

Whatton in the Vale Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday November 7, 2011, at the Jubilee Hall, Whatton in the Vale at 8pm

Coun. Gregg Redford (Chairman)	
Ray Dawson	Barbara Harris
Carole Key	Malcolm Seagrave
Graham Linney	Janet Ayres

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

1. **Apologies** There were none.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

Couns. Mrs Harris and Mrs Ayres declared an interest in the village hall funding application and Coun. Redford in planning application 11/01600/FUL.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on September 26, 2011**, 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.

The meeting was addressed by the local Police Community Officer who said there had been instances of damage and theft but no increase in crime overall despite the switching off of some streetlights at night after 12 midnight. A resident complained of intimidation from other residents in respect of a public footpath alongside a field she owned in which she kept a horse. The chairman pointed out the footpath in question was in Aslockton parish and therefore not a matter for the council.

The council was addressed by a resident who was presenting a report on behalf of the owners of Hollies Paddock and who were looking to submit an application to Rushcliffe Borough Council for permission to erect a dwelling on part of the site. They were also willing to donate part of the site to the parish. The chairman said the matter would be looked at during a later meeting.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

5. **Clerk's report**

There was nothing to report.

6. **Planning Matters**

Appointment of Planning Committee: It was agreed to appoint a planning committee comprising of all members of the council and for it to meet as and when necessary.

Planning Applications

11/01456/FUL Dr D Banks; Garden shed; The Granary, Old Grantham Road. No objection

11/01481/FUL Mr A Grieve; Side extension and loft conversion including dormer extensions to front and rear; 13 Smitte Close. Object. If permitted the development would introduce a massing of the front of the property to the detriment of neighbouring properties.

11/01568/FUL Mrs T Aplin; Raise height of front garage projection; The Cottage, Church Street. No objection

11/01589/TPO Mr R Boardman; Thinning and height reduction of lime tree by 25%; The Limes, Grantham Road. No objection

For the following item Coun. Redford left the meeting and Coun. Mrs Harris took the chair.

11/01600/FUL Mr D McCall; Single storey extension; Applegarth, Burton Lane. No objection

Rushcliffe Borough Council Decisions

11/01115/FUL Mrs V Harper; Two storey side extension; Old School, School Lane. Grant Permission

11/01334/FUL Mr P Beckworth; Single storey front extension; 15 Conery Gardens. Grant Permission

11/01227/FUL Mr D Gribby; Construction of five office units with parking / service area and vehicular access; Peter Gribby Limited at Riverbank, Old Grantham Road. Grant Permission

7. **Playing Field / Play equipment**

The chairman presented the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Trust Budget 2012 – 2013. The council approved payment of £900 in the coming year to the Trust as its annual grant. The meeting was told it was proposed by the Trust to increase rent payment from the sports club for use of its facilities by 5 per cent. He also said the Trust was looking to produce a new business model and in it consider the provision of a new facility to replace the current 40-year old pavilion. A feasibility study would be established to fully investigate the possibility of such a project.

8. **Correspondence**

Nottinghamshire County Council wrote in respect of developing a Nottinghamshire approach to localism and it was agreed the matter be raised as an agenda item for the next meeting. It was agreed the Nottinghamshire Community Foundation surviving winter appeal 2011 be placed on the village notice board. The Boundary Commission for England was carrying out its 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England and was seeking comments from the public.

During the following item Counc. Mrs Harris and Mrs Ayres left the meeting. A request was received from the Whatton Jubilee Hall for funding towards its project to improve the back room of the building and make it more acceptable to hirers. It was agreed to make a grant of £500.

9. Environment

The chairman reported that the salt from Notts County Council had been delivered. The clerk was asked to progress the request they had made for a new salt bin. A problem of vehicle parking on Ivy Row was discussed but no action was agreed upon.

The chairman would provide the clerk with a map to show the siting of a bollard between Green Walk and a cul-de-sac off Beverleys Avenue.

10. Footpaths

The chairman said he was continuing to monitor the footpaths in the parish and was about to present a report on two outstanding ones.

11. Diamond Jubilee HM The Queen June 2012

Minutes of the Joint Diamond Jubilee Committee meetings of Aslockton and Whatton in the Vale Parish Councils held on Thursday August 25, Thursday September 29 and Wednesday October 19 had been received. It was agreed to proceed with plans for a bonfire or beacon on June 4 and to seek the sharing of costs for it from Aslockton Parish Council.

The clerk was asked to check on the position in respect of insurance cover for £10,000 for damage to hired equipment for the jubilee event.

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

Total expenditure for meeting	£1,118.85	£100.40	£1,219.25
Total expenditure to date in the current financial year	£7,570.80	£782.16	£8,352.96

13. Date for next meeting was agreed for December 7 at 7.30pm.

14. Agenda Items for Next meeting

No further items were put forward.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.34pm.