

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 28TH MARCH 2022 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton

Apologies: Cllr D Bellini, Cllr G Dominey

In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr E Hale (Clerk)

Mrs R Drewitt, Mr S Husher, Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs S Locock, Mr M Locock,

No Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 10th January 2022.

Accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Matters arising:

Handrails at Lower Grove. Cllr Heron will look at these but thought these could be provided.

Notice Board. Cllr Thompson thanked Cllr Harper for arranging this.

Additional defibrillator at north of village. Councillors agreed not to provide this at present.

3. Items raised by Members of the Public.

None.

4. Report by Cllr E Heron.

Cllr Heron said HCC is looking to improve arts facilities in the Fordingbridge area so he would welcome any ideas on this. The new waste strategy is likely to be implemented later this year which will mean wheelie bins for general waste and food containers. There will be a doorstep collection available for residents who cannot use wheelie bins. Mrs Locock expressed concerns about moving bins on gravel drives. Cllr Heron said there will be alternatives available in these situations. Many parishes are planting Jubilee trees but arrangements must be made to maintain these in the future.

6. Planning Applications

The Chairman said there are no new planning applications in Whitsbury at present.

Mrs Locock spoke about her proposal to locate a mobile home in the garden of her house under a lawful development certificate. This will mean she can stay in the village when her daughter's family moves into her current house. A Planning Officer is due to visit to review the proposal. There is concern about constructing a concrete base, but Mrs Locock said railway sleepers are not suitable on sandy soil. Cllr Heron said he would like to attend the site visit. Cllr Thomson said the Parish Council has not been asked to submit a response as this is covered by a certificate, but he would support the proposal.

Cllr Thompson said his house has been nominated for an RIBA award. The Parish Council had supported the original planning application for the house, which shows the village supports new ideas.

11. Jubilee Celebrations

Mr Locock gave an update on plans for the village celebration on Sunday 5th June. There will be childrens' activities from 2.30 to 3.30, the National Anthem at 3.30, afternoon tea, then evening events at The Cartwheel including a barbeque. There was discussion about a village beacon, but these are being lit in other locations on Thursday 2nd June so would be a separate event. Cllr Harper offered to provide a location for a beacon. Mrs Kinsey asked if the village flagpole will be repaired and it was agreed this is owned by the Village Hall. Cllr Heron offered to make a donation towards the flagpole repairs.

6. Financial Reports and Payments.

The current bank balances are £10,111.20 and £2,490.05, making a total of £12,601.25.

The Clerk asked for approval of payments of £112.21 to Mr Husher for printing the Newsletter and Survey, and £156.93 to Zurich Municipal for Parish Council insurance. These were approved. Cllr Heron said he would make a payment of £100 towards the printing costs directly from his grant funding.

7. Whitsbury World

Mr Husher reported that all residents should have received the Newsletter and the plan is to produce three per year in future. There had been a village litter pick on 20th March. The wildlife verge has been fenced off. Cllr Heron suggested the verge is registered with HCC to avoid it being cut by accident.

8. Speeding

Cllr Thompson reported that HCC has agreed to carry out a traffic survey. The Parish Council has supported the Rockbourne Resolution requesting 20mph speed limits in all areas where residents walk. Cllr Heron was cautious on this as he said speed limits are usually only changed when there have been speed related incidents. Cllr Harper said there are more vehicles in the village now due to more delivery vans, but there are also more pedestrians as people are encouraged to walk.

9. Broadband

HCC are going through the procurement process with the planned upgrade to be rolled-out in mid-2023.

10. Whitsbury Village Plan.

Mr Husher said there have been 51 surveys returned from 92 households. The Village Plan Committee are meeting next week to discuss the results. The top concerns appear to be speeding, poor phone reception, and the poor condition of roads.

12. Correspondence.

The Clerk had received an email from Ms G Robinson expressing concerns about the Tri-Counties Trail Running fixing signs to trees using bolts which damage the trees. Cllr Harper said he thinks all bolts are removed when the signs are taken down.

13. Any Other Business.

Cllr Thompson said how well the village has responded to the Ukraine crisis. There had been one collection already and another is planned. Cllr Harper said there is a Ukrainian family coming to live in the village to join another couple who have lived in Whitsbury for a few years. Cllr Heron said HCC is co-ordinating the settlement process to ensure the families have all necessary facilities.

14. Dates for Future Meetings.

7pm on Monday 23rd May. The date for the following meeting was changed to Monday 1st August.

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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