

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 22ND OCTOBER 2018 AT WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr S Locock, Cllr C Harper, Cllr N Manston, Cllr D Bellini,
In Attendance: Mr E Hale (Clerk), Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs H Sutton, Mr C Cobb-Smith, Mr R Rideout
Apologies: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr and Mrs Ambrose

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 30th July 2018

These were agreed as a true record and signed as such by the Chairman

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Harper said HCC had carried out work on the drains outside Manor Farm Cottages. The pipe had been connected and the area was draining. However, lorries were driving over the new kerbs which would cause damage. Cllr Harper would contact Cllr Heron to discuss options

Cllr Harper had not been able to discuss overhanging trees on the Breamore road yet but would discuss with Breamore Estate when he can. Cars have to pull out to avoid some branches

5. Items raised by Members of the Public

There was concern about accessing the defibrillator in an emergency when there is no mobile reception. All agreed it would be better for a few residents to have the code so they could provide quick access. Mr Cobb-Smith will check this with the local co-ordinator

6. Report by Cllr Heron

The Clerk reported that NFDC had consulted Fordingbridge Town Council briefly about changes to the town car park. The Town Council had raised concerns about blocking the entrance from Roundhill as it would mean more traffic using Green Lane and The Bartons. There was also uncertainty about the location of the recycling bins and charging points for electric vehicles

7. Correspondence

Citizens Advice New Forest had written to thank the Parish Council for their grant of £50

New Forest Disability had written to ask for a donation. Councillors decided not to support this

HCC had written to say their charges for providing licences would be increasing

8. Financial Reports

A. Balances of Accounts. The current balances are £2,487.27 in the deposit account and £2,735.63 in the current account. The current account has reduced by payments of £50 to the CAB and £120 for grass cutting, but had increased by £900 from the second precept payment

B. Accounts for Payment. Mr S Colborne has applied for a payment of £120 for open space grass cutting in August and September, which was approved by the Council

9. Planning Applications

A. Building Applications. There had not been any new applications submitted recently. The Clerk had not received any feedback on the application for holiday accommodation at Oak Trees. It has now been confirmed that the application was withdrawn by the applicant

B. Tree Applications. No current tree applications

10. Parish Council Representatives

The Clerk had received minutes from the Liaison Meeting in Damerham on 12th July, which had been attended by Damerham and Sandleheath representatives. The main issues discussed were concerns about the proposed housing at Ashford and at Alderholt, both of which would mean more traffic through the villages. Sandleheath had issues with blocked drains, and Damerham PC had employed a contractor to clear some ditches. Sandleheath PC has been involved in a new cycle track and leasing the Church as a village hall, while Damerham PC had built a play trail

The Liaison Meeting had suggested the next meeting be held in another village in January, so Councillors agreed to invite the other villages to attend after the next Parish Council meeting

11. Any Other Business

The Chairman and Cllr Harper had met the solicitor acting for the Parish Council on the transfer of the open space and agreed a way forward. The only remaining issues are confirming a right of access from Breamore Estate, and removal of some covenants on the Council owned land

Mr Cobb-Smith reminded Councillors about the Royal British Legion event at Damerham on Friday 9th November. A copy of the Roll of Honour will be placed in the Village Hall

There was discussion about The Cartwheel, but no certainty about when it would be open again

12. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January 2019 at 6.30pm in the Village Hall, to be followed by the Western Downlands Liaison Meeting at 7.30pm. The Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Edward Hale – 23rd October 2018