

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 10TH JANUARY 2022 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr D Bellini, Cllr H Sutton

Apologies: Cllr C Harper, Cllr G Dominey, Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC)

In Attendance: Mr and Mrs Ambrose, Mr S Husher, Mr C Cobb Smith, Mr E Hale (Clerk)

No Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 25th October 2021.

Accepted as a true record. Matters arising:

Handrail at end of Lower Grove footpath. The Clerk will contact Cllr Heron about this.

Notice Board. Cllr Thompson will ask Cllr Harper if he has contacted Mr Manston about this.

3. Items raised by Members of the Public.

None.

4. To Agree Precept for 2022-23.

The Clerk said the total expenditure so far for the current year has been £1,274.26.

As the income from the precept was £2,200.00, this leaves a surplus of £925.74.

There was discussion about other costs which could arise during the next financial year.

Councillors agreed there is no need to increase the precept so voted for this to remain at £2,200.00.

5. Report by Cllr E Heron.

No report this meeting

6. Financial Reports and Payments.

The current bank balances are £10,599.84 and £2,489.99.

Since the last meeting there has been a payment of £50.00 to the Greening Campaign.

The Clerk asked for approval of payments of £120.00 to Mr S Colborne, £88.64 to Mr S Husher for website costs, and £230.00 to Mr E Hale for Clerk duties from March to October 2021. These were approved.

Cllr Thompson said the Village Hall account is holding the £20,000 bequest from Mr J Dyer.

7. Planning Applications.

No new applications.

The previous application for Lower Farm had been rejected by NFDC and is now being appealed.

The application for an extension to Minors Cottage has been granted approval.

The application for a driveway at The Old Post Office has been granted approval.

8. Speeding

Cllr Thompson reported there has been a meeting with Ms M Ware of HCC which was encouraging.

HCC will carry out a survey using traffic monitoring devices, and give options from this.

Traffic calming or speed restrictions are unlikely, but there could be advisory signage.

Cllr Thompson asked for help in managing this, and will speak to Cllr Dominey.

9. Broadband

Cllr Dominey had circulated an update saying applications are now being assessed by HCC.

10. Whitsbury World.

Newsletter. Mr Husher said the next Newsletter is being prepared and there is a meeting arranged. It will cover an update on the Village Plan, plans for the wildlife verge, the sharing box and the book exchange.

Greening Campaign. Cllr Thompson circulated details about this and said the village had joined the scheme. It covers how communities respond to climate change.

Welcome to Whitsbury Leaflet. This has been updated by Mr and Mrs Cumming.

11. Whitsbury Village Plan.

Mr Husher said the committee is preparing new questions so they can find out what is important to current residents. These will be delivered in late January, to be returned to committee members by the end of February. The questions cover green issues, speeding, and what residents like and dislike about the village. There will be a report in September to decide what actions should be taken forward.

12. 2022 Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Thompson said this will be on Sunday 5th June with Mr M Locock leading. It is hoped over 200 residents will attend, with a focus on the village children. The Cartwheel will be the food hub and all costs will be paid by the Village Hall.

13. Correspondence.

The Clerk received an email from Ms M Green asking if the Parish Council would support her application for an NFDC house in the village. Cllr Thompson had checked if NFDC would take account of Parish Council support. Cllr Heron said this would only be relevant if the applicant had a close connection to the village. Councillors agreed the connection was not close enough, so Cllr Thompson will reply to her email.

14. Any Other Business.

Village Show. This has been arranged for Saturday 6th August.

Phone Signal Booster. Mr Cobb-Smith said Bowerchalk has installed phone signal boosters at each end of the village to try to improve poor phone reception. The boosters cost £1,000 each per year. Cllr Bellini suggested this could be a question in the upcoming survey. There was discussion about whether the poor signal in the village affected smart meters.

Additional Defibrillator. Cllr Sutton said there had been a medical emergency near The Gallops and asked if an additional defibrillator could be installed at the farm. This will be discussed with Cllr Harper.

Hedge near Woodside Close. Cllr Sutton asked if the roadside hedge on the bend could be cut back.

15. Dates for Future Meetings.

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

PARISH COUNCIL EXPENDITURE SINCE APRIL 2021

June	Zurich	Insurance	155.62
July	S Colborne	Grass cutting	240.00
July	J Bonello	Audit	110.00
July	Citizens Advice	Grant	50.00
Sept	S Colborne	Grass cutting	230.00
Dec	Greening	Membership	50.00
Jan	S Colborne	Maintenance	120.00
Jan	S Husher	Website	88.64
Jan	E Hale	Clerk duties	<u>230.00</u>
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