

# WHITSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF MEETING AT 7.00PM ON 9TH JANUARY 2023 IN WHITSBURY VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Attendance Register, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.

Present: Cllr G Thompson (Chairman), Cllr C Harper, Cllr D Bellini, Cllr H Sutton, Cllr G Dominey

Apologies: Cllr E Heron (HCC and NFDC)

In Attendance: Mrs S Ambrose, Mrs R Drewitt, Mrs J Kinsey, Mr S Husher, Mr C Cobb-Smith,  
Mr E Hale (Clerk)

No Declarations of Interest

### 2. Minutes of Meeting held on 31st October 2022

Accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed the previous minutes to confirm this.

### 3. Items raised by Members of the Public.

Mrs Ambrose said she would like to discuss potholes. Highways will be covered under Village Plan.

### 4. Report by HCC and NFDC Cllr Heron

No report this meeting.

### 5. To Agree Parish Precept for 2023-24

The Clerk summarised the Parish Council had only spent around £1,800 of the current £2,200 so far this year, and around £400 was a one-off payment for the new noticeboard. NFDC have written to say the cost of a contested election in Whitsbury would be £665, but these costs could be spread over the following three years. Cllr Harper proposed the Precept remains at £2,200, and this was seconded by Cllr Dominey. All Councillors voted in favour of this.

### 6. Financial Report and Payments

The current balances in the accounts are £10,648.22 and £2,491.27, making a total of £13,139.49. The current account has reduced by £423 following payments to Mr E Hale and Mr S Colbourne. The deposit account has increased by 84p in interest. The Clerk asked for approval of a payment of £217.68 to Mr S Husher for printing costs of the Village Plan. The Chairman said Cllr Heron had made a £200 contribution for this. The payment to Mr Husher was approved.

### 7. Planning Applications

No current consultations. The results of previous applications are:

22/11038. The Cartwheel. Minor alterations to form ground floor bedroom. Granted.

22/11103. Minors Cottage. Chimney repairs. Withdrawn.

### 8. Village Plan

The Chairman had circulated proposals to take action on the concerns raised in the Plan:

**Community Integration.** This would involve more village social events. There are some volunteers who will be working with the Village Hall Committee to arrange these events. These have been passed to Mr J Fletcher.

**Environment.** Volunteers for this will work with Whitsbury World. There are options for village schemes, such as more solar panels. The Chairman and Mr Husher will discuss these options.

**Roads and Rights of Way Maintenance.** This involves better reporting of issues to the Highway Authority. Issues can be reported directly on the HCC website, or to Mr Husher for him to pass on. Councillors discussed some current issues and will take photos to put on the HCC website.

**Village Emergency Plan.** Cllr Dominey said this was difficult to write as unsure what emergencies will arise. Cllr Sutton said the Village Hall is usually to meeting point if there are village issues. Mr Cobb-Smith suggested a committee of three members to be contactable if any villagers have an emergency. He offered to lead on this and will find two other committee members.

**Communications.** There are now many ways to pass information around residents such as the village website or WhatsApp. Many still prefer items through letterboxes, such as the Newsletter, but this needs more people to contribute. There was discussion about passing emergency messages by starting a chain with each person phoning three more people. Mrs Kinsey suggested another noticeboard at Manor Farm, but Cllr Harper didn't think many people would use it.

**Summary.** Mr Husher said he will monitor the actions from the Village Plan and set up an Action Plan. The Chairman spoke about the bequest to the village and asked for ways this could be spent. Mrs Kinsey asked for better recreation facilities in the village.

## 9. Whitsbury World

The Chairman said the group is planning another litter pick.

## 10. Speed Reduction

Cllr Dominey said he had met Ms M Ware of HCC and discussed the proposals she had prepared. He asked for modifications after previous discussions, and HCC are now preparing costs for the work. 20mph zones are still not possible as HCC is waiting for results of a previous review.

## 11. Broadband

Still awaiting contract award by HCC. Whitsbury Farm has installed a 'Starlink' booster system which has significantly improved phone reception, but is expensive.

## 12. Correspondence

The Clerk had received details about the elections on 4th May. Anyone wanting to stand for the Parish Council will need to fill in nomination forms. The Clerk will circulate details as soon as more is known. The Chairman suggested advertising the process so more villagers could stand for election.

## 13. Any Other Business

**Coronation.** The Chairman said Mrs Locock is organising events and there is likely to be a barbeque at The Cartwheel on Sunday 7th May. Mrs Kinsey asked if there would be a Church service.

## 14. Next Meeting

7pm on Monday 27th March. The May meeting will now be on 15th May. Other meetings will be on 31st July and 30th October 2023. This meeting closed at 8.15pm

Edward Hale 16.01.2023

## Income and Expenditure since March 2022

Balance at 31st March 2022		10,111.20
Income	Precept (2,200.00) + Grant (138.00)	+ 2,338.00
Expenditure	Website	112.21
	Insurance	156.93
	S Colborne (135 + 90 + 360 + 135)	720.00
	Parish Clerk	288.00
	Notice board	398.84
	External audit	<u>125.00</u>
Balance at 9th January 2023		<u>10,648.22</u>