

WHITTON PARISH PRECEPT MEETING

15 November 2017

Present

Steve Hill (Chair), Gillian Davies (Clerk), (Treasurer), Fran Ross (Heritage and Environment),

Cllr Ralph Ogg, Cllr Elaine Marper, Philippa Barker Mike Brocklesby, Adrian Davey, Joanne Davey, Jo Stones, Kevin Webster, Pam Woodward

Apologies

Richard Adams, Sue Cranston, Sam Dron, Sue Dron, Cllr Helen Rowson, Wendy Spilman, Geoff Stones

Welcome and Introduction

Steve Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed them that the main function of this meeting was to set the Parish Precept, to look at how our money was spent and to make any plans for public spending.

Action

1. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u> The minutes of the Precept Meeting of 16 November 2016 had been published on the Whitton Village Hall Website between January and June 2016. Jo Stones proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Fran Ross seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.	
2. <u>Declaration of Interests in respect of Agenda</u> None declared.	
3. <u>Matters Arising</u> 3.1 <u>Station Road Resurfacing</u> We are still trying to get Station Road carriageway on the list for resurfacing due to its poor state. The larger potholes had been filled in last March following a complaint to the Council but we had been unable to get a firm promise that it would be resurfaced in full. We are to continue to press the Highways Dept for an update as to when the road will be resurfaced. 3.2 <u>Station Road Footpath</u> An attempt at resurfacing the footpath with slurry seal had been made but only half way down the pathway. On the part that had been done the contractor had failed to remove the damp mossy surface and weeds beforehand and it was now breaking up. On the lower half of the footpath the contractor had told the Council that the footpath was in a too poor state to take the slurry seal. It was evident that the footpath needed the soil digging off and the footpath resurfacing properly with edging bricks. Jo Stones made the point that the footpath was unsafe and that there was now a health and safety risk, especially as there is a mix of children and older people living down this road who have to walk down the single track roadway due to the poor condition of the path. Cllr	GD

<p>Elaine Marper requested photographs of the path and roadway so that she could take this up with the Highways Dept.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p><u>3.3 Station Road Trees</u></p>	
<p>Ralph Ogg gave the meeting an update on the situation regarding the trees on Station Road and read out an email from Tim Allen which stated that the trees on the bank were not in danger of falling down and that they presented no problem to highways users. However this is a geological site and he is prepared to do some work on the trees at Council cost. Before they could be done they would need to carry out a bat survey in the spring. Steve Hill said that the bat survey prior to village hall renovations was done in October and it is questionable as to when such a survey should be carried out. The point was also made that any work would need to be done before birds started nesting. Ralph Ogg is to arrange a meeting with Tim Allen prior to Spring.</p>	<p>RO</p>
<p>Jo Stones raised the issue of trees which were encroaching on telephone wires, a situation which had previously resulted in their telephone line being inoperable. This potentially involves 2 houses that are rented out. The Parish Meeting is to write to the home owners of the properties on behalf of the residents to request that the trees are maintained and pruned as they were damaging the telephone lines.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p><u>3.4 Bus Stop at end of Ings Lane</u></p>	
<p>We have informed the Public Transport Development Officer that we are no longer considering a bus shelter at the end of Ings Lane, only for the bus stop to be formally recognised having been in use for 50 years. It was hoped that this would expedite the installation of dragon's teeth which were promised for last spring. GD expressed frustration that the work that we had been promised had not been done and would continue her regular communication with the Highways Dept in an effort to get a firm date for work.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p><u>3.4 Noticeboard at end of Ings Lane</u></p>	
<p>The new noticeboard has been made by Mike Brocklesby and Steve Pike and it will be put into position once the issue of the bus stop and road markings at the entrance to the village has been completed. Highways Dept may assist with this.</p>	<p>RA</p>
<p><u>3.5 Village Sign</u></p>	
<p>Unfortunately there have been no further developments on the village sign. Whitton resident Mike Bruce had recently declined the task of designing it. We are to contact a local sign manufacturer in Barton, MD Signs, for some advice in this respect. Cllrs Ogg and Marper made the point that the cost of a Council sign could be offset against the cost of one we would be purchasing privately. As a result of this discussion Kevin Webster, and Adrian and Joanne Davey expressed their interest in producing a design and they were handed a rough outline as a guide. It was suggested that if the size of the design was the same as the present one, then the existing posts could be used to hang it on.</p>	<p>RA/GD</p>
<p><u>3.6 Humber Bank Footpath Routing</u></p>	
<p>FR gave the meeting a brief history of this issue which concerned the footpath</p>	

