

WHITTON PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12 June 2019

Present

Steve Hill (Chair), Gillian Davies (Clerk), Nigel Barley, Sue Cranston (Treasurer), Fran Ross (Heritage and Environment), Cllr Ralph Ogg, Cllr Helen Rowson, Joanne Davey, Adrian Davey, Sam Dron, Helen Hill, Liz Jacques, Marion King, Tony Langton, Pat Ostin, Walt Ostin, Jo Stones, Geoff Stones.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Whitton Villagers were given a presentation by Claire Welford from the Police Crime Commissioners Office as part of their community engagement policy. She gave information on topics which included Victim Support Service, Restorative Justice, Safety Partnerships as well as outlining the PCC's achievements including HMIC FRS, Tradewatch, Community Speedwatch and safer Homes. Their budget is approximately £180,000 and a breakdown of the spending is to be sent to the Clerk for information. A copy of their newsletter has also been sent to the Clerk who will forward this to members of the Parish Meeting and anyone else who requests a copy.

	Action
<p>1. <u>Apologies</u> Cllr Elaine Marper, Philippa Barker, Sue Dron, Neil Plummer, Maxine Plummer, Chris Stanley</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 13 June 2018 had been published on the Whitton Village Hall Website between July and November 2018. Joanne Davey proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Nigel Barley seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>4.1 <u>Humber Bank Footpath Routing</u> Fran Ross informed the meeting of the development concerning Footpath 13 on the Humber Flood Bank from Whitton to Winteringham which is part of the Nev Cole Way. The Environment Agency have proposed that this should be designated a "Permissive" footpath rather than a "Designated" footpath. FR asked for the meeting's comments on this proposal in light of the fact that Permissive footpaths can be withdrawn and this footpath has been walked for over 40 years with witness testaments as evidence supplied to the agency. FR had expressed concern to North Lincs Council that many of the witnesses had now died but she had been assured that these statements can still be used. The Chair proposed that we request that it be a designated footpath and this was unanimously agreed by those present. FR to contact the Council representative accordingly</p> <p>4.2 <u>Whitton Footpaths</u> The poor condition of Whitton footpaths had been raised by Joanne Davey at a recent NATS (Neighbourhood Action Team) meet and Cllr Ogg is to follow this up.</p> <p>4.3 <u>Emergency Action Plan</u> The Chair informed the meeting that the plan will be ready for approval at the next Precept Meeting in November.</p>	<p>FR</p> <p>JD/ RO</p> <p>SH</p>

<p>4.4 <u>Lion's Bench</u> Winterton Lions have given a wooden bench to the village in celebration of their 100 year anniversary this has been sited alongside the village hall.</p> <p>4.5 <u>Dog Poo Bins</u> Cllr Ogg had informed the clerk several months in that the bin by the bus stop was due to be moved and he will investigate why this hasn't been actioned.</p>	RO
<p>5. <u>Financial Report 2018/2019</u> The Treasurer, Sue Cranston, presented her financial report and a copy is attached to these minutes. We had started the year with an opening balance of £6,560, after expenditure of £1,956 and the addition of the Precept the closing balance is £9,349. This includes an amount of £2,169 which is the amount obtained from sale of the books bequeathed to the Parish by villager Neil Shand.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Activity since last meeting</u></p> <p>6.1 <u>North Lincs in Bloom</u> Following our application for a community grant, we were awarded an amount of £150 which was spent on a range of shrubs which were planted by Steve and Helen Hill with Nigel and Jo Barley in the vicinity of the village hall. The Parish Meeting are to purchase bulbs in the autumn to fill in the gaps and for additional planting around the village.</p> <p>6.2 <u>Village Planters</u> Pam Woodward and Philippa Barker were thanked for their efforts on the village planters.</p> <p>6.3 <u>Grass Cutting</u> 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>6.4 <u>Tree Trimming</u> Thanks were given to Sam Dron, Geoff Stones and Walt Ostin for their work on tree trimming at the village entrance which has made the area safer for horses and walkers.</p> <p>6.5 <u>Neil Shand's bequest</u> Thanks were given to Dave and Pat Knapton for storing the books and CDs whilst arrangements were made to sell them and to Brian Nugent for his efforts in selling books on Ebay.</p> <p>6.6 <u>Toad Signs</u> Following several road kills at the top of Station Road and Church Hill, warning signs for motorists have been erected. They are, however, a little on the small side and we are to promote this issue on Facebook.</p> <p>6.7 <u>Litter Picking</u> A Whitton litter picking party had been organised on Sunday 12th April from Bishopsthorpe to the entrance to the village and the Parish Meeting had purchased Hivis jackets and litter pickers which would be stored in the shed at the rear of the village hall. North Lincs Council collected many bags of rubbish and thanks were given to all who were involved as per the pictures uploaded onto Facebook.</p>	All
<p>6 <u>Election of Officers</u> All members of the committee expressed willingness to stand again and were re-elected as follows: Chair Steve Hill was proposed by Fran Ross and seconded by Sue Cranston</p>	

