for the Badgerbrook School Christmas fete and also WPC's own Carols on Car Park. He updated Members on the event plans. It was agreed to formally invite the Chairman of The District Council to the event and the organisation internally would be changed to allow this to happen. The Parish Chairman would also be in attendance and if a Microphone / PA system was available, then a short opening and closing "speech" could be organised by the Clerk.

The Deputy Clerk was doing a great job as Chairman of BDC and was promoting the Parish at all opportunities. Her civic service was being held at St. Peters Church on 4th November 2018.

The Clerk had received a full information pack from DB Symmetry pack relating to the National Rail Freight interchange being proposed at JNC 2 on the M69. It was available for Members in the Office.

84. CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) DB Symmetry – Informal Consultation notice re National Rail Freight Interchange – note of exhibitions included.

b) Strategic Growth Plan – update – noted.

c) Leics. Police – Remembrance Day parade update – the Clerk had requested the Police to deliver a wreath to the office and it was agreed that Mr. M. E. Jackson would lay the wreath in Whetstone on their behalf.

d) BDC – News release re: Be a Councillor event – for information.

e) BDC – Consultation on Policy update for Gambling Act 2005 – for information.

f) Resilience Partnership – Aware and Prepare for emergencies – for information and any action. BDC are the authority responsible for resilience – noted.

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.