

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Pat Woodfield

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC, part), Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC, part), Averil Marczak (Clerk).

3634. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford and Cllr Jane Stone.

3635. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As registered.

3636. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February were approved.

3637. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Elliott was preparing a letter for the owners of cars parked on Ploughman Avenue. The fridge in the pavilion was operational again and would not need replacement. Cllr Smith reported that planning applications for 38 Roe Hill and 151 Main Street (revised) had been approved.

3638. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that he had accompanied Cllr Starke and Mr Richard Whincup on one of their play equipment inspections. He thanked them for their diligence and thoroughness.

3639. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Greensmith reported that she was chasing for information regarding a litter pick in the national speed limit areas, and was finding it hard to get any response from GBC officers. Cllr Greensmith had donated money from her funding pot to Woodborough in Bloom and also to WPC (£70) for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner for the pavilion.

3640. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott had signed WPC's grant application form for the LIS (accessible play equipment). He gave details of the horseriding safety event. There was no update on the Minerals Local Plan.

Cllrs Elliott and Greensmith left at 7.30pm.

3641. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION MAY 2ND

The Clerk ran through details of the timetable for the May 2nd election.

3642. THE INSTITUTE

The Village Hall caretaker had agreed to undertake a spring clean at the Institute. It was agreed to ensure that the Institute's insurance would cover such activity and to check that it raised no issues for WPC's insurers before going ahead. It was agreed that any required cleaning products should be purchased by the Institute.

3643. WOODBOROUGH IN BLOOM

Cllr Turton sought and received confirmation of WPC's continued support for Woodborough in Bloom. She drew members' attention to the concerning lack of new and younger volunteers willing to help long-standing volunteers with the associated tasks, particularly the bowser rota. It was agreed to appeal for new volunteers via notices in the newsletter and Woodborough Web.

3644. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

Cllr Starke reported that the fencing around the repaired path end had been removed; time would tell whether the surface had hardened sufficiently. It was agreed to consider putting a sign on the gate asking children not to play on this area; previously the loose surface had on occasions been used as a sandpit. HACS had repaired the swing posts. Cllr Starke and Mr Richard Whincup had devised a repair for the seesaw handles, which were now bolted rather than welded.

3645. PLAY INSPECTION INVOICES

GBC had yet to provide the inspection paperwork. Invoices to the value of £1126.80 were on hold.

3646. PLAYING FIELD

Works to the roof had been completed and the re-plastering of the ceiling was scheduled for March 15th. Cllr Wardle had fixed the leak under the sink and two new toilet roll holder holders had been ordered. The Village Hall caretaker had cleaned the pavilion. It was agreed to purchase a new vacuum cleaner using the grant money from GBC. Following a mild February the football pitch had been cut earlier than scheduled.

Payments from the cricket, football and tennis clubs and the boot camp personal trainer were all up to date.

3647. SAM MIDDUP FIELD

Letters had been distributed to the immediate neighbours of the field to invite them to one of 3 meetings with the Clerk to discuss the practical and security implications raised by public access to the field. To date one reply had been received. Strimming had been undertaken prior to weed killing in April/May.

3648. PLANNING

Mark Spencer MP's office had forwarded a response from Minister for Local Government Rishi Sunak MP re WPC's complaint concerning GBC's handling of planning application 2018/1169. This was circulated for potential future consideration. A letter had been received regarding an appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of 12 Bank Hill, GBC 2018/1155. WPC's existing observations would be taken into account and it was agreed not to make further comment. The Clerk gave members an update regarding GBC 2018/0071; a full set of revised plans were awaited by GBC and the pillars would in due course be clad using the bricks from the pre-existing wall.

3649. CEMETERY

A padlock had been placed on the gate following complaints about a dog in the cemetery. It was agreed that the padlock should be removed during Mother's Day weekend and for a week at

Easter to enable easy access for visitors. Further maintenance works had been completed including the setting of new hedge plants to fill gaps in the hedgerow and topping in the extension. Half or so of the sunken graves had been topped up and seeded, and the gravedigger had promised to complete the job in the next week. Gardenscape had cut the grass and disturbed the newly laid turf and top up soil. It was agreed to contact them and ask them to make good. It was agreed to ask Gardenscape to cut the outer edge of the turning circle in the extension to remove encroaching grass. Cllrs Gough and Charles-Jones agreed to meet in cemetery to agree a location where any spoil should be piled in future.

3650. VILLAGE HALL

Following agreement in principle to purchase replacement white china (Royal Bone Ascot), Cllrs Turton and Wardle presented recommended quantities of each line of new china to be purchased. It was resolved to purchase the recommended quantities at a cost of £2555.20 plus VAT. Cllrs Turton, Wardle and Woodfield agreed to help manage the changeover upon delivery. Members agreed to investigate possible avenues to dispose of the existing green china.

Cllr Wardle had cleared a major blockage in the kitchen drains resulting from food waste. The Clerk had agreed licence terms with PRS PPL Ltd (revised quote £270.93 + VAT).

3651. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A letter had been received from Mark Spencer MP regarding future grants for village halls in mining areas. NALC had forwarded details of forthcoming new councillor training. The Clerk had attended a meeting at GBC; a parish conference and training on GDPR and the code of conduct was planned post election. A new “Gedling Plan”, identifying key priorities, had been agreed.

3652. GOVERNORS’ FIELD

Cllr Starke outlined the new inspection routine that he was undertaking with Mr Richard Whincup. The area with new drainage appeared to be holding up well after the recent heavy rain. A small amount of subsidence had affected the safety surface around the roundabout areas, and Cllr Starke was getting a quote for its repair. The new double bin was due for delivery on March 14th and would be installed in the spring. It was agreed to progress a sign recognising the GREAT team and the grant making bodies.

3653. ALLOTMENTS

Renewal notices had been sent out. Payment and agreements had been received for 16 allotments.

3654. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement for March and 22 payments, totalling £4928.78 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £600 to Peter Shaw Ltd (repairs to pavilion roof). 3 invoices from Gedling Borough Council remained on hold (total value £3245.20).

Andrew Hodges had agreed to undertake WPC’s internal audit.

Cllr Smith requested that a year 2 and year 3 outline budget be drawn up to identify potential exceptional expenditure items.

3655. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

3656. NEWSLETTER AND WOODBOROUGH WEB CONTENT

It was agreed to include the minutes, details of the election process, and an appeal for Woodborough in Bloom volunteers.

3657. AOB (FOR INFO ONLY)

Cllr Charles-Jones was meeting with a representative of ViaEM to discuss white lining on Foxwood Lane.

3658. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as 9th April 2019.

The meeting finished at 9.28pm.