

WHITTON PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

19 August 2020

Present

Steve Hill (Chair), Gillian Davies (Clerk), Nigel Barley, Sue Cranston (Treasurer), Fran Ross (Heritage and Environment), Jude and Steve Davies, Sam Dron, Emma-Jane Hallgarth, Marion King, Jacqui and Gary Moran, Raine and Keith Shaw, Jo Stones, Kevin Webster.

Prior to the start of the meeting, tribute was paid to Mr Brian Tighe who died recently. Mr Tighe was Chair of Whitton Parish Meeting for 21 years from 1985 to 2006 and following that he was Vice Chair. He was a lived in Whitton for more than 40 years and was a much respected member of the community who will be greatly missed.

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1. <u>Apologies</u> Cllr Elaine Marper, Cllr Helen Rowson, Jo Barley Sue Dron, Chris Stanley, Joanne Davey, Adrian Davey, Helen Hill, Geoff Stones, Pam and Pete Woodward.	
2. <u>Declaration of Interests in respect of Agenda</u> None declared.	
3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> The minutes of the AGM Meeting of 12 June 2019 had been published on the Whitton Village Hall Website between July and December 2019. Jo Stones proposed that these be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Marion King seconded this and it was unanimously agreed.	
4. <u>Matters Arising</u> 4.1 <u>Whitton Road Signs</u> Following requests from Whitton residents, the Council had erected new road signs at the top of Station Road and on Blacksmith's Hill.	GD
4.2 <u>Whitton Village footpaths</u> At the last AGM Cllr Ogg said he was going to raise the state of Whitton's footpaths with the appropriate department in the Council. Unfortunately Cllr Ogg was not available to attend this meeting and so was not able to give an update. SH to contact him.	SH
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 £9,349, after expenditure of £4,072 and the addition of the Precept the balance as at 31/3/2020 is £8,619. This does not include the Clerk's honorarium which has been paid after the end of this tax year.	SC

6. Activity since last meeting

6.1 Coronavirus and Whitton

The Chair gave thanks to the Whitton Community in their response to the pandemic and lockdown which started on 19th March. This included many people who had volunteered to collect groceries and prescriptions for those people who were shielding and vulnerable. Tributes were paid to Gary Brooker and Beccy Broughton who had set up a grocery shop in the village hall and delivered meals to people's homes throughout lockdown. Villagers had contributed towards gifts for this couple who had done so much to help villagers get through a very difficult period. Gary got further recognition with an appearance on TV's Calendar News.

In order to make sure that Gary was not out of pocket with the stock he had purchased for parishioners, any items left over had been paid for by the Parish Meeting at a cost of £92.50 with these items being donated to the foodbank in Scunthorpe.

6.2 Village Sign

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.

6.3 Village Hall Stairs

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. The Parish Meeting are to fund access to this space and are presently looking at 2 options, stairs in the reception area – this is proving problematic due to lack of head room - or an outside stair case at the rear of the building.

6.4 Emergency Action Plan

This is nearly ready and interestingly items within the plan had been put into place during lockdown. As predicted, the village hall became a hub in a time of crisis and for that reason the committee are to ensure that its upkeep is assured. Details of this to be discussed later in the meeting.

6.5 Shed

An 8x10' shed for the hall has been ordered by the parish at a cost of £950 and we are waiting for a base to be put down at the rear of the hall in order that delivery can be arranged. This will be used for storing equipment and the gazebo.

6.6 Speeding around Whitton

We are presently waiting for the Council to install a flashing speeding sign on the bend on Blacksmith's Hill. We are sharing the 3 month equipment lease with West Halton Parish Council so we will have the equipment for 6 weeks. This has, unfortunately been delayed due to Covid. The sign will capture accurate

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<p>data on vehicles entering Whitton, although it was acknowledged that many of those people seen speeding are not village residents but are known to be care workers and delivery drivers.</p>	GD
<p><u>6.7 Deer Sign</u> Whilst there have been no incidents with deer during the last 12 months, the decision to put signs up on Whitton Road was made following 2 involving deer. We have requested 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. Again this has been delayed due to Covid. GD to find out if this can be expedited.</p>	GD
<p><u>6.8 Grass Cutting around Whitton</u> In March we had received notice from the Council requesting that we organise our own grass cutting for which they would pay us a grant. We declined this offer as we felt that we had not been given enough time to put this out to tender. We have subsequently received notification from the Council that Alkborough Parish Council has now taken over the responsibility for grass cutting for Whitton. The grass has been cut regularly throughout the summer and it was agreed that John White, who is responsible for the cutting, is doing a good job.</p>	
<p><u>6.9 Tree Trimming at entrance to village</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><u>6.10 Litter Pick</u> Thanks to Fran Ross and Helen Hill who had collected 12 bags of rubbish in July from the verges between Bishopsthorpe and Whitton. This consisted of mainly blue gloves, face masks and tissues – a sign of Covid times. A further litter pick is to be organised in September.</p>	All
<p><u>6.11 Humber Bank Footpath Routing</u> Fran Ross informed the meeting that there was nothing new to report 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. We have requested that it be a designated footpath and have contacted the Council accordingly.</p>	FR

