

WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON 29TH JULY 2019 AT WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance Register

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr D Bellini, Cllr G Dominey,
Cllr C Harper, Cllr H Sutton,
In Attendance: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC), Mr E Hale (Clerk), Mrs J Adams,
Mr E and Mrs S Ambrose, Mrs S Cumming, Mr C Cobb-Smith,
Mrs K Edwards, Mr A Foreman, Mr S Husher, Mrs J Inman,
Mrs J Kinsey, Mrs N Manston, Mrs C Thompson
Apologies: None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of Meeting held on 13th May 2019

Cllr Heron had requested changes to Item 5 paragraphs 2 and 4. These were agreed by the Councillors and the minutes will be corrected and re-issued

4. Matters Arising

Cllr Thompson welcomed new Councillors Sutton and Dominey to the Parish Council

5. Items raised by Members of the Public

None

6. Report by Cllr Heron

Cllr Heron said that HCC has passed a resolution on Climate Change and a zero carbon policy

7. Correspondence

The Clerk has received details of a polling station review from NFDC which can be found at:
<http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/19045/Polling-stations-and-places-review-2019>

8. Financial Reports

A. Balances of Accounts.

The balance in the deposit account is £2,488.31 and in the current account is £2,564.63.

B. Accounts for Payment.

The Clerk asked for approval of two payments each of £160 to S Colborne for grounds work to the open space. This covers April to July inclusive

9. Planning Applications

19/10382. Oak Trees. Detached outbuilding. Refused as would be intrusive

19/10464. 6 Well House Close. Extension and raised wall. Granted subject to conditions

19/10580. Whitsbury Cross. Extension and alterations. Granted subject to conditions

19/10613. Herrington Cottage. Convert window to door. Granted subject to conditions

10. Parish Council Representatives

The Western Downland Parish Councils are looking for a Parish to arrange their next meeting

11. Any Other Business

Transfer of Open Space

The Clerk had asked the Solicitor for an update. He is waiting for confirmation of the transfer from Land Registry. This will take a minimum of six months unless there is good reason to hurry the process. Land Registry will only accept the withholding of the transfer funds as justification if there is written evidence from NFDC. The Clerk will email Cllr Heron to arrange this confirmation

Resolution on Climate Change

Cllr Thompson said many individuals are taking action about climate change but the village should be able to take collective action. Cllr Dominey said some villages have solar farms which can feed into the village power supplies. Coombe Bissett has a scheme at Bake Farm. Cllr Harper said some contractors will build solar farms and pay rent for the land. Cllr Heron said some villages have carried out schemes such as thermal imaging cameras to check if heat is escaping from homes so these can be improved with grants. Many communities have recycling facilities which can process items such as aluminium foil and take bulk loads to central recycling sites. Woodgreen can recycle many items from a central recycling point. Whitsbury has a buy and sell section on the website

Cllr Harper asked if schemes to generate power had to go to the National Grid. Mr Foreman said battery technology had improved and households should soon be able to store their own, and even use these to charge their electric cars. Mr Cobb-Smith said more should be done to reduce outputs from China and South America. Cllr Dominey said there are ways to co-ordinate oil deliveries to avoid lorries visiting communities so many times.

There was discussion about options for quick improvements. All agreed it is important to make individuals aware of their own impact. Other options are sharing village produce and encouraging changes from fluorescent lamps. Cllr Bellini had checked his personal carbon footprint and had been disappointed by his 103% until he found that other people were recording a much worse 200%. Cllr Thompson asked for volunteers to be on the village Climate Change reduction working group. The members will be Mr A Foreman, Mr S Husher, Mrs C Thompson, Mrs J Inman, Mrs S Cumming and Mrs J Adams. The Working Group was asked to report at future Council meetings

The Lengthsman has been asked to cut the hedge on Path 3 from the top of Lower Grove and will also be asked to cut the hedge on the path to the Church

Mr Cobb-Smith will leave a copy of the Western Downland Roll of Honour in the Village Hall

12. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting will be on Monday 28th October 2019 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

Proposed dates for next year are 27th January, 30th March, 18th May, 27th July, 26th October

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.