

WHITTON PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13 June 2018

Present

Richard Adams (Chair), Steve Hill (Vice Chair), Gillian Davies (Clerk), Sue Cranston (Treasurer), Fran Ross (Heritage and Environment), Cllr Elaine Marper, Philippa Barker, Joanne Barley, Nigel Barley, Adrian Davey, Joanne Davey, Sam Dron, Marion King, Tony Langton, Jo Stones, Kevin Webster Pam Woodward,

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<p>1. <u>Apologies</u> Cllr Helen Rowson, Cllr Ralph Ogg, Sue Dron, Chris Stanley, Geoff Stones, Becca Broughton, Lauren Goulder, Helen Hill</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declaration of Interests in respect of Agenda</u> None declared.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> The minutes of the AGM Meeting of 7 June 2018 had been published on the Whitton Village Hall Website between July and November 2017. Jo Stones proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Steve Hill seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>Humber Bank Footpath Routing</u> FR informed the meeting of the development concerning Footpath 13. A diversion order has been published in the Scunthorpe Telegraph to the effect that it would be moved from across the field (which no one uses) to the river bank (which everyone uses). There had been only one objection from the Water Authority but the Council has decided to go ahead. (Diversion order also discussed under Cllr Marper's update in section 8).</p> <p>4.2 <u>Defibrillator Training</u> The training was carried out on 21/11/2016 and we will arrange another session soon.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Whitton Footpaths</u> The poor condition of footpaths particularly down Station Road and Old Post Office Lane was discussed with concern expressed over safety issues. The moss on Old Post Lane has been treated with a salt and grit mixture which had a corrosive effect breaking up the surface so making the safety issue worse. GD had written to Councillors last November attaching photographs showing the poor condition of the Station Road footpath. She will take another set of photographs of both roads and submit another enquiry.</p> <p>4.4 <u>Emergency Action Plan</u> RA outlined what action a new plan might contain in the event of a national disaster. The Village Hall could be used as a central contact point for villagers to access support and (possibly) shelter with provision made for vulnerable people. The plan has been kept simple and when finalised will be held by the Local Authority.</p> <p>4.5 <u>Children's Playground</u> RA informed the meeting that with regret this idea has been squashed due to insurance implications. It means that Whitton is one of the few villages in the area that hasn't got a facility for children. Cllr Marper suggested that we could think on a small scale but the fact remains that siting such a facility in Whitton was an problem.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">GD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RA/GD</p>

<p>5. <u>Financial Report 2017/2018</u></p> <p>SC presented her financial report and a copy is attached to these minutes. We had started the year with an opening balance of £5,603, after expenditure of £1,670.64 and addition of the Parish Precept, the closing balance was £6,568.36.</p> <p>The report shows an insurance premium of £759 which is in respect of the last 2 financial years.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Activity since last meeting</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>Road Resurfacing</u></p> <p>The following roads were resurfaced on 17-19 May 2018: Station Road, Chapel Lane and Old Mill Lane. Post Office Lane was completed by hand on 7th June because they couldn't get the machine down the narrow road and had resulted in a better outcome. There were several comments made by those present about the helpful and pleasant workers.</p> <p>6.2 <u>Bus Stop</u></p> <p>A bus stop post had been erected at the end of Ings Lane on 12/6/2018. This means that the stop is officially recognised, having been used as such for around 40 years by villagers and bus companies. GD had been pursuing formal recognition for the bus stop for the last 2 years and Cllr Marper was thanked for her intervention last week which resulted in this positive outcome.</p> <p>6.3 <u>Speeding</u></p> <p>Residents expressed concern about the amount of speeding into the village around the blind corner on Blacksmith's Hill. Previous speed monitoring on this spot by the Council had taken place less than 2 years ago resulting in the recommendation that dragon's teeth be installed at the entrance to the village. The 'dragons teeth' had eventually been installed last December and seems to have made no difference, although it appears that the culprits are not village residents. Cllr Marper informed the meeting of a community speed watch initiative whereby residents were trained up in the use of speed guns. A third time caught speeding would result in the driver being reported to the police. Comment was made that this might encourage a vigilante approach. The use of flashing lights that record the number of events was also discussed. Speeding is clearly still an issue and options are to be explored.</p> <p>6.4 <u>Noticeboard</u></p> <p>Following the installation of the bus stop post, the noticeboard will now be sited.</p> <p>6.5 <u>North Lincs in Bloom</u></p> <p>Following the award of a community grant for £250, 2 planters containing climbing roses had been installed against the wall of the village hall and were already in bloom. Thanks were given to RA for installing it. GD to deal with the monitoring process for the Council.</p> <p>6.6 <u>Grass Cutting</u></p> <p>Adrian Davey was thanked for his work on the grass cutting at the entrance to the village which means the approach always looks very nice.</p> <p>6.7 <u>Village Planters</u></p> <p>Pam Woodward and Philippa Barker were thanked for their efforts on the village planters which had been recently restocked and looked lovely.</p> <p>6.8 <u>Lion's Bench</u></p> <p>In celebration of their 100 years existence, Winterton Lions are to give the village a wooden bench. It is hoped that this will be sited on the river bank and a further request will be made to Martin Robinson. The parish will be responsible for its upkeep.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">GD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">RA/SH</p> <p style="text-align: right;">GD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">FR</p>

