

Whixall Parish Council

Chairman: Ian Mercer

Minutes of Parish Council's Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 at
Whixall Social Centre starting at 7:30pm

Present:

Chairman: I Mercer

Councillors: B Harris; G Turnbull; A Hague; M Howard

Clerk: A Roberts

Members of the community: Jen Spenser

Representatives of other bodies/ organisations: PC Deb Wheeler (West Mercia Police)
Mike Crawshaw (Natural England)

01/19 Apologies for Absence

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Cllr Pauline Dee (SC) Cllr Chris Mellings (SC)

02/19 Public Participation

PC Wheeler outlined the makeup of the local policing team and the response to recent incidents within the Parish. In particular she requested that the public share intelligence with the police (using the telephone 101 system). The team will send a representative to PC meetings whenever shift patterns allow.

Mike Crawshaw updated on the work at the former Furber's site. His report is to be shared via the Parish Council website.

03/19 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded of their obligation to declare any interests/ gifts/ hospitality:
None declared

04/19 Minutes of the monthly meeting held on 14 November 2018

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

05/19 Planning

a) Applications Considered

Reference	Detail	Comment
18/05552/FUL	Change of use of land from agricultural to tourism use for the siting of 3No Log Cabins, construction of associated access and all associated works Land At Yew Tree House The Moss SY13 2PD	No Comment
18/05504/FUL	Application under section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of a traditional dutch barn and excavation of 4 ponds Roving Bridge Farm House Moss Lane SY13 2RT	Further to this application the parish council expects ongoing natural screening of the barn to mitigate visual intrusion.

b) No application decisions received since last meeting.

06/19 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on the following:

a) Correspondence

- b) Grass Cutting Contract – contract expires in March and will be retendered this month
- c) Whixall Bowling Club lease

07/19

Parish Matters

- a) Marlot – a 2019 management plan and proposed 2-year budget was presented to members.
- b) Assets – Equipment purchased this year are to be added to the asset register. The make and model of the replacement laptop to be purchased for use by the clerk was agreed.
- c) Newsletter – To reduce costs the Parish will only deliver one newsletter in 2019 (Autumn/Winter edition). The Spring/Summer edition will be made available online.
- d) Senior Citizens' Party – the 2019 party will follow the same format as 2018 but will cater for 15 less people in order to reduce surpluses.

08/19

Financial Matters

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

DATE	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
28 December 2018	Community Account	£7,328.85
	Business Saver Account	£925.94
TOTAL		£8,254.79

- b) 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 Harris, seconded by Cllr Hague and agreed by all present.
Resolved: The outstanding accounts should be paid and the cheques signed by two authorised councillors.
- c) To set the Parish Precept for 2019/20
Following discussion in relation to public assets managed by the Parish Cllr Mercer proposed that the precept for 2019/20 should be £8,300. This was seconded by Cllr Hague and agreed by all **RESOLVED that a total precept of £8300 would be requested.**

09/19

Highways

No items raised

10/19

Councillors Reports

- a) Parish Councillors:
Cllr. Turnbull reiterated concerns regarding recent incidents within the parish and the need to be vigilant over suspicious behaviour (fly-tipping and attempted burglaries)
- b) Shropshire Councillors:
Cllr Mellings will provide a written report to members by email.

11/19

Consideration of Co-Option of Parish Councillors

The public were excluded from this section of the meeting.

Prior to the meeting members interviewed 2 candidates for co-option. Following discussion Cllr Mercer proposed that Alan Rawlinson be co-opted. This was seconded by Cllr Harris and agreed by all. Cllr Mercer proposed that Jen Spenser be co-opted. This was seconded by Cllr Turnbull and agreed by all.

RESOLVED: A Rawlinson and J Spenser to be co-opted onto the Council.Scheduled date of next meeting: **Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.30 pm**

The meeting closed at 9.45pm