**Whiston Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th October 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom.**

**Present: -** M. Yarlett, C. Davis, N. Tranmer, R. Carter, D. Dodson, T. Stevenson, G. Smales

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**In Attendance:** E. Keeling-Heane,Clerk to the Council, A. Harrison RFO, Ward Cllr Allen Cowles.

2 members of the public

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Whiston Vale -10 plots no problems other than some tree works required from the adjacent RMBC meadow  Barfield – 23 plots. Problems with trees adjacent to the brook but no one prepared to take responsibility for this area. Also, trees along the entrance/drive which could need some investment.  Resident from Hollowgate provided members with details of their recently purchased property and the actions they had taken regarding the adjacent boundary. Historical information about the property also sought.  (Arrival of Councillors Stevenson, Carter and Tranmer)  **Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting -21st September 2020**  **Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on the 21st September 2020 be approved as a true and accurate record.  **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  High Street - Noted speed survey being undertaken.    **Receive/Approve the Monthly Accounts for October**  **Resolved**: That the monthly accounts for October be approved.    **Bank Reconciliations to 30th September 2020**  **Resolved**: That the bank reconciliations to 30th September be agreed.  **Budget Monitoring to September**  Members received the budget monitoring report to September    **Health and Safety**  No matters raised. (All premises COVID-19 secure).      **Youth Club** - Update and consider grant application to RMBC  **Resolved:** That consent be given to seek a £200 grant from the Ward Councillors fund for craft equipment. (Noted children could no longer share supplies due to the COVID-19 pandemic)  **RMBC -Ward Councillor Report**   * Ivy on the High Street wall now agreed to be cut back by RMBC. * Noted boundary issue previously raised & discussed earlier in the public session. * Noted unadopted nature of part of Hollowgate. * Cowrakes lighting discussed and potential concerns from residents.   (Members agreed to bring forward Item 17- Environment)  (Arrival of Cllr Smales)    **Environment**   1. Red phone box update   Landlord of the Sitwell Arms now confirmed by BT to be in the process of adopting the red phone box.   1. Funding for flood resistance   Report received from Cllr Griffin. (Noted suggestion for a store and flood equipment by other parishes which could be replicated).  **Resolved**: That members approved a grant bid for flood resistance funding.   1. Consider grounds maintenance to area adjacent to the toilet block   Noted unadopted area which was now very unruly which was not owned by the Parish Council.  **Resolved:** That, as a one-off, the Parish Council would agree to cut back the overgrown area, although would not take responsibility for the area generally or beyond the one-off maintenance being approved herein. There would be no maintenance to the large leylandii tree within this agreed maintenance, only ground level works. (If any areas could be cleared permanently this would be sought from the contractor)  **Brook Street Land** - Consider valuation  **Resolved:** That a valuation report beapproved to value theland being transferred by RMBC.  **Parish Hall** inc signage update  Signage to the rear and an internal plaque previously agreed by members had been  ordered.  Recommendation from the sign company discussed regarding the front sign.  Investigation to be undertaken by Cllr Yarlett to review stone with a view to levelling.  **Christmas -** Update and consider options for village tree.  Update provided by the Clerk regarding the newly proposed electrical supply.  **Resolved**: Tree for the green approved in the sum of £285 (Nordman Fir)  **Resolved**: That electrician costs for installation of the lamppost electrics agreed in the  sum of £1,125  **Remembrance Sunday** - Consider event  **Resolved**: That considering the pandemic and uncertainties regarding local restrictions it was agreed an event could not be arranged this year.  Publicity encouraging residents to “Remember from Home” and to attend war memorials during the course of the day to lay wreaths, but not at a designated time e.g. 11am.  Cllr Dobson to lay a wreath for the Parish Council with Cllrs Stevenson/Smales/Yarlett to look to fit lamppost poppies.    **Summer Festival 2021** – Consider initial plans for 2021  DEFERRED until January agenda due to current uncertainties with restrictions on public gatherings. |
| **066/20**  **067/20**  **068/20**  **069/20** | **Correspondence** – Noted no grant request received from WRAG to date.  (Noted permission not required for seating near the green but planning permission would be required for any lighting to signage).  **Items for Future Agenda**  Consider Banks Grant Application for public seating  Consider possible Christmas arrangements e.g. gifts for schoolchildren.  **Planning Applications**  **RB2020/1447** - 37 Moorhouse Lane  Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of dwelling house  **Resolved:** Objection as out of keeping with the surrounding area.  **RB2020/1537** - 1 Sheep Cote Road Brecks  Alterations to roof to create room in roof space with front dormer window  **RB2020/1562** -3 Royds Avenue, Demolition of existing attached outbuilding & erection of two storey side & single storey rear extension  **RB2020/1579** -7 Cottam Close, Single storey front and side extension  **RB2020/1575** - The Manorial Barn, Chaff Lane  Application to undertake works to a tree protected by RMBC TPO No.5, 2018  **RB2020/1590** - 54 Cow Rakes Lane, Two storey side and single storey rear extensions  **No adverse comment to the above applications**  **Planning Determinations**  **RB2020/1276** - 222 East Bawtry Road - First floor side and rear extensions - **Granted**      There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.09pm    Signed…………………………………………………  Dated ……………………………………………….. |

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| **PAYEE** | **ACCOUNT** |  | **TOTAL** |
| J Arno | Reimburse training conference fee | BACS | 118.80 |
| O2 | Mobile phone | DD | 17.04 |
| RMBC | Land & Garage Rent | DD | 27.03 |
| British Gas | Electricity- hall | DD | 28.81 |
| Business Stream | Water charges- hall | DD | 82.77 |
| British Gas | Gas- hall | DD | 14.91 |
| Virgin Media | YC Mobile phone (JA) | BACS | 6.00 |
| IDL | Kitchen cleaning products | BACS | 38.93 |
| Moran Electrical | Sitwell triangle electricity pillar fees | BACS | 1581.86 |
| RMBC | Barfield Allotment - quarterly rent | BACS | 9.38 |
| Wilko | Reimburse EKH Expenses -cleaning products | BACS | 9.00 |
| E Keeling-Heane | Reimburse replacement lock storage cupboard | BACS | 25.78 |
| Wilko | Reimburse SP refuse sacks | BACS | 6.50 |
| Speedy Shoe Service | Reimburse SP hall keys for new groups | BACS | 7.50 |
| Various | Salaries- October | BACS | 2583.92 |
| HMRC | NICs & IT- October | BACS | 371.03 |
| **TOTAL** |  |  | **4929.26** |