

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WHETSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Held at the Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone
23rd February 2023

Present: Mr. M.E. Jackson - Vice Chairman
Mrs. A.M. Tyler
Mrs. P. Kenney
Mr. J. Riley
Mrs. L. Pendery Hunt
Mr. L. Breckon - (Clerk)

Ms. S. Tomlinson
Mr. P. Cox
Mr. J. Culshaw
Mr. M.R. Bounds
Ms. D. Jeeves
No Parishioners in attendance.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

114. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from:— Mrs. S. Coe – illness. Mr. R. Simmons – family bereavement, Mr. L.M. Phillimore – other meeting. RESOLVED: To accept apologies received.

115. CHAIRMANS REPORT AND REMARKS

The Vice Chairman thanked Members for their attendance. In honour of former Blaby District and Parish Councillor Mr. Alan Tanner, whose death had been recently announced by his family, the Vice Chairman asked Members to stand for a minute's silence.

Members also wished to send their best wishes and thoughts to the Chairman at this time.

116. DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

None.

117. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL DATED 26th JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting dated 26th January 2023 were confirmed and signed by the Vice Chairman.

118. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) Public Speaking Protocol - No requests had been received by the protocol deadline.
- b) The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to make representation about any item not on the agenda (old parishioners time).
- i) A planning application was raised as to how to get Blaby Planning officers / enforcement officers to look at the works as it was believed they were not as per the approved application. The Vice Chairman replied in his capacity as a District Councillor as to the best route forward.
- ii) The sea gulls previously reported on the roof of the building on the Ashville Industrial estate were back.
- iii) The large bungalow on the bottom of Springwell Lane had been sold. This would probably become an application for multiple dwellings on site.
- iv) An update was requested on the Members Highways fund. None was available, although it was known that CC Mr. L.M. Phillimore was "chasing" officers.
- v) A drone had been seen being operated by Leicestershire Police on Warwick Road park. No contact had been made with the office, but on the day in question, a missing persons alert had been made regarding a missing Whetstone resident. The Clerk was asked to see if a policy was needed regarding Public Open Spaces and people flying drones.

119. REPORTS FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

The following report was given by BDC Cllr. Mr. M.E. Jackson: BDC had approved its budget and precept. He had been involved with enforcement issues regarding the TPO tree secured on Central Close. He had attended the BDC Planning Committee where the College Road application had been approved. He gave Members an update. The Trinity

Road Park application was still with the case officer. He had not generated his initial report yet. He was meeting with LCC highways officers to see if their objections could be overcome within the application site.

RESOLVED: That any verbal reports given be received.

120. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

None.

121. FINANCE

a) TO RECEIVE THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023 INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE TO BUDGET INCLUDING YEAR TO DATE AND THE BANK RECONCILIATION AND SIGN THE SAME

The Clerk agreed and noted that the a) was superfluous as there was no b).

RESOLVED: That the accounts paid up to the end of January 2023 were confirmed. The Income and expenditure and bank reconciliation statements were signed by the Vice Chairman on behalf of Council.

122. PLANNING APPLICATION – DUE TO IT BEING DEEMED A MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION – 19/0164/OUT – LAND TO THE WEST OF ST. JOHNS (B4114) ENDERBY – IN RESPONSE TO LCC HIGHWAYS COMMENTS FROM 26/03/21- SUBSEQUENT CHANGES TO THE INITIALLY SUBMITTED APPLICATION INCLUDING ADDITIONAL ADDENDUM

The Clerk had all relevant information relating to this application on the screen for presenting. He had copied the previous “visit” to this application by the Highways WP. It had not been looked at by Council as it was a neighbouring application.

The Clerk updated Members with the key changes in the resubmitted application. Members discussed the application and its changes. The main concerns were the traffic around St. Johns B4114, Enderby Road, Fosse Park and beyond to Junction 21 which were already loaded during peak rush hour times. It was commented on how the rush hour now began at 3.30 p.m. and continued until 6.00 p.m. along the B4114 past the Police Headquarters. This then continued down the Enderby Road and through the village.

It was felt this application would be approved, due to its size and strategic location. Mitigation was needed towards Whetstone. What could be accommodated was not known.

RESOLVED: That the following observations be made: The Park and Ride should have longer opening hours and should have the first stop at Fosse Park on the way into the city. This may help the traffic volumes as a lot of this traffic and users were Foxhunter side of the facility.

Mitigation was noted for the Fosse Park side of the development. Concerns were along the Enderby Road from the Fox Hunter. Traffic coming on and off Leicester Lane using the Police Headquarters traffic lights would increase the already overloaded road network.

The creation of public access lakes and walks needed to ensure a safe crossing to access the site. The flooding currently experienced on this site as farmland would need to be addressed to ensure the B4114 did not flood, as it currently does opposite Palmers.

Traffic going to junction 21 was a perceived problem. The junctions around the Grove Park

/ Sainsburys were not currently accommodating traffic ingress and egress to the business park at peak times. As this would become the sat nav and defacto route into the site, this would need mitigation. All of these roads again do not cope with the existing traffic ingressing and egressing the site.

The applicant should give all affected Parishes some mitigated “monies” via a community scheme, as acknowledgment that the issues this development will cause cannot be mitigated. The parishes affected are Enderby, Narborough, Whetstone, Glen Parva and Braunstone Town. Tree planting could be undertaken in these parishes to try and mitigate more and more stationary traffic on their roads. This would be welcomed by Whetstone Parish Council.

The Clerk to submit the above as Whetstone Parish Councils formal submission.

123. TO RECEIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THE LOCAL ELECTION PAPERWORK PROCESS FOR MAY 2023

The Clerk has included the electoral commission forms in the agenda pack. He read out bullet points from a Clerks guide sent out by BDC, which he had sent to Members previously. He was attending the BDC Candidate and Agents meeting being held Tuesday 7th March at the Council offices. He would then send out a completed copy of the forms as an aide memoire for Members.

RESOLVED: Note the update given.

124. CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported the following: The new BDC dual waste bins acquired under the s106 grant had all been installed and they increase the capacity at all locations. The Clerk had tabled an updated room hire leaflet. Zurich insurance had confirmed that the Parish Council were covered for the forthcoming Coronation.

He had tabled a copy of the precept leaflet for Members information, as well as a thankyou letter from a Vicarage Lane resident who was thanking the ground staff, Graham and James for their professional and caring work that they had completed next to their property.

The Clerk had re-registered himself as the Information Officer for the Parish Council with the Information Commissioners Office. He also gave a verbal update on the Members IT monies set aside. He had received a late update which he shared with Members. He would get a presentation for the next Council meeting.

The Vice Chairman thanked him for his informative report.

125. CORRESPONDENCE - TO RECEIVE THE CORRESPONDENCE REPORT

To receive correspondence report: RESOLVED: The list be received and noted. All correspondence had been copied to members.

a) Leicestershire Police – February 2023 newsletter – noted.

b) Leicestershire Neighbourhood Watch Annual Report 2022 – noted

c) BDC – Certificate of Lawfulness – 22/1231/CLP – received.

d) BDC – Planning approval notice for 22/1174/HH – Approved – received.

e) BDC – Planning approval notice for 22/1094/HH – Approved – received.

RESOLVED: To note the correspondence.

With there being no further business, the Vice Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.