

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Present: - Mr. R.Simmons – Chairman  
Mr. M. R.Bounds  
Mrs. A. M.Tyler  
Mr. M. E.Jackson  
Mr. A.Tanner  
Mrs. S. Coe – (Deputy Clerk)

Mr. P.Cox  
Mrs. P.Kenney  
Mr. D.Smith  
Ms. S.Tomlinson  
Mr. L.Breckon (Clerk)

One Parishioner in attendance.

### **140. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from :- Mr. J.Riley other meeting, Mr. L.M.Phillimore – other meeting, LCC Cllr Mr. D.Jennings – other meeting, LCC Cllr. Mr. T. Richardson – other meeting.  
RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

### **141. CHAIRMANS REPORT AND REMARKS**

The Chairman welcomed Members and Parishioners to the meeting.

### **142. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

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

### **143. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meetings dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

### **144. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, the Community Premises & Public Open Spaces Working party held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 be received, and that the small meeting room be named the Buxton Room after the first Chairman of WPC Robert Buxton, elected in 1895

RESOLVED: The Staff Working Party minutes held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be received.

RESOLVED: A verbal report on tonight's planning meeting be received from the Chairman of Planning Committee.

### **145. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- a) Public Speaking Protocol - No requests 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) Street lights on Dog & Gun Lane which had been off for several weeks were now back on.
  - ii) Garden recycling dates were unclear. They were available on the BDC website.
  - iii) The Blaby underpass was raised as being in a very poor state. An update was given as to the latest plan to make it an official graffiti wall. Council were awaiting a decision after the consultation.

### **146. REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

The following reports were given: BDC Cllr. Mr. A.Tanner had been busy within the South Leicestershire Constituency. BDC Cllr. Mr. M.E.Jackson reported an illegal travellers site was being visited by the authorities to ensure it was safe for all on site. Many aspects

were being looked at. It was good to know that the District had such a good team of specially skilled officers and Police Officers to plan and carry out such visits should they be needed. He touched on the street art plan for the Blaby underpass. He knew of similar schemes in the County.

RESOLVED: That any verbal reports given be received.

**147. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

None.

**148. FINANCE**

**a) TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND CONFIRM BALANCE SHEET**

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

**b) TO RECEIVE PRECEPT LEAFLET 2017/18 FOR INFORMATION**

RESOLVED: That the leaflet and its contents be noted.

**149. CLERKS REPORT**

The Clerk reported the following:

The Warwick Road works were nearing completion. BDC had sent an email asking for s106 contributions towards wooden step maintenance provision going up the side of the 3 arches. It was agreed to reply back refusing assistance at this time.

The Clerk had a Notice of Vacancy approved by BDC. He would be submitting a second Notice as it was hoped that 2 co-opted Councillor candidates were ready to step forward.

The village mural was in need of an update regarding some changes to the map now from when it was commissioned. The artist was still available and willing to quote dependant on what we were looking for. This was an "ideal candidate" for a s106 funded project

The Zumba and Yoga instructor Nic Appleton had given notice of finishing the Tuesday night bookings due to diminishing numbers.

The Burnham Drive Parking letter sent to LCC had been tabled for information so that Members were aware. LCC Cllr. Mr. Terry Richardson was aware of the matter.

The Bulls Head were happy to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator unit. The 1<sup>st</sup> box was now installed at the Park Vets. The two units would be commissioned together and a joint launch be organised for the Chairman of Council to attend and invite the two sites hosting the units for a photo opportunity if they wished to do so.

The Clerk was investigating signage for the ASB for all parks and POS as a deterrent.

The 2017/18 Meeting planner had been tabled. The BDC Parish Liaison minutes had been tabled.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his informative report.

**150. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

a) WAA – AGM minutes and Financial Statement – received and noted.

b) BDC – Update on Lightbulb Project - received and noted.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be received and actions noted.

**151. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM**

In accordance with the Public bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960, the press and the public will be excluded from the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed (Staffing) and will be requested to withdraw.

**a)** To receive recommendations from Staff Working Party.

RESOLVED: In the absence of the Chairman of the Staff Working Party, it was discussed and agreed that a second meeting of the Staff Working Party be held on 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 followed by a Finance Working Party meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

With there being no further business, the Chairman thanks Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.35 p.m.