

## Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday February 1, 2010, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 7.30pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)	
Couns. Ray Dawson	Ernest Parsons
Vikki Harper	Barbara Harris
Carole Key	Malcolm Seagrave

**Also in attendance:** The clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Martin Suthers (Notts County Council) and six members of the public.

1. **Apologies** were received from Coun. Mrs Jackie Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council).
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on December 14, 2009**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes**  
 Standing Orders were suspended at 7.35pm to allow public participation.  
 The residents who were at the meeting all said they wished to give warm thanks to Coun. Ernest Parsons for his work in getting Notts County Council to agree after many years to have Conery Lane, Conery Gardens and Orston Lane resurfaced. They offered a vote of thanks to Coun. Parsons and said they were very grateful for his efforts. The clerk said there had been some concerns expressed over the costing of the scheme.  
 Comment was made on the poor condition of the pavement leading from the Smite Bridge to Whatton alongside Old Grantham Road. The clerk was asked to raise the matter with Notts County Council's Highways Department.  
 Standing Orders were reinstated at 7.45pm.
5. **Clerk's report**  
 The tree on the playing field boundary that was thought to be causing damage to an adjacent property had been removed.
6. **Planning Matters**  
Planning Applications  
 09/02204/FUL Mr J Parker; Conservatory; 61 Beverleys Avenue. No objection  
  
Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions  
 09/01876/FUL Mr P Loughna; Single storey extension following demolition of link block; The White House, Conery Lane.  
 Grant Permission  
  
 The meeting was told that it was expected there would be a new planning application made in respect of The White House but the clerk said nothing had so far been received.
7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**  
 It was advised that a meeting planned to discuss funding for the Playbuilder scheme that had been due to be held on January 15 was now to take place on February 26.  
 Coun. Gregg Redford gave a report on the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Committee and said they resolved to contract Thomas Long to remove the 'old' play surfaces from the old climbing frame and swing areas and the swings themselves.
8. **Correspondence**  
 A letter was received from Fields in Trust in regard to their effort to obtain details of any war memorial fields countrywide. No member was able to suggest any such fields in their area. Following a request from St John of Beverley Church for a finger post road sign directing to both the church and the village hall the clerk was asked to seek prices for provision of such a sign.  
 A letter was received from the Rotary Club of Vale of Belvoir which highlighted their activities and issued an invitation to anyone to join their ranks. A letter written by Coun. Parsons and sent to Tarmac Ltd giving warm thanks for the standard of its work in resurfacing Conery Lane, Conery Gardens and Orston Lane was read to the meeting. Coun. Parsons also commented on the obliging manner which had been shown by the firm and its employees.  
 Nottinghamshire County Council responded to two requests from the parish council in regard to overhanging trees on Church Street and ivy on trees on Old Grantham Road. In regard to the latter it said an inspector would be conducting a site visit. In regard to the overhanging trees, it had issued notices to four residents instructing them to carry out cutting back work.  
 Nottinghamshire County Council acknowledged the letter from the council in regard to the proposed withdrawal of funding for community transport schemes. Coun. Suthers told the meeting the original proposal was not now proceeding. The Davies Group Ltd asked for documentary confirmation on the joint ownership of the land on the playing fields adjacent to 1 Dark Lane where subsidence damage was claimed because of a tree on the boundary.  
 Rushcliffe Borough Council said the Council Tax Base for the village for 2010/2011 was 369. Rushcliffe Borough Council issued an invitation for two members to attend their Annual Town and Parish Conference on April 20 and Coun. Redford said he would attend.  
 The chairman said he had a copy of the Rushcliffe Borough Council Corporate Strategy.

**9. Environment**

The meeting was told that the grass verge on Dark Lane was being damaged by the number of vehicles being parked on it. The chairman said he would look at the situation and report back. It was reported a street light adjacent to the bus shelter on Old Grantham Road was not working.

**10. Footpaths**

The clerk was asked to write to Mr Tim Hart of Notts County Council to make a further request for a definitive map of footpaths in the parish. If there was a continuing problem, the clerk was advised to write to Coun. John Hemsall, the Cabinet Holder for the department concerned.

**11. Film Night**

The council agreed to meet a charge of £260 on behalf of the Jubilee Hall Committee to meet the cost of staging a film night to be organised in aid of hall funds.

**12. Finance** Members authorised payment of accounts as per the schedule presented.

<b>Total expenditure for meeting</b>	<b>£1,101.58</b>	<b>£88.28</b>	<b>£1,189.86</b>
<b>Total expenditure to date in the current financial year</b>	<b>£8,848.72</b>	<b>£776.78</b>	<b>£9,625.50</b>

Members discussed the Budget and Precept for the 2010/2011 financial year and after considering information provided by the chairman and the clerk it was agreed a precept of £11,035 be applied for the coming year. The clerk was asked to write to Notts County Council to seek a decision on the parish council request for funding towards the grass cutting work undertaken by the parish council on behalf of the County Council.

**13. Date for next meeting** was confirmed for March 8, 2010.

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Monday May 17, with the parish council meeting at 7.00pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.

**14. Agenda Items for Next meeting**

Members were invited to suggest further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting and it was agreed that the matter involving land on Azimghur Road be raised again. Coun. Parsons offered to accompany the Notts County Council officer inspecting the ivy growing on trees on Old Grantham Road.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.