**Whiston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 25th July at 6.30 pm at Whiston Parish Hall.**

**Present: -** R. Brown, T Stevenson, N Tranmer, D. Dodson. M. Yarlett, D Bridge, G. Smales,

K. Ferris.

**In Attendance:** Clerk to the Council.

Borough Cllrs Cowles.

6 members of the public

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| **048/18**  **049/18**  **050/18**  **051/18**  **052/18**  **053/18** | **To Receive Apologies and Approve Reasons for Absence**  None.  **To Receive Declarations of Interest**  Item 14 Festival of Brass: R. Brown and D. Dodson, D Bridge, G Smales – Non-pecuniary as organisers of the event.  **Public Discussion Period**   * Recap re: Doles Lane stopping up action. The application appeared to have gone through at the Court, although no official confirmation. Chairman noted funds (£1000) potentially available from the “Friends of Whiston Green” and this would be put to their committee. It was confirmed that local farmers had agreed to install and maintain the gates with RMBC to maintain the lane in the future, but as a bridleway. Local authority to specify suitable materials etc for the gates. * Query regarding the extent of the planning permission at Well House, Well Lane.   The meeting was suspended to allow members to speak to the candidates for the casual vacancy. The Chair introduced the members of the council to the candidates. All candidates were asked to briefly advise of their background and why they wanted to be a parish councillor.  **Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held – 26th June 2017**  **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2017 be approved as a true and accurate record.  **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  040/18 – Whiston Natter update with the group now advised of the grant offer. |
| **054/18** | **Casual Vacancy**  M. Yarlett declared a non-pecuniary interest as one candidate had been a former employee. (Cllr Yarlett did not vote)  Three residents attended who had expressed an interest in filling the casual vacancy. (One resident had withdrawn). Members had earlier invited the candidates to advise why they wished to sit on the Council.  **Resolved:** That Mr Rex Carter be co-opted onto the Council. |
| **055/18**  **056/18**  **057/18**  **058/18**  **059/18**  **060/18**  **061/18**  **062/18**  **063/18**  **064/18**  **065/18**  **066/18**  **067/18**  **068/18**  **069/18**  **070/18** | **Monthly Accounts**  **Resolved:** That the monthly accounts be approved in the sum of £3707.68 (schedule attached) together with retainer returns of £350.00 for July /August  **Bank Reconciliations to 30th June 2017**  The bank reconciliations to 30th June 2017 were agreed.  **Budget Monitoring**  Budget monitoring noted.  **Doles Lane Stopping Up Application- Request for funding**  Members expressed concerns regarding the administrative nature of the fees being requested. The Council had advised previously that they would support the application but not fund it and members retained this view.    **Youth Council Update**  DEFERRED as Borough Councillor Turner absent.  **Garage Rent Review**  The tenant has advised she is currently seeking an opinion of a surveyor. Members agreed that a decision was needed by the September meeting.  Item 13 moved to confidential session (Contractual tenders).  **Festival of Brass**  Members were advised of the initial problems regarding licensing which were eventually resolved. Signage and organisation had been improved with an increased number of stalls. Overall the event was very successful and well attended. Capacity could be an issue going forward.  Considered funding and costs – largest costs traffic management and security with alternative sites being considered in future. Co-operation of local publicans still being sought and improved contributions from sponsors. A budget/account had been circulated to members with members keen to ensure that given the size and local importance of the event that it was fully funded  **Resolved:** That the full shortfall in funding be met by the Council.  **Christmas installation**  Blanchere had attended the village and discussed the Councils requirements with the clerk. A quote was awaited. A second quote had already been supplied by Christmas Plus  **Resolved:** That up to £10,000 be approved with the Clerk to agree final design and items required with the successful contractor in due course.  Illuminations at Worrygoose onsidered but not within the parish.  **Events**  Community pantomime to now be progressed. No update regarding an Armistice event but some members to meet to progress the arrangements with the Council to consider in due course.    **Correspondence**  Defibrillator request (for September agenda).  **Items for Future Agenda**  Defibrillator  Red Phone box- maintenance  Hall – Hirer rates  **Planning Applications**  **RB2017/0859** The Old Coach House, Rectory Drive  Non- material amendment to app RB2008/0263 to include replacement of proposed rear door & window on rear of extension with bifold doors and replacement of side door with window  ***No adverse comment***  **Planning Determinations**  **RB2017/0622** 62 Lathe Road  Two storey side and single storey front and rear extension- ***Granted***  **RB2017/0319** Well House Well Lane  Application to fell and prune various trees protected by RMBC tree preservation order No 1 1976- ***Part granted part refused***  **Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960**  Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press were excluded.    **Parish Hall – Toilet Refurbishment & Extension**  Quotes still outstanding. Any quotes to now be obtained for the September meeting at the latest.  There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.10pm  Signed…………………………………………………  Dated ……………………………………………….. |
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