

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm  
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr John Charles-Jones (Acting Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk).

**3311. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Jane Stone, Cllr Pat Woodfield, Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC) and Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC).

**3312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As registered.

**3313. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December were approved.

**3314. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

The chairman thanked Tom Wiles for his work in analysing the Sam Middup Field questionnaires. Following major investments made in land and play equipment in 2016 and 2017, he cautioned against being blasé about expenditure as the PC prepared its 2018/19 budget. He noted that the new fire alarm at the Village Hall and the new play equipment carried significant ongoing charges for monitoring and inspection.

**3315. COUNTY AND DISTRICT MATTERS**

It was agreed to chase Cllr Elliott for action on white lining at the Lowdham Lane junction and resurfacing of Main Street into Foxwood Lane. The Christmas tree in the Governors' Field had been a success and it was agreed to thank Cllr Elliott and ask whether he would be able to supply a tree in 2018. It was noted that the tree had been removed by GBC's tree services as a matter of urgency during stormy weather and a deeper hole for the tree was recommended in future. It was agreed to ask GBC to replace the broken Smalls Croft sign.

**3316. SAM MIDDUP FIELD**

The Clerk presented preliminary results from the questionnaire. 182 households (circa 23%), comprising 383 people, had responded. Only 20 responses had been received from 11-19 year olds. It was agreed that the data should be circulated to all members for unhurried consideration and discussion at a later meeting. It was agreed also to consider (i) whether a follow up should be delivered to non-respondents (ii) how to gather the views of the 11-19 year olds in the village.

**3317. HAGS INVOICES**

The Clerk had forwarded copy correspondence to HAGS as justification for the discount requested and awaited a response.

**3318. APPLICATION TO NCC LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

It was agreed to apply for a grant from NCC's LIS to fund a small array of play equipment in the corner of the playing field. It was noted that the deadline for applications had been extended and

the requirement for 50% match funding had been removed. Letters of support had been received from the Woods School and the Preschool.

**3319. REPLACEMENT BENCHES**

It was agreed that the Roe Hill bench should be replaced but that the bench on Lingwood Lane would not be reinstated or replaced unless significant demand presented itself. Cllr Charles-Jones had obtained an estimate of £300 to refurbish the bench formerly on Lingwood Lane for use on Roe Hill; his preference was to scrap the old bench and replace with a recycled product at a cost of £360. Votes for each option were equally split but, noting the number of members absent due to ill health, the chairman opted not to use a casting vote but to defer the matter until February's meeting.

**3320. PLANNING**

There was no objection to PC 1023, GBC 2017/1568 for a rear single storey extension at 140 Main Street.

**3321. BUDGETS**

It was agreed to discuss budgets at an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was agreed in principle that all fees charged by the PC should remain the same, with the exception of cemetery fees charged to non-residents. Cllr Smith urged members to put together a 3 year budget with outline projects and their costs in place for years 2 and 3.

**3322. ALLOTMENT FEES**

It was agreed that allotment fees for 2019/20 should be held at £32.

**3323. LENGTHSMAN'S REPORT**

The Lengthsman had compiled a report of his activities and findings. The amount of litter collected was decreasing due to regular litter picking. Protruding nails appeared to have been hammered into the footbridge by the playing field as an act of vandalism. They had been removed, but concern was expressed at the harm which could have been caused to walkers and dogs.

**3324. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

A further email had been received regarding speeding on Shelt Hill, requesting Speedwatch monitoring. The Clerk had advised that Speedwatch was currently inactive due to insufficient volunteers, and recommended that the concerned resident made a request for speed monitoring to NCC. GBC had advised that the PC might receive £824.41 CIL money after April 2018. The following items had been received from NALC: new year letter from the chairman; diversity survey; update on GDPR; update on Local Government Finance Settlement. The following items were noted: Paddy Tipping's "The Beat" newsletter; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

**3325. GREENWOOD TREE PLANTING**

The PC's application for a tree for the Governors' Field had been successful. It was agreed that Cllrs Starke, Charles-Jones and Briggs should meet to decide the location.

**3326. OTHER UPDATES**

The Sycke Beck was partially blocked by a collapsed wall, built recently prior to a property being marketed. Cllr Briggs reported that the homeowner had committed to removing the rubble over

the next two weeks. Playing Field: the Football Club had been unable to play the last two scheduled matches due to the pitch being frozen and then waterlogged. Cemetery: GBC had started the agreed works to tidy up the cemetery. It was agreed to sell an Exclusive Right of Burial for one grave to a non resident.

**3327. INTERNAL AUDITOR**

It was agreed to appoint Andy Hodges as Internal Auditor.

**3328. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 17 payments, totalling £3,889.42 net, were approved for payment. A direct debit form for BT was authorised by Cllrs Wardle and Charles-Jones.

**3329. MEETING DATES 2018**

Dates were agreed.

**3330. NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed to publish the December minutes and the revised date for the GREAT quiz (March 10<sup>th</sup>).

**3331. AOB (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

Cllr Smith reported that a resident had raised concerns with EMAS regarding access to the defibrillators. EMAS's response had not eased the concerns, and the resident would now raise with the local medical committee.

**3332. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.