

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday March 8, 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 Coun. Mrs Jackie Marshall (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

1. **Apologies** There were none.
2. **Declarations of Interest** There were none.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on February 1, 2010**, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
4. **Open session for members of the public, limited to 15 minutes** No matters were raised.

5. Clerk's report

The clerk said he had obtained some information in relation to the possible purchase of a finger post as requested by St John the Beverley Church, Whatton in the Vale and told members what he had obtained. The prices were felt to be too high and members agreed to see if there was anyone local who could assist. Coun. Seagrave was particularly asked to assist.

It was agreed that the letter received previously from the parish church in regard to a funding request be looked at during the meeting in May. Residents were to be reminded they needed to use a funding application form which was available from the clerk.

6. Planning Matters

Planning Applications

10/00168/FUL Mr and Mrs McCauley; Conservatory; 3 Azimghur Road. No objection

10/00206/FUL Mr N Powell; Conversion of barn to dwelling with garage and vehicular access, conversion and extension of barn to form living accommodation and garage; Manor Farm, Main Street. No objection

10/00321/FUL Mr N Baxter; Construction of eight dwellings with garages and vehicular accesses; The White Villa, Dark Lane. No objection

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09/02204/FUL Mr J Parker; Conservatory; 61 Beverleys Avenue. Grant Permission

7. Playing Field / Play equipment

The chairman said that progress was being made in respect of the move to register the playing field with the Charity Commission. He spoke also on the matter of insurance costs and the All Risks Policy and said he would like to see the matter discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

8. Correspondence

Nottinghamshire County Council reported on changes to the Nottinghamshire Concessionary Travel Scheme including a cessation of early morning and late night reductions. Rushcliffe Borough Council gave details of an application for a Liquor and Entertainments Licence for Whatton Jubilee Hall.

Nottinghamshire County Council responded to the parish council request for information on the Parish Paths Partnership scheme and said it was still not able to offer any new parishes membership of the scheme but would be looking in the future to do so. It confirmed the parish council was on its list of parishes wanting to be considered.

Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust wrote in respect of the Harry Johnson Award 2010 scheme but it was not felt appropriate to put forward an entry. Nottinghamshire County Council advised of their special "Robin Hood Month" in May to coincide with the launch of the new Robin Hood Film. The Highways Agency contractors A-one+ advised of the work on the A52 Bingham to Whatton footway construction scheme.

Nottinghamshire County Council said it had inspected the footpath condition from Smite Bridge to Whatton, alongside Old Grantham Road, and did not find it was unduly poor. The Rotary Club of the Vale of Belvoir wrote to say it welcomed new members and asked anyone interested to contact the club on 0115 933 4004.

Nottinghamshire County Council gave an invitation to free events on emergency planning within the community on Saturday March 13, 2010, at Blackburn House, nr Ollerton and on Saturday March 20 at The Summit Centre, Kirkby in Ashfield. The clerk said he was attending the second one.

Central Networks provided a new unmetered supply certificate for the red telephone kiosk in the village. Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in respect of the complaint involving the ivy growing on trees on Old Grantham Road but said it did not think it necessary to carry out any work.

Margaret Marshall wrote in regard to a problem of dog fouling the old road between The Lawns and The Smite. The clerk was asked to obtain further notices to be erected warning of the possible fines if dog fouling was not cleared up.

9. Environment

The clerk was asked to report the unsafe condition of the lamp post at The Green near to the bus shelter. It was thought to be leaning dangerously.

10. Footpaths

The clerk said he had not heard in respond to his further request for a footpath map. Coun. Suthers offered to take the matter up on behalf of the council.

11. Land on Azimghur Road

The clerk was to tell Rushcliffe Borough Council who had still not responded to the request for consideration for the parish council to take the land over that it was no longer interested in it, and to call on the Borough Council to ensure the land was kept tidy.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£819.71	£94.50	£914.21
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£9,668.43	£871.28	£10,539.71

13. Date for next meeting was confirmed for May 17, 2010, which would also be the Annual Parish Meeting. The council meeting would start at 7pm and the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm. Couns. Mrs Key and Seagrave gave apologies in advance.

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

Members were invited to suggest further items for discussion at the next parish council meeting but none were put forward.