

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 6TH JANUARY 2020 AT WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register and Apologies

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr D Bellini, Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton
In Attendance: Mr E and Mrs S Ambrose, Mrs S Cumming, Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mrs R Druitt,
Mr S Husher, Mrs J Inman, Mrs C Thompson, Mr E Hale (Clerk),
Apologies: Cllr G Dominey

The Chairman welcomed everyone and apologised for having to change the meeting date due to the deadline for returning the Precept application

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 28th October 2019

Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Items raised by Members of the Public

There was a request for the drain near the phone box to be unblocked and for a gate to be installed at the end of the footpath at the back of Lower Grove, to prevent children running into the road. The Chairman agreed to write to Cllr Heron to ask HCC to resolve these items.

6. Report by Cllr Heron

No report this meeting

7. Correspondence

NFDC are consulting on changes to their ward boundaries to reduce the number of District Councillors. The consultation is at consultation.lgbce.org.uk or www.lgbce.org.uk.
All Hampshire residents now need to register their vehicles for free access to Hampshire tips

8. Financial Reports

A. Parish Precept for 2020-21

Councillors agreed to keep the Precept at £1,800 per year as the last three years as the Parish Council has plenty of reserves. This was supported by all Councillors

B. Balances of Accounts.

The Clerk did not have the latest bank statements but can now confirm there is £2,488.74 in the deposit account and £9,514.51 in the current account following receipt of the Open Space funds

C. Accounts for Payment.

The Parish Council paid £551.27 to NFDC for Parish election costs. Mr S Husher asked for £86.24 to be paid to the website provider for operating the website. This was approved by all Councillors as the website was operating well and had received over 5000 visits in the last two years

9. Planning Applications

No new applications or results for Whitsbury

10. Parish Council Representatives

No meetings attended

11. Any Other Business

Report from Whitsbury World (previously Climate Change Reduction Working Group)

Mrs Thompson reported that the group has a box by the phone box where spare produce can be left for use by other residents. There are also collection boxes for recycling items such as bottle tops. The website has details of where other items can be recycled

The group hope to arrange a talk on the work of the local farmer Cluster Groups in the area. Cllr Harper explained these groups set out to increase numbers of particular rare flowers and birds. Numbers are checked independently at the start and at the end of the period to measure the success of the programme. They particularly aim to improve habitat and food sources, and control predators. There are three groups around Cranborne Chase and the schemes are more likely to succeed by farmers working in groups

There was discussion about reducing verge cutting through the village to encourage wildlife. It was agreed there would need to be signs to explain why areas are not as tidy as previous years

Transfer of Open Space

The Clerk has been notified that £7,121.15 has been transferred from the Housing Association after confirmation from Land Registry that the Open Space now belongs to the Parish Council

Speeding

Councillors and villagers had concerns about particular vehicles speeding through the village. One car had been identified but it was found the owner had recently moved from the village. It was agreed that details of speeding vehicles will be shared and the Parish Council will write to any villagers seen speeding regularly

Litter

Councillors had collected large amounts of litter from around the village recently and there were concerns about increasing amounts. It was agreed that Whitsbury World will arrange a litter pick

12. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be on Monday 30th March 2020 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The May meeting has been moved to 18th May as that date suits the most Councillors.

Other meetings are still on 27th July and 26th October. A meeting is planned for 4th January 2021

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.