

# WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 25TH OCTOBER 2021 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton, Cllr G Dominey  
In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC & NFDC), Mr S Husher, Mr C Cobb Smith, Mr E Hale (Clerk)  
Apologies: Cllr D Bellini  
No Declarations of Interest

### 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 26th July 2021.

Accepted as a true record. Matters arising:  
Handrail at end of Lower Grove footpath. This has been passed to Cllr Heron.  
Drainage at Whitsbury Farm. Cllr Harper has discussed with HCC but has not been resolved.  
Presentation about Farm Cluster. Agreed to delay this until safe to use Hall to full capacity.

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

None.

### 4. Report by Cllr E Heron.

**Lengthsman Scheme.** Unlikely to be funded after Spring 2023.  
**Highway Maintenance.** Insufficient funds for all repairs so work must be prioritised.  
**Adult Social Care.** Main HCC expenditure and government does not meet shortfall.  
**Staff Shortages.** Not just HGV drivers. Likely to be disruption to waste collections in Winter.  
**Broadband.** Cllr Dominey asked for update on the process as he has heard it is out to tender.  
Cllr Heron said the voucher scheme will pay two contributions of £1,500 for each property and funding should be secure. Cllr Dominey said Whitsbury still has a shortfall of around £40,000 but he still hopes the village can join 2023 scheme.

### 5. Financial Reports and Payments.

The current bank balances are £10,599.84 and £2,489.95. Since the last meeting there had been payments of £230 and £240 to Mr S Colborne, £110 to Mr J Bonello, £50 to Citizens Advice, and a receipt of £1,100 from NFDC for the precept.  
Cllr Thompson said Mr J Dyer had left £20,000 to the village which has currently been paid to the Village Hall. The Parish Council can decide how to spend this.

### 6. Planning Applications.

No new applications. Previous application for Lower Farm had been rejected by NFDC as considered to be too large for the existing property. Application for Minors Cottage was not yet decided, and for The Old Post Office the replacement windows had been withdrawn.

### 7. Whitsbury World.

**Newsletter.** Cllr Thompson said the latest Newsletter had been excellent.  
**Verges.** Mr Husher said there are no current issues.  
**Speeding.** Ms M Ware from HCC has offered to speak to villagers. Cllr Heron said she has a major backlog of work. Councillors asked for speed monitoring through the village.

**8. Whitsbury Village Plan.**

Cllr Thompson said the committee now comprises him, Cllr Dominey, Mr Husher, Mr J Dare, Ms C Dawe, and Ms K Castell. Chairman Mr Husher said they had reworked the 2006 questions to include some relating to speeding. They intend to issue questionnaires to villagers in late December or early January. Cllr Thompson said they want a high response so may use a prize draw but this causes issues with anonymous replies. Mr Husher asked Cllr Heron for a grant of £70 for printing. The Committee will deliver forms around the village.

**9. 2022 Jubilee Celebrations.**

Cllr Thompson said this will take place on Sunday 5th June and Mr M Locock has been asked to make arrangements. Cllr Sutton offered helpers with catering.

**10. Correspondence.**

Citizens Advice has written to thank the Parish Council for their £50 donation.

**11. Any Other Business.**

**Fordingbridge Update.** The Chairman asked the Clerk to speak about current issues in the local town in his role as Town Mayor. Planning applications take up much time as Fordingbridge has been allocated housing at sites 16, 17, and 18 in the NFDC Local Plan. Each site has different planning concerns, and the Town Council is trying to improve road links before more housing goes ahead. The Council has refurbished the Recreation Ground changing rooms and is hoping to upgrade the Town Hall so the Visitor Information Centre and all Council staff can be based there. There is an on-line consultation on improvements to the town which will be used to decide priorities in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan.

**Electric Car Charging Points.** Cllr Sutton asked if there are any plans for these in the village. Cllr Heron said HCC and NFDC are concentrating on charging points in towns which will get more use. Some original points are now out-dated and need replacement.

**Notice Board.** Mr Cobb-Smith asked if there is any progress on replacing the notice board outside The Cartwheel. Cllr Harper will contact Mr P Manston about this.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** Cllr Dominey asked about this and Mr Cobb-Smith said information is available on [hampshirealert.co.uk](http://hampshirealert.co.uk).

**12. Dates for Future Meetings.**

7pm on Mondays 10th January, 28th March, 23rd May, 25th July, and 31st October 2022.

Edward Hale. 28.10.21