

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM 7.00PM ON MONDAY 25TH MARCH 2024 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chair), Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton, Cllr S Husher, Mr E Hale (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr G Dominey, Cllr J Richards (NFDC)

In Attendance: Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs S Ambrose

Declarations of Interest: None

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 8th January 2024

Cllr Sutton asked for Item 8 to include that she had said she did not support using the funds for an annual supper to be held at The Cartwheel. Cllr Husher asked for Item 14 to be amended to exclude payment for a sound system. The Clerk will amend these for approval at the next meeting.

3. Items raised by Members of the Public.

Mrs Kinsey asked if the Parish Council could complain to Fordingbridge Town Council about the state of hedges at Tinkers Cross. Cllr Husher offered to register this on FixMyStreet.

4. Report by NFDC Cllr Richards and HCC Cllr Heron

Cllr Richards had submitted a written report which the Clerk had circulated. This covered the current situation on the application for sand and gravel extraction at Midgham Farm. Cllr Richards is asking NFDC to object to the application because of the impact it will have on local residents. The report also covered the updated procedures for applying for 20mph limits. Cllr Thompson will discuss this with Cllr Dominey to decide if there is an option for Whitsbury.

5. Financial Reports and Payments

The Clerk said the current total in the two accounts is £13,692.11, as shown on the Accounts at the end of the previous Minutes. There have not been any other payments.

6. Planning Applications

No recent planning applications.

Post Meeting Note. Application 23/20277 for Majors Farm is shown on the NFDC website but there are no documents to view.

7. Jim Dyer Legacy

No update.

8. Village Plan

No update.

9. Whitsbury World

Cllr Thompson said he is arranging a survey of his home using a heat seeking camera as this will show where any heat losses occur. The survey can only be carried out when the external temperature is below 8 degrees C. He also said he would be reminding Cllr Richards that she had offered to arrange a visit to an NFDC main recycling centre.

10. Speed Reduction

No update.

11. Broadband

Cllr Husher said he now has high speed broadband and is very pleased with it. He warned that BT will cancel residents' phone lines when changing broadband provider, but Wessex can set up a VOIP phone. There may be BT charges for cancelling a service early so some residents are waiting until their existing contracts end. Some existing phones will not work using VOIP particularly Panasonic phones. If the power gets interrupted you will need a back-up power supply which can be purchased. Wessex can make special arrangements for Careline type 'Red Button' alarms with phone links.

12. Correspondence

Community Forum. 27th March at Lyndhurst. Cllr Thompson is no longer able to attend this.

Planning Training. 22nd May 6.30pm to 9.00pm at Fordingbridge. Cllr Husher said he will attend this. The Clerk will confirm this booking and arrange payment of the £40 charge.

D Day 80th Anniversary. Mr Richardson from Western Downland Royal British Legion has asked if Whitsbury is making any arrangements. Cllr Thompson will reply to say there are no current plans.

Lengthsman Scheme. The Clerk said HCC have agreed to fund the scheme for another two years. He has been asked to sign a new agreement. It was agreed the scheme is worthwhile and there was discussion about work which could be carried out in the village. It was agreed Councillors would consider possible jobs and the Clerk would ask for a day to be allocated after the 13th May meeting.

13. Any Other Business

Cllr Husher reported the Whitsbury Village Show will be on 3rd August 2024 and he will provide more details in the next newsletter.

14. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting. Cllr Thompson said it would be good to arrange speakers from local groups to attract more villagers to attend. He will investigate options for this.

Post Meeting Note. The proposed date of 13th May clashes with Martin Parish Council so it is unlikely NFDC or HCC Councillors would attend. The Clerk will investigate alternative dates.

The other 2024 meetings will be on Mondays 29th July and 28th October.

This meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Parish Council Accounts

Balance at start of current year		13,053.46	
Income	Precept from NFDC		+ 2,200.00
	Bank interest		+ 15.56
Expenditure	Insurance	165.92	
	Newsletter copying	169.55	
	Website costs	105.44	
	Election expenses	75.00	
	Clerk duties	396.00	
	Auditor	125.00	
	Grass cutting	<u>540.00</u>	<u>- 1,576.91</u>
Current balance			<u>13,692.11</u>