<p>along the Humber Bank which is not the same as the route on the map which shows it traversing the field. Anglian Water had objected to this but the Council had said they were going to go ahead anyway because they have witnesses to say that it has been in use for years. There is a cut off point for footpaths being established but we have been assured by the Council that anything that has been started will carry on. Unfortunately there was nothing new to report because as people had left the Department they have not been replaced and there is now only one person (Naomi Boyd) dealing with these cases in the Council.</p> <p>3.7 Defibrillator Training</p> <p>The session delivered by Heart Start in the village hall last November had been attended by 17 villagers. They have offered to do a second session and we are waiting for them to give us a date.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>RA</p>
<p>3. Financial Report</p> <p>SH presented The Treasurer, Sue Cranston's financial report and a copy is attached to these minutes. The treasurer recommended that the precept remain at £2,600 for a further year ending 31st March 2019. This was seconded by Fran Ross and unanimously agreed. It has remained unchanged for 9 years.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>4. Elected Councillor Update</p> <p>4.1 Playground Area</p> <p>Cllr Ogg had received the email from Richard Adams which requested guidance on the possibility of a play area in Whitton. Both councillors present pointed out the importance of insurance on such projects with a quote of £2,500 being given for one village. Maintenance and insurance needs to be incorporated into the Precept and they would also need to see a business plan which illustrated this. SH stated that at this stage we are exploring costs and benefits to residents to see if it is a worthwhile activity and we will come back with recommendations at a future parish meeting.</p> <p>4.2 North Lincolnshire in Bloom</p> <p>Whitton has potentially been awarded £250 for this initiative which "has been introduced to encourage volunteers to become active in their communities and to be involved in planting and maintaining of the enhanced planting scheme by improving and flourishing the floral displays in the village". The application form has to be completed by 30 November and sent to Councillors together with prices/quotations for our proposal with money being spent by February 2018. The possibility of putting 2 planters containing climbing roses against the walls of the Village Hall was discussed although it was pointed out that these would need to be correctly sited in order not to obstruct the wheel chair access in front of the 2 south facing windows.</p> <p>4.3 LED Lighting</p> <p>This is being rolled out across the area.</p> <p>Pam Woodward asked if the light at the end of Ings Lane could be replaced as sometimes it works for a few days then it doesn't work for a few days. This will be reported to Highways Dept.</p> <p>4.4 Number 60 Bus Service</p> <p>From 2/1/2018 the service will transfer from Hornsby to Stagecoach East Midlands. All times remain the same.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD</p>

<p>5. <u>Emergency Plan</u></p> <p>The initial plan proposed that a generator be used to supply power in the Village Hall but this would evidently require a complete overhaul of the electrics in the hall at considerable cost. As a result the plan is to be redone without emergency power to the village hall but outlining how the hall would be used a community facility and coordination point with the emergency services in the event of serious incident in this area.</p>	<p>RA</p>
<p>6. <u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>Following a recent planning application in the village it was noted that none of the neighbours affected had received any notification direct from the authority. Councillor Ogg stated that since April 2017 notices are only put on the nearest telegraph pole and residents are no longer notified direct. The Clerk had received an email notification about the planning application and the possibility of putting a notifications box on the Whitton Village Hall website was muted. Kevin Webster who designed and manages the site was present at the meeting and said that this should not be a problem.</p>	<p>GD/KW</p>
<p>7. <u>Parish Newsletter</u></p> <p>Chris Stanley and Mike Bruce have decided that this did not want to continue doing the newsletter in light of the Parish Meeting's decision to produce this quarterly rather than half yearly. This news was received with much disappointment by everyone with Kevin Webster expressing sadness at the loss of this coffee table publication. A letter of thanks will be sent to Chris and Mike on behalf of village residents.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>8. <u>Lions donation</u></p> <p>In celebration of their 100 years existence, Winterton Lions have offered the village a wooden seat or picnic table. Those present unanimously voted in favour of a bench which could possibly be sited on the Nev Cole way near the beech tree to take advantage of the wonderful view. GD to inform the Lions accordingly.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>9. <u>Village Road Sign</u></p> <p>We have received a complaint from a villager that there is no longer a road sign for Main Street after allegedly becoming rotten and not being replaced. This is at the bottom of the road after Blacksmiths Hill. Evidently delivery drivers struggle to find Main Street. GD to contact Highways Dept.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>10. <u>Snow Warden</u></p> <p>Geoff Stones has agreed to be our Snow Warden for another year and has been handed the required pack of information.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Note of Thanks</u></p> <p>Cllr Marper expressed her thanks to the Parish Meeting for their efforts on the part of Whitton residents. The Parish Meeting would like to convey their thanks to Elaine Marper for her commitment to raising the Station Road surfacing and village footpath issues up with the council and also to all the villagers who give their time and effort to make Whitton a great place to live.</p>	

<p>12. Any Other Business</p> <p>12.1 A resident raised the issue of parking on corner Chapel Lane/Post Office Lane. Evidently someone is parking on the pavement which is breaking up the kerb despite the fact that the person has a drive to park on. Elaine Marper pointed out that parking on the kerb and obstructing the road for emergency services is an offence. She suggests we put this in the newsletter reminding people of their responsibilities along the lines of "Did you know it is an offence to etc... DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT!!".</p> <p>12.2 Joanne Davey stated that she has had to report a blocked drain outside her house and she requested that the Parish Meeting thank the Council for their prompt response. GD to include thanks to Mark Thornborough when writing regarding the other Highways issues including when Post Office Lane would be resurfaced.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>GD</p>
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> To be arranged</p>	<p>GD</p>

Whitton Parish Meeting
Annual Precept Meeting
Wednesday 15th November 2017
Treasurers Report

Bank balance as at end of FY - 16/17 £5603

Bank balance as at 15/11/17 - £7212.06

Expenses during 17/18 so far:

Insurance £376.26

Contribution to Whitton Village Hall re: new window £108.89

Lincolnshire Fieldpaths £5

Planters £83.70

Clerks honorarium £215.90

Audit fees (2 years) £50

Notice board £139.41

Paper & Ink (R Adams) £12.45

Income during FY 17/18: Precept £2600

Future expenses during FY 17/18:

Clerks honorarium £225

Planters £80

Grass Cutting £175

Village sign £2000

All items in future expenses are subject to change.

I would propose that the annual precept for Whitton Parish Meeting remains at £2600.

Sue Cranston
Whitton Parish Meeting Treasurer
Dated: 15/11/17