

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Whissonsett Parish Council held on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllr Sally Dye (Chair)
Cllr Charles Holloway (Vice Chair)
Cllr Susan Dayment
Cllr James Daniels
Cllr Caroline Edge
Cllr Tristan Ireson

Sheryl Irving (Clerk)

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, apologies were received from District Cllr Hambidge and County Cllr Kiddle-Morris.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

Cllr Daniels declared his interest in item 7a – APP/F2605/W/22/3290105.

3. To note the Council vacancy and to consider the co-option of applicants to the post.

Council noted that there was one vacancy and the Chairman encouraged members to consider suitable candidates.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2022.

Cllr Dye proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Daniels and unanimously agreed by Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

5. Open Forum for Public Participation.

There were no members of the public present.

6. County & District Councillors Reports.

A written report had been received from C/Cllr Kiddle-Morris and this is attached.

7. Planning Issues

a) Decisions to note.

Council noted that decisions were still awaited on the following applications.

- **3PL/2021/0274/CU** – Caravan, Back Lane, Stanfield - change of use of agricultural and brown field land to residential caravan use for an extended Traveller family. A maximum of two static caravans and three touring caravans to be stationed on the land, on either a temporary or permanent basis (Retrospective).

- **3PL/2022/0355/VAR** – 5 Durrant Close - variation of Condition 2 on 3PL/2019/1416/D - Revised design for plot 2 (to include rooms in the roof) and Garage.
- **3PL/2022/0315/F** – Small Holdings Farm, London Street - conversion of existing agricultural barn to one residential dwelling with annex. Part demolition of existing agricultural lean too building.
- **3PL/2022/0319/VAR** – The Cottage, New Road - variation of Condition 2 on 3PL/2020/0004/D - To approve revised landscaping scheme (601/2021/601/DOC and 601/2021/601 Plan) as these have superseded the original Approved drawings/plans.
- **3PL/2022/0435/VAR** – Lower Farm, Lower Farm Barn, New Road - variation of condition 2 on pp 3PL/2017/1041/F - alterations to provide annexe usage for garage block and discharge of condition 8 (drainage).
- **APP/F2605/W/22/3290105** - Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Appeal under Section 78 - Site Address: - Land adjacent to West End, Raynham Road - three self-build detached dwellings (*Application reference: 3PL/2021/0981/O*).

b) Applications to consider.

There were no applications to consider.

c) To receive an update from the District Cllr re the adjacent trees at the Old Pit building development.

Council noted that the Breckland Tree Officer had inspected the site and did not find any signs that damage had occurred that would be likely to affect the structural stability of the trees along the boundary with the church. That being the case, Council agreed not to pursue this matter any further.

8. Highways matters.

a) To receive an update re matters previously reported.

Council noted the following updates:

- Mill Lane – Open Reach vehicles parking on road and the request for land reinstatement – boundaries established and area to be cleared.
- New Road – flooding – solutions being investigated by Highways.
- Faded Street Signs – Rectory Road/School Road – reported again to Breckland.
- Footpath 3 – Bridge – reported to Highways and works programmed.
- London Road – flooding – works programmed by Highways.
- Fir Trees dumped on Mill Lane – reported to Breckland & Highways – no action to be taken.
- Graffiti on road signs – reported to Highways but kindly cleaned by a resident.

Council agreed to contact a resident on Mill Lane whose hedge was obstructing highway visibility.

Council members were advised to report any new matters to the Clerk as the Highway Rangers were expected in the village and it was hoped they would deal with any outstanding issues.

b) To receive a report regarding the SAM II sign.

There was no update in respect of the SAM II sign.

9. To consider any issues in respect of the Play Area including any matters raised in the annual inspection report.

Council noted there had been one high risk matter in the annual inspection report which Cllr Edge had inspected, Cllr Daniels will now make good the item and it was noted that it was still safe for use. Cllr Edge will address the low risk matters outlined in the report.

Cllr Edge and Cllr Daniels will obtain quotes for the fence repairs, with Cllr Daniels making good where he can.

10. To receive an update regarding tree works and to consider the planting of additional Jubilee trees.

Council agreed there was nowhere suitable for any additional tree planting.

