

## WHITTON PARISH PRECEPT MEETING

13 November 2019

### Present

Steve Hill (Chair), Nigel Barley (Vice Chair), Gillian Davies (Clerk), Sue Cranston (Treasurer), Fran Ross, Joanne Davey, Adrian Davey, Cllr Ralph Ogg, Cllr Helen Rowson, Helen Hill, Marion King, Sarah Venter, Nick Venter,

### Apologies

Cllr Elaine Marper, Chris Stanley, Sam and Sue Dron, Jo and Geoff Stones, Pam Woodward, Jo Barley, Liz Holden

### Welcome and Introduction

The Chair welcomed everyone 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.

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u></b> The minutes of the Precept Meeting of 15 November 2018 had been published on the Whitton Village Hall Website between January and June 2019. Nigel Barley proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Jo Davey seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declaration of Interests in respect of Agenda</u></b> SH declared an interest in the planning application outlined in item 13.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Matters Arising</u></b> <b>3.1 <u>Neil Shand's books</u></b> The total amount raised so far through sale of Neil Shand's books was £2,485. There were still a few boxes of books and CDs left and these will be included at the forthcoming Craft Fayre on 23 November. Any remaining items will be donated to charity. In line with Neil's wishes some of the funds raised have already been spent to the benefit of the community, including bulbs for winter planting and a marquee for the Village Hall. The remaining balance will also be spent on items which are accessible to the community. This was a fantastic bequest and we are very grateful to Neil for his kindness.</p> <p><b>3.2 <u>Dog Poo Bin</u></b> This has now been re-sited away from the bus stop.</p> <p><b>3.3 <u>Stairs for Village Hall</u></b> We are currently having the electrics in the hall tested which may impact on the amount of grant that we will be seeking in respect of improvements to the hall.</p> <p><b>3.4 <u>Newsletter</u></b> The feedback from the September newsletter was very complimentary and</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>SH</b></p>

<p>the Parish Meeting would like to record their thanks to Mike Bruce and Chris Stanley for their hard work in producing it. They are currently working on another short newsletter to celebrate the Applefest held in October.</p> <p><b>3.5 <u>Road Sign for Main Street</u></b> This issue will be chased up as the road after Blacksmith's Hill still has no sign.</p>	<p><b>GD</b></p>
<p><b>4. <u>Financial Report</u></b> The Treasurer presented her financial report and a copy is attached to these minutes showing a current bank balance of £9,389. The balance includes the sale of books as outlined in item 3.1. SC recommended that the precept remain at £2,600 for a further year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. This was proposed by Steve Hill, seconded by Fran Ross and unanimously agreed. It has remained unchanged for 10 years.</p>	<p><b>SC</b></p>
<p><b>5. <u>Humber Bank Footpath Routing</u></b> FR gave a brief update on the riverbank footpath which has been used for over 30 years. The Environment Agency have proposed that this should be designated a "Permissive" footpath rather than a "Designated" footpath and we have requested that it be nominated as the latter. This is because permissive paths can be removed and as a village we have been battling with this issue for over 30 years. The matter is in the hands of North Lincolnshire Council and there is nothing further to report at this stage as the department has had both a reduction in staff and others on long term sick leave.</p>	<p><b>FR</b></p>
<p><b>6. <u>Deer Sign</u></b> West Halton Parish Council have agreed that we can put up two deer warning signs, one on leaving West Halton and one on leaving Whitton. We have requested that North Lincs Council put up the signs and we are on their waiting list.</p>	<p><b>SH/GD</b></p>
<p><b>7. <u>Speeding sign</u></b> We are to have a flashing speeding sign installed which we are sharing with West Halton Parish Council. This will be for a period of 3 weeks each and West Halton have agreed to fund the hire cost to the value of £300 with Whitton paying the balance. Unfortunately installation costs will be doubled due to moving it from Whitton to West Halton and we are awaiting confirmation from WHPC on this. Ralph Ogg said they were due to have a meeting soon and he would raise the issue.</p>	<p><b>RO SH/GD</b></p>
<p><b>8. <u>Rights of Way</u></b> Villager Nick Venter asked about the location of rights of way around Whitton village. He had printed off a definitive map from the Council website which he said was out of date. FR pointed out that any diversion order that is made is on the Council website although they are not obliged to keep the map up to date when an order has been made.</p> <p>NV further stated that there are footpaths around Whitton which people use which are not officially recognised and he asked whether we should be taking a more formal approach to this as we only have until the year 2026</p>	