<p>Vice Chair Nigel Barley was proposed by Fran Ross and seconded by Sam Dron</p> <p>Treasurer Sue Cranston was proposed by Joanne Davey and seconded by Fran Ross</p> <p>Heritage and Environment Fran Ross was proposed by Steve Hill and seconded by Geoff Stones Joanne Davey offered to join the committee and this was seconded by Steve Hill</p> <p>Clerk This is an appointment, not an elected post and Gillian Davies offered to step down if anyone else expresses an interest in the position.</p>	
<p>7 <u>Elected Councillor update on Council matters</u> There were no updates to report upon.</p>	
<p>8 <u>Plans for future activity</u></p> <p>8.1 <u>Speeding around Whitton</u> Due to concerns raised by villagers in Whitton and West Halton, SH and GD had attended a West Halton Parish Council meeting and had subsequently agreed to share the hire cost of a flashing speeding sign, with each having the equipment for a period of 3 weeks each. Such a sign would capture accurate data on the vehicles entering Whitton and the location for the sign is to be notified to the Council.</p> <p>8.2 <u>Deer Sign</u> Following 2 incidents involving deer on the road into Whitton from West Halton the meeting are to request that North Lincs Council put up two warning deer signs, one on leaving West Halton and one on leaving Whitton. This has been agreed with West Halton Parish Council with Whitton covering any associated costs.</p> <p>8.3 <u>Village Sign</u> MD Signs in Barton have been appointed to make the sign and their digital proof was shown to those present at this meeting. It was unanimously agreed that this should be approved. The sign will be erected within the next few weeks. SH to approach Dawn Lings at the Council to see if they can make any contribution to the cost.</p> <p>8.4 <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. A grant application will be made in order that stairs can be installed to access this space and the Parish Meeting will contribute to funding.</p> <p>8.5 <u>Shed</u> The Parish Meeting are to purchase an 8x10' shed for storage of equipment and chairs. This will be positioned at the rear of the hall which will mean that the ewe tree at the side of the hall will need to be trimmed.</p>	<p>SH/GD</p> <p>SH/GD</p> <p>SH</p> <p>SH</p> <p>SH</p>
<p>9 <u>Any other business</u></p> <p>9.1 <u>Whitton Road Signs</u> Pat Ostin asked if the road sign at the top of Station Road could be moved to the other side of the road or on the bank outside the village hall as it was presently invisible. A request will be made to the Council together with a new road sign for Blacksmiths Hill.</p> <p>9.2 <u>Footpath hedges</u> It was noted that the footpath off Post Office Lane is presently unusable and the hedge in the snicket to the Chapel is leaning over. JD is to approach the landowner with a view to getting these hedges cut.</p>	<p>GD</p> <p>JD</p>

<p>9.3 <u>Gazebo</u> Some of the funds raised through sale of Neil Shand's books will be used to purchase a Gazebo/marquee which enables use of the green adjacent to the village hall. It is proposed that villagers will be able to hire the marquee for private use.</p> <p>9.4 <u>Whitton AppleFest</u> This will take place on Sunday 13th October 2019 and Kevin Webster is holding the first meeting in preparation on 17th June at the village hall.</p> <p>9.5 <u>Whitton People Past and Present</u> Julie Rudge and Kevin Webster have organised a photographic exhibition of Whitton through the ages which will be held over the weekend starting Friday 21st June. It is proposed that the exhibition stands will be a permanent feature in the upstairs room of the village hall when it is made accessible with the installation of a staircase.</p>	GD
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The Parish Precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 at 7.30pm.</p>	GD

Whilton Parish Meeting AGM

Wednesday 12th June 2019

Financial Year 2018/2019

Opening balance : £6569

Income: £2567 precept

£2169 book sale/plant grant.

£4736

Expenditure : £1651 } £1956.
Staff Costs : £305 }

Expenditure 18/19 includes :

£192 - soldiers at front of VH

£360 - newsletter

£170 - grass cutting

£384 insurance

£185 litter picking items

End of year balance : £9349