

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30th January 2017 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Pat Woodfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), 12 residents.

3067. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Jane Stone. The Clerk read out a short statement from Cllr Smith in which he explained that he would not attend to participate in discussions regarding the Sam Middup Field, the Clerk having advised him to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI).

3068. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The meeting was suspended until 7.20pm to allow members of the public to speak. One resident whose home backed onto the Sam Middup Field asked for assurance that the privacy and security of the homes be maintained, and any footpath or other area for the public should be a reasonable distance from the garden boundaries. Another resident expressed concerns about the costs, consultation process and name of the field, and advised that the drain should be connected to the north west corner. One resident stated that the village was being “gagged” if Cllr Smith could not participate. The Clerk outlined the requirements to disclose a DPI under the Localism Act and read out an extract from a GBC briefing note on criminal offences relating to DPIs. A resident put forward his view that other members resident on the estate also had a DPI. The Clerk advised that a complaint could be made to GBC’s Standards Committee. A resident asked if works to the field carried out w/c 23rd January had been done by volunteers without charge and the Clerk confirmed this to be the case. Further questions were raised as to whether the land had been removed from the SHLAA and why there was a proposal to let the field to a farmer when it had been bought for recreational use.

Cllr Turton read out an email that she had received stating that the ditch in the field ran in the wrong direction, and referring to works during the construction of the Costain estate.

3069. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th January were approved.

3070. SAM MIDDUP FIELD

Repairs to entrance gate and fence: it was agreed to seek quotes for the renewal of the fence post to the east of the gate.

Ditch maintenance: two representatives from the Environment Agency had met the Chairman and Clerk on site to discuss proposed works to the ditch on 25th January and had confirmed their acceptance of the plan via an email. It was noted that a grassy verge or other planting should be in place on the southern boundary of the ditch at all times and Cllr Woodfield recommended that, at the end of the likely Farm Business Tenancy, the PC plan a planting scheme that would fulfil the EA’s requirements and also enhance security for neighbouring properties. It was resolved to carry out ditch works according to the specification dated 27th January, at an estimated cost of £1400, contractor Andy Musson. Cllr Turton challenged the decision to contract without seeking multiple quotes or a fixed price. Cllr Charles-Jones explained that the contractor suggested was renowned

for this type of work within South Notts and was the preferred choice for many farmers, and a request for a fixed price would almost certainly inflate the cost of the works.

Farm Business Tenancy: it was resolved to approve the Farm Business Tenancy between WPC and S P Rose Ltd, in accordance with the draft document dated 29th January 2017. It was noted that the tenancy was a temporary measure while plans for recreational use of the field were developed.

Publication of documents relating to purchase: it was resolved to publish the accounts and the confidential papers considered by the PC during the purchase process, following redaction to remove personal data in accordance with ICO guidelines.

3071. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to authorise a cheque to Hydra Heating for an emergency repair made to the children's toilets.

The Clerk read out an email from Louis Ayre, sound and light engineer to the Village Hall, concerning damage to the sound system, and failure by the same user to leave the system set up, tidy and secure as found. Cllr Woodfield agreed to discuss with the hirer.

3072. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as February 14th 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 7.48pm.