<p>after which time we will no longer be able to seek recognition. FR said there were issues with staffing in the appropriate department at the Council which is causing delays in dealing with these matters although if issues are ongoing they can continue after 2026. FR is a member of the local Access Forum who are looking at lost ways.</p> <p>There was discussion on whether the footpath at the end of Ings Lane has a definitive footpath order and if not whether it is possible to request one. FR is to look for any existing paperwork and the Parish meeting are to discuss whether it is a viable request.</p>	<b>FR/SH</b>
<p><b>9. <u>Elected Councillor Update</u></b></p> <p>Following recent heavy rain RO reported that several properties in the area had been flooded with water coming off the land. Whitton was cut off for 6 hours the previous Thursday which raised concern in the event of a medical emergency. RO pointed out that a track could be opened up down Ings Lane.</p> <p>The Council had sent an email to the Clerk on the day of this meeting regarding a yellow warning sign for heavy rain in the area. As this was falling on saturated ground, flood warnings are in place for our area. Unfortunately it is difficult to predict where the rain will be heaviest and which areas might be affected by surface water flooding. The Council's Emergency Control Centre has been established and will be working through the night on Thursday and into Friday to monitor and respond to the evolving situation. The Council has a limited amount of sand bags and they can only be provided to homes where there is an imminent risk of the property flooding.</p> <p>Live updates are available on the council's website and social media accounts.</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>Emergency Plan</u></b></p> <p>SH to add information regarding the village being cut off and access in and out of the village in the event of a medical emergency. It was pointed out that the village has only been flooded once in living memory.</p>	<b>SH</b>
<p><b>11. <u>Salt Stocks</u></b></p> <p>The residents of Humber View Farm had agreed to store the salt bin for use by the village and GD had requested that the bins be replenished with a delivery of a 1 tonne bag.</p>	<b>GD</b>
<p><b>12. <u>Summary of Activity since last meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>12.1 Applefest 2019</b> Despite the wet weather the Applefest was a huge success and the amount of £2,690 after expenses was raised.</p> <p><b>12.2 Village Sign</b> The new village sign has been erected and the feedback had been 100% positive. The old signs were auctioned off at the Applefest which had raised £488 for the Parish.</p> <p><b>12.3 Produce Show</b> The second Autumn Produce, Flower and Art Show was held in Whitton Village Hall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September and was another fun event for all ages. The Parish Meeting thanked Joanne and Adrian Davey for organising it..</p>	

<p><b>13. <u>Planning Applications</u></b> The Clerk has been advised by the Council of a planning application to erect a single storey extension at Hideaway, Manor Place, Whitton. The immediate neighbours have been advised.</p>	<b>GD</b>
<p><b>14. <u>Shed for village hall</u></b> We have purchased a shed from Buttons in Winterton for additional storage for the hall. Adrian Davey is to assist Steve Hill in laying a concrete base</p>	<b>SH</b>
<p><b>15. <u>Bulb Planting</u></b> Some of the money raised from the sale of Neil Shand's books has been used to purchase bulbs which have so far been planted within the boundary of Whitton village. We are to continue planting bulbs and shrubs throughout Whitton.</p>	
<p><b>16. <u>New Year Walk</u></b> This will take place again and The Bay Horse in Winteringham and FR is to confirm the cost of brunch. Names should be given to SD or FR and all to meet at the village hall at 10 am. Details to be put into the forthcoming newsletter.</p>	<b>FR</b>
<p><b>17. <u>Any other business</u></b> <b>17.1 Road Sweeping</b> It was requested that the roads at the top end of the village be swept after the drains had been cleaned and not the other way round as the act of cleaning the drains made a mess of the road. GD to contact the Council. <b>17.2 Groups for local people</b> Cllr Rowson said she was organising a meeting of people in the community who had local knowledge and they were going to set up a Whatsapp and Facebook group so that local information can be fed to police about people coming into the area. The meeting was to be held on Friday at 6.30 in Alkborough Club. <b>17.3 Whitton Residents Facebook Page</b> Jo Davey is taking over as Administrator of the Facebook page. <b>17.4 Independence Day celebrations</b> Following sale of Whitton land by Constable on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1919 there is to be an Tea Party in the village hall to celebrate the centenary. <b>17.5 Street light</b> A street light at the entrance to the village has not worked since they new LED lights were installed. GD to chase this up as it has been reported on 2 previous occasions.</p>	<b>GD</b>
<p><b>18. <u>Date of next meeting</u></b> 17 June 2020</p>	

Whitton Parish Meeting  
Annual Precept Meeting  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Treasurers Report

Bank balance as at end FY18/19 - £9349

Bank balance as at 13/11/19 - £9389

**Expenses during 19/20 so far:**

Insurance £384.91

Village signs £1808.40

Planters £32.04

Bulbs £135

Gazebo £547.95

Newsletter printing £288

Litter pick up equipment £184

Lincolnshire Fieldpaths Association £5

Whitton 'Past & Presentation' Exhibition £175

**Income during 19/20 so far:**

Precept £2567

Book sales £782.83

**Future expenses during 19/20:**

Clerks honorarium £300

Planters £100

Grass cutting £175

Centenary mugs & lunch £600

All items in future expenses are subject to change.

I would propose that the annual precept for Whitton Parish Meeting remains the same at £2567 in 20/21.

Sue Cranston

Whitton Parish Meeting Treasurer

13<sup>th</sup> November 2019