11. To receive an update regarding planting a Jubilee tree in the churchyard and plaque.

Cllr Dye will find out what the existing trees in the churchyard are and obtain a quote for something similar. Cllr Ireson will make a suitable plaque.

12. To consider any maintenance or other issues relating to village areas.

Council noted that some areas of the allotment are untidy and agreed to contact all allotment holders to remind them of the terms of their contracts.

13. Correspondence

- Invitation to Bid for Parish Partnership 2023/24 – Council agreed that a lack of funds prevented them from making any bids.
- OCO Technology Consultation – this related to a site in Wretham and Council had no comment.
- NARS request for funding – Cllr Dye proposed a £50 donation, this was seconded by Cllr Daniels and unanimously agreed by Council.

14. Finance & Governance Matters

a) To receive a financial report for the year ending 31st March 2023.

The financial report (attached) was noted.

b) To approve the following payments.

Cllr Dye proposed approval of the following payments, this was seconded by Cllr Edge and unanimously agreed by Council.

• Clerk (Salary/Allowance – June/July)	£392.60
• HMRC – PAYE	£3.20
• Grass Contractor (May)	£726.78
• Internal Auditor (2021/22)	£35.00
• Grass Contractor (June)	£726.78
• Defibrillator – replacement battery	£318.00
• NARS Donation	£50.00

15. To receive any new items for the next agenda.

No new items were received.

16. To note the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 12th September 2022 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Council noted the date of the next meeting and the Chairman then closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

WHISSONSETT PARISH COUNCIL					
YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2023					
FINANCIAL REPORT - JULY 2022					
BUDGET UPDATE	Budget	To	%	Bank Reconciliation	
	2022/23	date	Spend	Community Account at 01.04.2022	8,623.77
PAYMENTS				Plus Receipts at 30.06.2022	7,314.77
Admin	1,145	613	54%	Less Payments at 30.06.2022	2,422.15
Salary	1,600	752	47%	TOTAL	13,516.39
Grass Cutting	5,200	2,180	42%	Bank Balance at 30.06.2022	14,278.17
Play Area	250	-	0%	Less any outstanding payments	761.78
Open Spaces (inc maintenance)	2,000	265	13%	Plus any outstanding receipts	-
Donations**	100	-	0%	TOTAL	13,516.39
TOTAL	10,295	3,810	37%	including £100 Allotment deposit	
RECEIPTS			Received		
Precept	12,000	6,000	50%		
Allotments	170	50	29%		
Grants	-	-			
HMRC Refund	-	20			
TOTAL	12,170	6,070	50%		
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	1,875	2,260			

Norfolk County Council
Member for Necton and Launditch
Report July 2022

Dualling of the A47: The Secretary of State (SoS) has approved the proposed National Highways improvements to the A47 between Blofield and North Burlingham which will provide a 1.6 mile stretch of dual carriageway with associated grade separated junctions and overbridges. The projected cost of the project is £50-100m.

The SoS is considering the Development Consent Order (DCO) for the proposed dualling of the A47 between Tuddenham and Easton and is due to make his decision in late August. The new dual carriageway will be 6.1 miles long and consist of a grade separated junction at Wood Lane and removal of the Honingham and Easton roundabouts.

NCC have lobbied for the improvements to the A47 to boost the economic prosperity of the county through its membership of the A47 Alliance which has a membership consisting of representatives from all the councils on the A47 from Peterborough to Gt Yarmouth.

The National Highways website has a “fly through” visual interpretation of both the schemes described above.

Norwich Western Link: Last Monday the NCC cabinet reaffirmed commitment to completing the so-called Western Link. This 3.9 miles of dual carriageway will join the Broadland Northway (A1067) and the A47. The new Wood Lane junction on the dualled A47 will provide the access to the A47. Crossing the environmentally sensitive Wensum valley will pose problems, and no doubt significant protest, but NCC is confident that such concerns can be mitigated. The new road will reduce traffic through the villages between the A1067 and the A47 which are currently subject to high traffic volumes due to “rat running”. Since the construction of the Broadland Northway traffic volumes on the B1145 have increased and the new link road will reduce this traffic flow.

Mark Kiddle-Morris.