7. Election of Officers

Richard Adams explained that he would not be standing again as he was shortly moving to another village and the committee expressed their thanks for his service to the community whilst in the position as Chair of the Parish Meeting.

Steve Hill, Sue Cranston and Fran Ross said that they were willing to stand again and were unanimously re-elected by those present at the meeting.

Chair

No one present offered to stand in this position.

Vice Chair

Joanne Davey proposed Steve Hill and this was seconded by Tony Langton.

Treasurer

Steve Hill proposed Sue Cranston and this was seconded by Philippa Barker

Heritage and Environment

Gillian Davies proposed Fran Ross and this was seconded by Jo Stones

Nigel Barley offered to join the committee and this was seconded by Adrian Davey

Clerk

This is an appointment, not an elected post and Gillian Davies indicated her willingness to remain in the position for another year in the absence of any other applicants for the post.

In the absence of a Chair, Steve Hill, the Vice Chair, chaired the meeting from this point.

8. Elected Councillor update on Council matters

Councillor Marper gave the meeting the following information:

8.1 Public Footpath FP13

The public footpath order for the footpath from Whitton to Winteringham was advertised on 7th June. As long as no objections are received by 19th July, the order will be confirmed by North Lincolnshire Council soon after. (See also 4.1)

8.2 Bus Stop

The required infrastructure for the bus stop should be in place within two weeks. (See also 6.2)

8.3 LED streetlights

It is expected that all 24,000 streetlights across North Lincolnshire will be replaced with the new LED ones ahead of schedule and Whitton has been programmed to be completed by the autumn. We will update you as soon as we hear for definite. The LED technology should reduce the energy bill considerably across the county.

8.5 Safer Neighbourhoods

The Safer Neighbourhoods drop in we hosted at West Halton was very successful. Many residents from Whitton attended and took advice regarding making their homes and property safe and secure.

8.6 Imagination Library

An initiative first brought to North Lincolnshire by Andrew Percy is improving children's attainment across the Burton and Winterton area. Following a £250,000 investment by Conservative-run North Lincolnshire Council, the Imagination Library free book gifting scheme has helped 74.3 per cent of children registered to the scheme achieve a good level of development – four percent above the national score. In North Lincolnshire, we have sent out over 363,000 books to over 14,400 children since the programme began

