

Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on 8 May 2019 at
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Councillors: I Mercer (Chair); R Harris; A Hague; A Rawlinson; J Spenser; G Turnbull

Shropshire Councillor: None

Clerk: A Roberts

Members of the community: None

Representatives of other bodies/ organisations: None

43/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Farrington (accepted)

Cllr C Mellings; Cllr P Dee (Shropshire Councillors)

44/19 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any interests/ gifts/ hospitality:

None declared

45/19 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 13 March 2019

It was proposed by Cllr Harris that the draft minutes, of the meeting detailed above, were an accurate record. This was seconded by Cllr Hague and agreed by all present.

Following discussion it was requested that more information than that recommended should be provided in future minutes.

46/19 Planning

a) Applications Considered

Reference	Detail	Stance/Comment
19/01813/FUL	Scottie Cottage, 9 Platt Lane, SY13 2NR Erection of detached garage with storage areas for garden and general maintenance for existing property/land	Support No comment
19/01699/FUL	Whixall Hall, SY13 2PY Installation of a 65kw biomass boiler	Support No comment
19/01897/FUL	New House, Post Office Lane, SY13 2QU Erection of a farm building	Support No comment
19/01671/VAR	2 Garners Lane, SY13 2NF Variation of Condition no 2 attached to planning permission reference 16/03799/FUL to allow for different design and position of approved extension	Support No comment

b) Decisions Received

Reference	Detail	Decision
18/02944/FUL	Garden Cottage, Church Lane, SY13 2NA Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling	Grant permission

47/19 Clerk's Report

The clerk reported on the following:

Correspondence received from

- a) North Shropshire Safety Scene – request for funding
- b) Owen Paterson MP – update on broadband in North Shropshire
- c) Bruno Peake – information about national plans to commemorate VE Day 75 in 2020
- d) Whixall Primary School – thanks for the recent donation of £100
- e) North Salop Wheelers – thanks for the recent donation of £100

- f) PCSO Graeme Baines – activity report
- g) Resident – suggestion for Annual Parish Meeting agenda. Received after the 'communication' theme had been agreed by members.
- h) Resident – concern about wheelchair access to the canal boardwalk
- i) Resident – expression of interest in Airband
- j) Whixall URC Graveyard Trust requesting re-issue of donation cheque

Other activity

- a) Confirmation that tools are covered in the existing insurance and the renewal cost is £168.
- b) The land leased by the bowling club is now registered to the Parish Council. The information has been passed to Hatchers and the lease will start from the date of completion, not 2018.
- c) Smartwater – it has been suggested that this is not good value for money and should not be offered by the Parish Council.
- d) Grass Contract – the signed contract has not been received and has been sent again by post
- e) Website – ownership of the domain name has been transferred to the parish.
- f) The main focus for the clerk is currently the Annual Parish Meeting and finalisation of the Annual Financial Return.

During the clerk's report there was a general discussion about the current Natural England activity on the Moss.

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Parish Matters

- a) Asset Management. **Resolved: An earmarked reserve will be established for Moss Cottages Field.**

A site meeting for Members will be arranged before the next meeting in order for Members to agree the level of maintenance required. The reserve value will be set at the next meeting.

- b) The Marlot (verbal report from Cllr Turnbull):
 - a. Using Natural England's tractor and chipper some of the brash has been removed and spread on the pathway.
 - b. Work to be carried out later in the Summer has been identified.
 - c. Natural England has been asked to arrange a volunteer day to clear the ditch by hand and tidy up the pond side. This work is needed every month or two months.
 - d. The only creeping willow in Shropshire is growing at the Marlot and needs to be protected.
 - e. A new grazing agreement will be required in the Autumn.
 - f. The lopper harness is still to be purchased
- c) Annual Parish Meeting: Members discussed the content of the meeting. **Resolved: The content of the meeting was agreed.**
- d) Annual General Meeting: Members discussed options for the AGM. **Resolved: The AGM will take place at 7pm on 15 May 2019.** The clerk will revise the notices accordingly and distribute them.

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Financial Matters

- a) To receive monthly bank balance record.
The Clerk advised the council of the council's bank balances.

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
29 April 2019	Community Account	£10,618.87
	Business Saver Account	£926.40
TOTAL		£11,545.27

- b) Members were briefed on the option for councils with gross income and expenditure of less than £25,000 to self-certify as exempt from external audit review. **Resolved: The Council will self-certify as exempt from external audit review.**
The Chairman and Clerk signed the certification form.
- c) To resolve to approve outstanding accounts.
Orders for the payment of outstanding invoices (under "Power to Spend" LGA1972 s.112(2) and 124(1)). As per the financial report of the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO)/ Clerk;

proposed by Cllr Hague, seconded by Cllr Rawlinson and agreed by all present.

Resolved: The outstanding accounts should be paid and the cheques signed by two authorised councillors.

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Councillors Reports

Parish Councillors

Cllr Turnbull:

Commented that it was positive to see the police had attended the previous meeting. Their last scheduled visit to Whixall was cancelled and the next one will take place on Sunday 7 July. There is no longer a schedule of monthly visits to the Parish.

Chris Hirons will be attending the dog show which is to take place on Sunday 2 June at the Social Centre. This has received a lot of support from local businesses.

Shropshire Councillors:

Cllr Mellings:

A written report was provided to members prior to the meeting.

Scheduled date of next meeting: **12 June 2019 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm