

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 28TH OCTOBER 2019 AT WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr G Dominey, Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton
In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr E Hale (Clerk),
Mrs S Ambrose, Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mrs K Edwards, Mr A Foreman,
Mrs J Fletcher, Mr S Husher, Mrs J Inman, Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs N Manston,
Mr D Mather, Mrs C Thompson
Apologies: Cllr D Bellini

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 29th July 2019

These were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Items raised by Members of the Public

The Chairman congratulated villagers on raising £856 for Macmillan

6. Report by Cllr Heron

Cllr Harper thanked Cllr Heron for arranging resurfacing of the road through the village

7. Correspondence

New Forest Disability had applied for a grant. Councillors decided not to support this

8. Financial Reports

A. Balances of Accounts.

The balance in the deposit account is £2,488.63 and in the current account is £3,144.63.

The Parish Council had received the second Precept payment of £900 from NFDC

B. Accounts for Payment.

The Clerk asked for approval of a payment of £200 to S Colborne for 5 grass cuts from July to October inclusive. This was approved by Councillors

9. Planning Applications

19/10382. Oak Trees. Detached outbuilding. Appeal on this refusal had been rejected

19/11151. Whitsbury Cross. Replace outbuildings. Councillors supported this application

19/11303. Whitsbury Cross. Replace Gates. Councillors supported this application

10. Parish Council Representatives

Cllr Dominey and Cllr Harper had attended the Liaison Meeting at Martin on 30th September. Items discussed at this meeting included:

- A. Purchase of a Speed Indicator Device to be shared between the villages. It should be moved around fairly regularly so it would have maximum impact. All the villages had major concerns about local development causing more traffic and strain on local services
- B. Increased rural crime. Some high profile burglaries in Rockbourne recently. Reports of drones being used to check out properties. Mr Cobb-Smith said local WhatsApp should be used to report any suspicious activity. Cllr Heron said there will soon be more local police

11. Climate Change Reduction Working Group

Mr Foreman reported that the group had met twice and had created the boards at the back of the Hall to show current projects. These include food share groups to exchange fruit and vegetables. Mrs Thompson is looking at ways for recycling and would like a scheme similar to Woodgreen who have a cupboard where villagers can put unwanted items. Cllr Heron said Damerham operate their scheme in the school car park, and he offered a grant to help buy a shed. Mr Foreman said the group had started a communal herb garden on some shared land

12. Any Other Business

A. Transfer of Open Space

The Clerk had contacted the Solicitor the previous week and been told that Land Registry have at last confirmed the land transfer. This means the Parish Council can now apply to the District Council for transfer of the maintenance funding. The Clerk will arrange this application

B. Website

Mr Whatmore had bought the Whitsbury.com domain for the village and had set up the original website before moving away. Mr Husher had taken over management of the website and Mr Whatmore had offered the domain to the village if the Parish Council paid all future costs. These appear to be £18 per year for the domain and £60 per year for website costs. Cllr Dominey said it is a good website and could be expanded to give other details. Cllr Heron advised caution about who has access to avoid any unwanted additions. Councillors agreed the village should pay costs to keep the website and thanked Mr Husher for his work. Mr Husher and the Clerk will liaise about website arrangements

C. Use of Footpaths

There was discussion about horses being allowed along footpaths to access fields for grazing. Cllr Heron said some footpaths are owned by NFDC and would need their permission. Some Councillors and villagers had concerns about horses causing damage to footpaths

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 27th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Dates for meetings next year are 30th March, 18th May, 27th July, and 26th October

The meeting closed at 7.55pm