

WHITTON PARISH PRECEPT MEETING

14 November 2018

Present

Steve Hill (Chair), Gillian Davies (Clerk), Sue Cranston (Treasurer), Nigel Barley, Cllr Ralph Ogg, Philippa Barker, Adrian Davey, Joanne Davey, Marion King, Nigel Smith, Chris Stanley

Apologies

Fran Ross, Cllr Elaine Marper, Cllr Helen Rowson, Sam and Sue Dron, Jo Stones, Pete and Pam Woodward

Welcome and Introduction

GD 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
<p>1. <u>Election of Chair</u> At the AGM in June no one was willing to stand as Chair and the meeting was Chaired by the Vice Chair, Steve Hill. Steve declared that he would now be willing to stand as Chair. This was unanimously agreed and Democratic Services to be informed.</p>	GD
<p>2. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u> The minutes of the Precept Meeting of 15 November 2017 had been published on the Whitton Village Hall Website between January and June 2018. Adrian Davey proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Chris Stanley seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Declaration of Interests in respect of Agenda</u> None declared.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>Noticeboard at the end of Ings Lane</u> Following erection of the bus stop at the end of Ings Lane on 12/6/18, the noticeboard has been installed and a letter of thanks from the Parish Meeting sent to Mike Brocklesby who had completed this work.</p> <p>4.2 <u>Village Sign</u> This is an ongoing issue and there was nothing to report at this stage. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Meeting committee.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Humber Bank Footpath Routing</u> The matter is in the hands of North Lincolnshire Council and there is nothing further to report at this stage.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Defibrillator Training</u> Heart Start carried out a training event on the use of the defibrillator and CPR</p>	All

<p>in Whitton Village Hall on 21st November 2016 and several people have asked if there will be another one. This will be arranged if sufficient people are interested and an item has been included in the latest newsletter to gauge interest. If further training is arranged, we will check if there is a minimum age for attendees as several people present felt that children would benefit from such a session.</p> <p>It was noted that the location of the defibrillator on the outside front of the building meant that it was regularly getting soaked from the water coming off the roof where 2 gutters were misaligned. The box was also full of condensation. Cllr Ogg offered to report this and get the defibrillator checked.</p> <p>4.5 <u>North Lincolnshire in Bloom</u> Following the award of a community grant for £250, 2 planters containing climbing roses have been installed against the wall of the village hall. Rob Waltham plus the 3 councillors visited Whitton on 2nd August to present Whitton Parish Meeting with a certificate in celebration and this is on display in the hall.</p> <p>4.6 <u>Road Sign for Main Street</u> This issue will be chased up as the road after Blacksmith's Hill still has no sign.</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>Cllr Ogg</p> <p>GD</p>
<p>3. <u>Financial Report</u> The Treasurer presented her financial report and a copy is attached to these minutes showing a current bank balance of £9,615.88. The balance includes the sale of books as outlined in item 6.1. SC recommended that the precept remain at £2,600 for a further year ending 31st March 2020. This was proposed by Steve Hill, seconded by Nigel Barley and unanimously agreed. It has remained unchanged for 10 years.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>5. <u>Elected Councillor Update</u> 5.1 <u>Safe and Sound Home Assistance Grant</u> Cllr Ogg handed out information concerning a Home Assistance Grant whose aim is to help minimise the fear of crime for residents aged 70+ in North Lincs. The details are to be circulated to those residents who are eligible to apply.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>6. <u>Summary of Activity since last meeting</u> 6.1 <u>Neil Shand's Book Sale</u> Following the kind and generous bequest to Whitton Parish from villager Neil Shand, a book and CD sale was held in the village hall on 4th and 5th August. The value of sales was £1190.68 which included £175.71 for teas, cakes and ice creams. The meeting expressed their thanks to everyone who gave their support and time to help give this event such a positive outcome. There are still a lot of books and CDs in storage and another book sale is to take place on Saturday 24th November along with a Craft Fayre which will give those people who were unable to attend in August, the opportunity to purchase from the collection.</p> <p>We also have 100 books which are to be sold separately as they are hopefully of a higher value to the rest and the best opportunities for maximising their sale value have been investigated. A list of 100 books has been compiled with</p>	<p>GD FR</p> <p>GD</p>

<p>information on each which has been emailed to many booksellers. One book has been sold to Lucius Books in York for £150 – Small Hope by Edward St Aubyn – with payment received by BACS. Unfortunately there has been no other response from booksellers.</p> <p>A Whitton Parish Meeting Ebay and Paypal account has been opened but we are only able to put 10 books per month on the website and so far only one has been sold for £1.80 – so it has been a lot of work for little reward so far although we will continue to pursue it.</p> <p>GD has emailed auctioneers with details of a signed copy of Fifty Years Adrift by Derek Taylor and George Harrison and this is to go in the Mallams Auction in Oxford on 30th January. The auction can be viewed live online.</p> <p>Following the book sale we are to contact the North Lincs library officer, Tim Davies, to find out if they are interested in taking any of the remaining books, particularly for the Winterton library. It was felt that this would be in keeping with the wishes of Neil Shand whose Will states that Neil has left “all his books, videos and compact discs to the Parish Council of Whitton for their use to create a village library or for the sale thereof to raise funds for the benefit of the village”.</p> <p>6.2 Produce Show The first Autumn Produce, Flower and Art Show was held in Whitton Village Hall on Sunday 16th September and was a great fun event for all ages. There were 40 different classes to enter which included baking, flowers, craft, preserves and homemade alcoholic drinks. The Parish Meeting thanked Joanne and Adrian Davey for organising the event and a second Produce Show was planned for next year.</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>JD AD</p>
<p>7. <u>Planning Applications</u> The Clerk has been advised by the Council of a planning application at 6 Council Villas in Ings Lane and had written to the immediate neighbours to advise them.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>8. <u>Lions Bench</u> In celebration of their 100 years existence, Winterton Lions have given Whitton a wooden bench which has been positioned outside the village hall. A letter of thanks has been sent to the Lions in Winterton.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>9. <u>Dog Poo Bin</u> Now that the bus stop sign has been erected there is an issue with the siting of the dog poo bin which is adjacent to it. As children wait at the bus stop for the school bus, it was considered a health and safety issue. Potential sites for relocating the bin are to be investigated.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>10. <u>WWI Centenary</u> In recognition of the Centenary of the First World War, the Parish Meeting had purchased iron statues of 2 ‘Tommies’ which had been positioned against the wall of the village hall. Two further cut out Tommies had been staked on the grass verge at the entrance of the village together with a wreath and poppies made by Joanne Davey. Adrian Davey had made a poppy out of corrugated</p>	