<p>7 <u>Election of Officers</u></p> <p>All members of the committee expressed willingness to stand again and were re-elected as follows:</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Steve Hill was proposed by Nigel Barley and seconded by Sue Cranston</p> <p>Vice Chair</p> <p>Nigel Barley was proposed by Steve Hill and seconded by Sam Dron</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>Sue Cranston was proposed by Steve Hill and seconded by Fran Ross</p> <p>Heritage and Environment</p> <p>Fran Ross was proposed by Steve Hill and seconded by Sue Cranston</p> <p>Joanne Davey was proposed by Steve Hill and seconded by Fran Ross.</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>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>8 <u>Elected Councillor update on Council matters</u></p> <p>Unfortunately none of the Councillors were present at the meeting so there was no update.</p>	
<p>9 <u>Plans for future activity</u></p> <p><u>9.1 Upkeep of the Village Hall</u></p> <p>In light of the importance of the village hall to Whitton, and the fact that we have been unable to raise any funds or hire out the hall during lockdown to recoup its running costs, the Parish Meeting is to make the following contributions to its upkeep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of decorating the hall with repairs to damp etc is being funded by the Parish Meeting at a cost of £2,100. • The parquet flooring is to be sanded and resealed cost tba. • The village hall insurance for next year will paid by the Parish Meeting at a cost of approximately £550. • It is anticipated that the present boiler in the hall is approaching 30 years old and is constant need of repair and resetting. It is constantly letting people down. The Parish meeting are to obtain quotations for an oil fired replacement and will pay for its costs. It is anticipated that a new boiler would be more efficient and so reduce running costs. <p><u>9.2 Minimising Flood Risk</u></p> <p>Following continuous heavy rain last November which fell on already water logged fields, the drains in Main Street struggled to take away the water which was pouring off the field onto the road. Only urgent responsive action on the part of several Whitton villagers ensured that properties in the vicinity of Keepers Cottage were not flooded. The villagers dug out the original ditch which runs down the edge of the property's garden and part of their lawn in order to let the water run from the road down to the dyke. The property owner was not at</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SH</p>

<p>home at the time - this is a holiday cottage – but was informed of this action by telephone and expressed his thanks.</p> <p>Whilst the drainage system should cope under normal conditions, experience now shows that at time of extreme and persistent rain the risk of flooding houses on Main Street still exists. To reduce this a pipe is to be installed in the wall of Keeper’s Cottage adjacent to the pavement. Also a shallow ditch to the south edge of the garden will allow excess water to travel over land down to the low point east of Main Street in the area of the lane. This work will not involve the removal of any trees or shrubs. The owner of Keepers’ Cottage, Max Denton, has given written confirmation of his agreement to this and has contributed £100 towards the cost. It is hoped that this work will go ahead in September now that water levels have dropped and nesting birds have flown.</p> <p>We are to take several measures to further reduce the risk of flooding by clearing out the riparian drain to the left hand side of the track from Old Mill Lane. We are also pursuing the installation of additional pipe work under the lane to transfer drain water into the ditch maintained by the IDB. We need consent from North Lincs Council for this and our application has been made but unfortunately we are 58th on the list.</p> <p><u>9.3 Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator</u> There is now a vacancy for this position which is to be advertised in the next Parish newsletter.</p> <p><u>9.4 Snow Warden</u> Geoff Stones has agreed to be the Whitton snow warden for another year.</p> <p><u>9.5 Bulbs for Village</u> We will again be buying more bulbs for planting around the village.</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>GD</p> <p></p> <p>GS</p> <p></p> <p>FR</p>
<p><u>10 Any other business</u></p> <p><u>10.1 Notice board on Humber Bank</u> Chris Stanley has raised the question of the notice board on the bank near Long Ponds which has deteriorated and is in a poor state. Fran Rose to contact the Council.</p> <p><u>10.2 No Through Road sign</u> Marion King raised the possibility of a No Through Road sign being erected on the T junction on the Whitton Road coming into the village. GD to contact the Council.</p>	<p></p> <p>FR</p> <p></p> <p>GD</p>
<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u> The Parish Precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November 2020 at 7.30pm.</p>	<p>GD</p>

Winnison Parish Meeting
Wednesday 19th August 2020

Financial Year 2019/2020

Opening balance : £9349

Income : £3338

Expenditure : £4072

Staff Costs : £0

Bank balance as at 31/3/2020 : £8619

Expenditure during 19/20:

Lincolnshire Fieldpaths : £5

Click Marketing : £175

MD Signs : £1808

Planters : £32

Bulbs : £135

Newsletter : £288

Mugs : £255

Cross Cutting : £170

Insurance : £387

CD Player : £219

HWRA : £50