<p>here in February 2013. Across the Burton and Winterton Ward (including Whitton) 486 children currently benefit from the free book gifting scheme.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Plans for future activity</u></p> <p>9.1 <u>Village Sign</u> Kevin Website, Adrian Davey and Joanne Davey put forward some suggestions for the new village sign. This has been an ongoing matter for some time and we are to contact a local sign maker, MD Signs in Barton.</p> <p>9.2 <u>Village Hall Stairs</u> The Village Hall has a large loft space which already has planning permission for an upstairs room which could be used as a meeting room or for storage. Access to it is at present via a long ladder with safety implications so the VH committee are proposing to install stairs with a locked door at the top. We have applied for a community grant from the Coop and if unsuccessful we will see if any more funding is available from the Council and submit a Community Grant application. Meanwhile the VH committee are seeking a financial contribution from the Parish Meeting to have the stairs made and installed. Empsons are coming on 22/7/18 to survey the area and give us a quote.</p> <p>9.3 <u>Lincs Lotto</u> As the village hall is a registered charity we are able to apply to join Lincs Lotto. This means that 50% of any tickets sold will go to the charity. This could bring in much needed funds to the hall and will be investigated as it could help with funding.</p> <p>9.4 <u>Bequest to Whitton Parish Council</u> Following the death of Whitton villager Neil Shand on 12/4/2018 the Parish Meeting have received a letter from Mason Baggott & Garton Solicitors notifying us 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." There are around a thousand books and it is felt that the creation of a library is impractical given the size of our village hall. As such we are to arrange for a book sale in the hall over the summer. Meanwhile the options for removing the books from Neil's property (which has now been sold) and storing them until the sale are to be explored.</p>	<p>GD/SC</p> <p>SH</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD/FR</p>
<p>10. <u>Any other business</u></p> <p>10.1 <u>Parish Newsletter</u> There have been several requests from villagers for the return of the Parish newsletter and those present at the meeting overwhelmingly supported the idea. Chris Stanley and Mike Bruce had said that if no one else wanted to produce a newsletter than they would be willing to do it again and they will be advised that as there were no volunteers, then we would be very pleased for them to proceed.</p> <p>10.2 <u>Planning application</u> The Clerk has been advised by the Council of a planning application at Magnolia in Ings Lane and has written to the immediate neighbours to advise them as residents are no longer notified direct.</p> <p>10.3 <u>Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator</u> Jo Stones has resigned as NWC after several years in post and was thanked by the meeting for her efforts. A new coordinator will be sought but meanwhile Gill Davies is taking receipt of any correspondence and is attending the bi-monthly NATs meetings.</p> <p>10.4 <u>Snow Warden</u> Geoff Stones has agreed to be our Snow Warden for another year. The salt deliveries would still be made to Humber View Farm as agreed with the new owners.</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GD</p> <p>GS</p>

<p>10.5 <u>My Community Alert</u> GD has registered Whitton Parish Meeting with My Community Alert which is a new way to be updated from Humberside Police about issues which affect the village. She had hoped to be able to upload any important information to the Whitton Village residents Facebook page but this had not proved possible. It was pointed out, however, that the villagers could individually register for this service and this will be included on a future newsletter.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p>11.1 <u>Any other business</u> There was a report of an overgrown hedge along the public footpath adjacent to 1 Post Office Lane. Whilst this is not a Council hedge, because it is a public footpath the Council should be able to trim it back and it will be reported.</p>	<p>GD</p>
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The Parish Precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>GD</p>

Whilton Parish Meeting AGM

Wednesday 13th June 2018

Financial Year 2017/2018

Opening Balance : £5603

Income : £2600 - precept
 £ 36 - uncashed cheque

 £2636.

Expenditure : £1,436.39 }
Staff Costs : £234.25 } £1,670.64

Expenditure 17/18 includes:

Staff Costs : £234.25

Grass Cutting : £135

Notice Board : £139.41

Planters : £83.70

Insurance x 2 : £759

Lincolnshire Fieldpaths. £5.00.

Balance as at 31.3.18 £6568.36.