

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

23rd February 2017

Present: - Mr. R. Simmons – Chairman
Mr. M.R.Bounds
Mrs. P. Kenney
Mr. D. Smith
Mr. M.E. Jackson
Mr. L. Breckon (Clerk)

Mr. P. Cox
Mr. J.Riley
Mrs. A.M. Tyler
Mr. L.M. Phillimore
Mrs. N. Kalsi
Mrs. S. Coe – (Deputy Clerk)

2 Parishioners were in attendance.

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from: – Ms. S. Tomlinson – other meeting, Mr. A. Tanner – other meeting, LCC Cllr Mr. D. Jennings – other meeting, LCC Cllr. Mr. T. Richardson – other meeting. RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

129. CHAIRMANS REPORT AND REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting. He thanked Mr. M.E. Jackson for chairing the last Council meeting in his absence and he also thanked Mr. P. Cox for presenting the budget and precept.

130. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

Mr. M.E. Jackson, Mr. D. Smith and Mr. J. Riley declared personal interests as Members of the Whetstone Allotment Association.

131. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 26th JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting dated 26th January 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

132. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT OF TONIGHTS PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLVED: That the verbal report from the Chairman of Planning Committee be received.

133. 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 Clerk was asked to inquire about a new DWH sign on the Lutterworth Road which seemed to suggest more housing was coming.
- ii) The turning and access area for the emergency vehicles on the new DWH estate leading to the bollarded access onto Springwell Lane was used at night for parking and was fully blocked, with no possible access for emergency vehicles available. The Clerk was asked to pass this onto BDC Planning to see if restrictions had been placed on the area.
- iii) It had been good to see that the Dog Warden from BDC had “caught” the persistent offender on Springwell Lane. Issues needed reporting and if they were they could be dealt with.
- iv) Were dog bins able to be provided on the new housing estates as none had them fitted or installed. The Clerk had raised this with the planning officers as developers did not want to “blight” the saleability of their developments with the practicalities of litter and dog bins on their open spaces. The Clerk would ask if planning conditions could be added to ensure the provision needed for each estate was provided.
- v) The fencing being erected on Warwick Road by Strata Homes was close to the

Highway. Was this safe? The Clerk would raise the matter with BDC Planning Department.

vi) Graffiti still existed on the Electroform site. The Clerk asked for the specific item that was offensive as the site and issues had been passed onto BDC Environmental for actioning. The Clerk would raise the item again.

vii) Dog poo stencilling requests had been made from BDC and were being actioned. The Florists in the village had had a “bad” reaction to a sign they had erected by their premises. This would be passed onto BDC and enquiries made regarding signage that they may have available.

134. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The following reports were received: BDC Cllr. Mr. M.E. Jackson reported that the Budget at BDC had been set as well as the Council Tax. BDC Cllr. Mr. L.M. Phillimore added that the decision had been made to remove the New Homes Bonus paid to Parish Councils as well as the Council Tax support Grant paid to parish Councils going forward. It was being paid this year. This was additional income and was not guaranteed. Consideration would need to be given for next year’s budget process for Whetstone Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That any verbal reports given be received.

135. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

136. FINANCE - TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of January 2017 were confirmed. The bank reconciliation statement was signed by the Chairman on behalf of Council.

137. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported the following: The Warwick Road works were ongoing. The tree planting was taking place on the DWH site and these were as per the approved plans. The graffiti on Trinity Park skateboard ramp had been removed and all known village graffiti was now reported.

The Ground staff were still completing tree and shrub works on Hubbard Close and in other areas around the village. The Clerk showed the acquired ASB camera. The process and method of use and implementation would now be resolved. This would be discussed by the POS working party. The Clerk had obtained a quote off the Pavilion Sports club for tidying up the external pavilion appearance. This included “recladding” the building and removing the disused water tower.

The Clerk shared the speed camera data collected for Enderby Road. This would be presented as a report at a future meeting. The Young People’s consultation refresh was being drafted ready to be shared with the POS working party meeting in March. A draft forward plan had been started and would be presented at the next working party. The Deputy Clerk had visited the Records Office to see what was stored there. The records go back to January 3rd 1895.

The Clerk made Members aware of Roger Grzyb’s retirement in March. A celebration presentation was planned for Friday 10th March at noon. Members were asked to attend.

138. CORRESPONDENCE

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

a) Good Neighbour Scheme – update report for Whetstone – received and noted.

b) Blaby District Council - Car Parking Consultation – The Clerk was asked to complete this and submit as an acceptable action regarding the High Street Car park.

c) ICO – Register entry for Whetstone Parish Council – for information and noted.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received and actions noted.

139. TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER MEETINGS, ORGANISATIONS OR EVENTS

a) Leicestershire Footpath Association – Notice of AGM – Woodhouse Eaves – Saturday 25th February 2017 at 10.15 a.m. RESOLVED: No Member indicated that they would attend.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.15 p.m.