<p>iron which had been put on the wall of the village hall. A letter of thanks has been sent to Joanne and Adrian for their work on this and many people had expressed positive thoughts on the sentiment. Thanks too to Kevin Webster for producing a plaque giving the names of the fallen in both world wars.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>11. <u>Stairs in Village Hall</u> SH informed parishioners that when the village hall was extended, provision had been made in the roof space for another room. Plans were now being put into operation for the installation of a staircase and grant applications were being made. The Parish Meeting have agreed to contribute £2,000 to this project which will include the installation of a stud wall and lockable door at the top of the stairs plus boarding for the floor.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p>12. <u>Newsletter</u> The resurrected Whitton Parish Newsletter was delivered through parishioners' letterboxes on the day of this meeting, The Parish Meeting gave thanks to Chris Stanley and Mike Bruce for the hours of work that has gone into the newsletter which was brought back after 2 years by popular demand. The cost for each publication is £2.50 which reflects an increase on the last newsletter.</p>	
<p>13. <u>Speeding</u> Many residents have expressed concern about the amount of speeding both into and out of Whitton, especially as there has been an increase in the number of children and young people riding bikes in the village. We are currently investigating the available options to tackle the issue including a flashing sign which we can hire for a short period of time which gives the benefit of logging the number of times it has been triggered. Cllr Ogg stated that the Community Speed Watch has not gone down well and has resulted in a lot of aggravation from residents. It was pointed out that the speeding traffic into and out of Whitton was mainly delivery drivers and buses, particularly the school bus. The issues will be discussed at the next parish meeting in order that options can be discussed and plans can be formulated.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>14. <u>Deer Sign</u> The implementation of deer signs on the road into Whitton had previously been rejected due to the notion that it would attract deer hunters into the area. It was pointed out that lights in local fields are often seen at night so clearly poachers are already aware of the presence of deer in the area. Cllr Ogg stressed that if any lights are seen at night people should dial 999 to get a police car on the scene. However, following an incident in which 2 Whitton parishioners hit a deer on the approach road and had to be taken to hospital by air ambulance, the issue of deer signs is to be reconsidered and will be discussed at the next meeting of parish committee.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>15. <u>Pruning of the Trees on the road into Whitton</u> Sam Dron and Adrian Davey have undertaken some trimming of the trees at the village entrance and they want to continue with this up to the Alkborough turn in order that grass cutting can be made easier. On the advice of Cllr Ogg permission is to be sought from the owner of the land, Martin Robinson.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>16. <u>New Year Walk</u> This will take place again and The Bay Horse in Winteringham is expecting the party. Brunch is £5. Names should be given to SD or FR. All to meet at the</p>	<p>FR/SD</p>

village hall at 10 am.	
<p>17. <u>Whitton People Past and Present</u> Whitton resident, Julie Rudge, is putting together a photographic exhibition of Whitton residents past and present and is in the process of taking residents photographs. She will put these in an exhibition in the village hall together with any one photographs which she can obtain. The Parish Meeting have agreed to fund the cost, including materials for displaying the photographs.</p>	All
<p>18. <u>Shed for village hall</u> The Chair of Whitton Village Hall Committee has requested that the Parish Meeting fund the purchase of a shed for storage purposes. It was unanimously agreed and we are to contact Creaseys and Buttons in Winterton for a quote on a 8x6 foot shed with a concrete base, including siting.</p>	GD
<p>19. <u>Any other business</u> There was discussion about the bank on Blacksmith's Hill which is moving and now covers 2 feet of the road. The issue of who was responsible for dredging ditches around Whitton was raised and Cllr Ogg pointed out that this was a matter for the appropriate landowners.</p>	
<p>20. <u>Date of next meeting</u> – 12 June 2019</p>	

Whitton Parish Meeting
Annual Precept Meeting
Wednesday 14th November 2018
Treasurers Report

Bank balance as at end of FY – 17/18 - £6568.36

Bank balance as at 14/11/18- £9615.88

Expenses during 18/19 so far:

Lincolnshire Fieldpaths £5
Planters £60.90
Clerks honorarium £172.26
Audit £48
Tommy's – WW1 £192.00
Crocuses (Fran Ross) £25.00
Newsletter printing £360.00

Income during FY 17/18: Precept £2567

Book sale income £1343.65 (£1190.68 on the day & £152.97 subsequent book sale)

Future expenses during FY 18/19:

Clerks honorarium £300
Planters £80
Grass Cutting £200
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 £2567.

Sue Cranston
Whitton Parish Meeting Treasurer
Dated: 14/11/18