

# WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2020 USING ZOOM

### 1. Attendance Register and Apologies

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr G Dominey, Cllr D Bellini (from item 12)  
In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mrs C Thompson, Mr S Husher,  
Mr A Foreman, Mr E Hale (Clerk)  
Apologies: Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton

The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending using Zoom

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dominey declared an interest in the tree work application

### 3. Minutes of Meeting held on 27th July 2020

Accepted as a true record

### 4. Matters Arising

More details on Hall Wi-Fi will be discussed later

### 5. Items raised by Members of the Public

None

### 6. Report by HCC and NFDC Cllr Heron

Cllr Heron said how important the support offered by communities such as Whitsbury has been to their residents. This means that HCC only has to step in when the help needed is too much for the local volunteers to provide. The HCC Covid Helpline is 0333 370 4000

### 7. Correspondence

None

### 8. Financial Reports

The balance in the Treasurers Account is £9,930.92. There has been receipts of £900 precept, and payments of £200 for grounds maintenance and £128.24 for the website. The Clerk asked for a payment of £220 to be approved for audits of the Council's accounts for 2018-19 and 2019-20. The balance in the Business Account is £2,489.71, which is an increase of 13p interest

### 9. Planning Applications

No new Whitsbury building applications. A tree application has been submitted for Lushers Cottage. There were no concerns about this

## **10. Whitsbury World**

The Group has asked for improvements to verges. These are an important resource for the village but it would be too much for the group to improve all verges. The group could take on a section each side and reduce the fertility to see what would still grow. They would seek to remove nettles and docks. The verges would then be better for wildlife. The group asked if the Parish Council would support this. Cllr Heron asked for a plan to show the sections which would be affected as this would change the cutting policy. Cllr Harper will also need to be informed

## **11. Other Meeting Attended**

None

## **12. Covid Crisis Response**

Mr Husher reported the village has prepared a Newsletter to deliver to residents in the next few weeks. This covers subjects such as Whitsbury Helpers and Whitsbury World. They have found residents prefer a paper document. There was a request for more details about the sharing box

## **13. Any Other Business**

**Speed Limits.** Cllr Thompson asked if a '20 is plenty' scheme could be introduced for the main section of the village, with the 60mph reduced to 40mph on the remainder of the road. Cllr Heron said these schemes are mostly used outside schools or where there is a need for casualty reduction. The schemes are expensive and the police struggle to enforce them. Cllr Dominey spoke about the speed monitoring equipment which could be moved between villages. Councillors agreed they should continue to ask for speed reduction as there are often pedestrians or horses using the roads through the village

**Broadband.** Cllr Dominey asked villagers to sign up for the latest broadband scheme. There is £60,000 of funding which is more likely to be available if more residents support it

**Hall Wi-Fi.** There is funding available but the Hall Management Committee would need to apply. They are arranging a postcode, which is needed before an application can be submitted

**Drain Clearance.** Mr Foreman said the blocked drain had been cleared in the last week, but there was still water flowing along one edge of the road. Cllr Heron asked for this to be reported on the HCC website and copied to him

## **14. Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 4th January 2021 using Zoom