

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM 7.00PM ON MONDAY 31ST JULY 2023 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

SPEAKER FROM WESSEX INTERNET ON PROJECT GIGABIT

Mr Goodchild from Wessex Internet said they were founded in 2010 to provide internet to hard-to-reach locations. Project Gigabit is a flagship project which has been awarded to Wessex this year. The installation has started at Pentridge, then will cover Martin, Damerham, Rockbourne, and Whitsbury by late Autumn. There will be free installation as the project is government funded. The intention is to provide faster speeds and better reliability. Wessex use trenchless technology where possible. The locations of property connections will be agreed with customers.

Cllr Thompson asked if all properties will be covered. Mr Goodchild said Breamore is not included in this programme as it will be included with Wiltshire. Residents can follow progress of the Gigabit contract on the Wessex Internet website. The cost of using Wessex will start at £29 per month.

Cllr Husher asked what arrangements will be made for power cuts as this will mean loss of phone lines. Also, can phone numbers be transferred? Mr Goodchild said there will be battery packs available to buy. Phone numbers can be transferred but residents will need to keep their previous supplier on until the transfer is made. Openreach will stop supporting analogue lines from the end of 2025. Cllr Dominey said VOIP lines don't support monitored alarm systems.

1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chair), Cllr H Sutton, Cllr G Dominey, Cllr S Husher

Apologies: Cllr C Harper

In Attendance: Cllr J Richards (NFDC), Mr and Mrs Ambrose, Mrs Kinsey, Mr Cobb-Smith, Mr Dare, Mr E Hale (Clerk)

Declarations of Interest: None

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 24th May 2023

Accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed the previous minutes to confirm this.

3. Items raised by Members of the Public.

Concerns raised about the new fence along the road edge at Whitsbury House. The owner has said he needed to stop cars parking along the road edge. Cllr Harper has said the fence should be accepted. Cllr Husher asked for clarification if the fence breached regulations by being so close to the road edge.

4. Report by NFDC Cllr Richards

A. Community Engagement Grants. Cllr Richards has £600 in total to benefit local communities.

B. HCC Walk and Cycle Infrastructure Plan. There is an LCWIP route through Whitsbury.

C. Community Energy South. £200K is available to advise local groups on community energy projects owned by local communities. Have held launch event. More details to follow.

5. Financial Reports and Payments

The Clerk reported the total amount in the Parish Council accounts is currently £13,435.62.

6. Planning Applications

23/10371 and 10372. Greengates alterations. These applications have been granted permission.

23/10451. 4 Well House Close. Balcony alterations. This application has been granted permission.

23/10571. Whitsbury Cross. Photo-voltaic panels. Registered by NFDC.

23/10684. Greengates. Single storey extension. Permission is not required due to size.

7. Village Plan

Cllr Husher gave an update on the Action Plan which includes:

Welcome to Whitsbury Leaflets. Some details will be included in next newsletter.

Liaison with Police. Sgt May has reminded residents to record incidents on the Police database.

(Speeding and Digital Infrastructure are items in the Village Plan but will be discussed separately)

Rights of Way. HCC has issued contact lists to show who deals with footpaths in each area.

Garden Waste Bins. All residents will need to re-register to join new scheme in 2024.

Cllr Dominey said residents will be able to rent additional garden waste bins if they want.

8. Whitsbury World

Cllr Husher said the wild flowers are taking longer to grow on the wild verge than expected.

He is investigating insurance cover and risk assessments for litter picking.

Mrs Kinsey asked if the Sharing Box could be raised up, so it is above the height for passing animals.

9. Speed Reduction

Councillors have agreed the scaled back proposals and Cllr Dominey will submit these to HCC.

Cllr Thompson and Cllr Richards attended the traffic meeting at Sandleheath earlier in the month. It was stated it works best to make drivers feel they are in a village community, rather than putting up lots of signs. Mr Richardson is leading this and will attend the next Whitsbury meeting.

10. Correspondence

None

11. Any Other Business

Village Legacy. There has been a meeting to discuss options for spending this. Cllr Thompson will sort these ideas for consideration by the Parish Council.

12. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 30th October 2023.

The 2024 meetings will be on Mondays 8th Jan, 25th March, 20th May, 29th July, and 28th October.

This meeting closed at 8.05pm

ACCOUNTS 1ST APRIL TO 31ST JULY 2023

Balance at 31st March			13,053.46
INCOME	Precept		+ 1,100.00
	Interest		+ 6.29
EXPENDITURE	S Colborne	135.00	
	Zurich Insurance	165.92	
	E Hale – Clerk	216.00	
	S Husher – Internet	82.21	
	J Bonello – Audit	<u>125.00</u>	<u>- 724.13</u>
Current balance			<u>13,435.62</u>