

## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Woodborough Held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr Gough, Cllr Berrisford, Cllr Briggs, Cllr Charles-Jones, Cllr Smith, Cllr Starke, Cllr Stone, Cllr Turton, Cllr Wardle, the Clerk, Cllr Elliott (NCC), 25 residents.

### **AGENDA & WELCOME**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the purpose of the evening. He invited the village to make suggestions to commemorate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **APOLOGIES**

WPC Cllrs Boot and Woodfield and District Cllr Helen Greensmith had sent apologies.

### **MINUTES OF THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH**

The minutes were approved.

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT (Cllr Andrew Gough)**

The last 12 months have been quite challenging, as we have several new members and I am new to the role of chairman. However, I feel that we have made some considerable achievements during the year and I would like to thank my fellow councillors for all their hard work and dedication to the village of Woodborough. I would also like to record my thanks to Averil, our Parish Clerk, for her incredible support, hard work and knowledge. On a high note, we have the exciting prospect of a new "community building incorporating a Scout hut" which Cllr John Charles-Jones will be reporting on later. We also have potentially good news regarding the flood mitigation scheme. Those of you who were present at this meeting last year may remember that the outgoing chairman Richard Whincup promised new village gateway signs. You will be pleased to hear that this has been progressed during the year and, with the help of a grant from Nottinghamshire County Council, by midsummer we will have striking new village signs at each entrance to the village. We also have the prospect of new play equipment on the Governors' Field. We are working closely with the school to extend the lease of the Governors' Field to enable us to apply for grants for the proposed play equipment. I would like to thank Cllr Patrick Smith for all his hard work during testing times trying to get Gedling Borough Council to update the Conservation Area review. I would also like to thank Cllr Jan Turton, for all her hard work in trying to get Gedling Borough Council to give serious consideration to all planning applications, including enforcement action against recent buildings in Woodborough, which had been constructed without appropriate consent. You may have noticed that with the help of the WCA we now have three defibrillators in the village and have recently held two very successful and well attended training sessions. However, I would stress that you do not need training to use these in an emergency, as the emergency services will talk you through it. Finally, can I extend the thanks of the PC to Michael Dobbs of the Woodborough Web for his invaluable help in publicising this meeting, and other important parish news during the year.

### **NEW HOUSING (Patrick Smith, Woodborough Action Group)**

The group was formed in October 2013 when initial development proposals for the whole Borough were first mentioned. The twelve members have stayed the course since then. We work with an adopted strap line which sums up our aims – *supporting conservation, sensitive development and protecting the Green Belt*. During the year we have made sure all the evidence that has been published by Gedling has been reviewed. This has involved poring over thousands of pages of reports and studies. Last month the important Draft Local Plan part 2 was published which sets out the plans for our village. The expected consultation is now confirmed as planned for the period from 23 May – 4 July 2016. All the details for this will be made available by the Borough later this month. Now that the Action Group have had the time to consider and discuss the proposals we thought it would be useful to briefly share our views.

The WAG accepts the main proposals put forward in relation to the provision of 55 dwellings for Woodborough up to the year 2028. It gives reasonable balance between the needs for additional housing and the severe impact further development would have on the village. The two sites chosen have been carefully considered with reference to comprehensive evidence based studies. The selection of Ash Grove (north side), maintains the current 'infill' policy which helps to protect the Green Belt boundaries. It is regrettable that the second site, north of Broad Close, opens up a new area that is outside the existing development boundary and is within the Green Belt. However, it is recognised that any attempt to accommodate the number of dwellings proposed could not be achieved without undue 'overdevelopment' and unacceptably high densities of development within the existing development boundary.

The designation of Taylors Croft and The Governors Field as 'Local Green Spaces' is welcomed, as is the extension of the 'Protected Open Space' near Buckland Drive. These had been proposed by your Parish Council. Woodborough is currently 'washed over' by the Green Belt. This means that the village is treated as if it were in the Green Belt. Our development boundary is defined around the village within which small scale development can be permitted. The new proposals to designate a part of the village as 'inset' and leave the remaining part as 'washed over Green Belt', is of concern. The proposed 'inset' area means that the built-up area it contains is excluded from the Green Belt. While acknowledging the arguments to support this approach, several issues remain.

The long overdue Conservation Area review has been subject to further delays. The present lack of a 'management plan' has led to a potential weakness in the protection that should have been provided by the designation. The assessment of the Conservation Area should have been completed prior to the Draft Local Plan Part 2 proposals. We would then have been able to assess the adequacy of the revised Conservation Area and the accompanying Management Plan in providing protection for Woodborough new 'inset' areas. So, at this time, we cannot assess the likely impact of the change to the village being partly 'inset' or indeed the proposed new 'Local Planning Policies'.

The village residents' main concerns, which have been consistently voiced at the village public meeting in October 2013, in the responses at the Issues and Options stage of the Gedling BC consultation and at the workshop consultation in March 2015, still remain. The issue of being certain that there is no additional risk of more surface water flooding, due to new development on the two new sites, is not addressed at this stage. The Infrastructure required to support the two sites will only be dealt with at the later planning application stage. Increased traffic flow down Roe Hill and at the junction onto the Main Street needs more consideration. Adequate 'off street' parking on Roe Hill needs providing. The completion of the present Ash Grove road should not be further delayed. It's been unsurfaced for over 30 years.

At the consultation that will take place next month it is important that there is a high level of response from Woodborough residents. A high response is the only way of ensuring that everyone's views are properly considered. Agreeing with proposals is just as important as being seen to object. Going forward the intention is that the Action Group will continue to monitor and intervene in the process right up to the stage that Gedling Borough adopt the plans which is due this time next year. We can then close the Action Group. Finally, I would like to put on record my thanks to the 12 members of the group for their involvement and support during the last year.

#### **NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING (Cllr John Charles-Jones)**

Following the Church's decision not to renew the lease of the site of the old scout hut on the original terms, Lynn Morgan approached WPC to see if we could help. Discussion quickly turned to the existing sports pavilion on the playing field which many have felt for many years was an under-used asset. Lynn, with great assistance from Stephen Tupper the district scout commissioner and many other groups within the village, have worked hard to produce a set of plans for a completely refurbished and extended pavilion to provide a scout / community hall on the ground floor with sports changing rooms on a new first floor. Woodborough Parish Council was initially keen to press ahead with a planning application, until a full evaluation of the likely cost had been prepared. With a likely

cost of £250,000, net of VAT, it was decided after much discussion by the parish council felt that spending this amount of money, however raised, was imprudent without a fuller evaluation of all options pertaining to the creation of a new facility within the village. This might entail the building of a new building at no additional cost compared with the refurbishment of the existing building.

At the last WPC meeting it was agreed that a new committee should be formed, to fully evaluate options and engage with architects as to the options and likely costs of those options, and the first meeting is due to take place next week. WPC are conscious that a project of this size should not be rushed, however pressing the needs are for more community facilities within the village.

### **WOODBOROUGH GREAT – new playground equipment (Cllr Margaret Briggs)**

GREAT (Governors field Recreation Equipment Action Team) is a group of parents who have got together to raise funds to upgrade the play equipment on the Governors Field. They are supported by Colin and myself from the parish council. The play equipment in Woodborough falls way behind other playgrounds in the area.

There is a lot of support for this project in the village. An online survey set up by GREAT has already had over 100 responses in support. You can access this survey from Woodborough web.

The parish council has agreed to give £30,000 initially to support the project. Currently GREAT is in the process of applying for grants to fund the project. WREN refused the first application to them as the lease on the field was too short. The parish council is currently in the process of extending the lease to at least 15 years, this is supported by the school who own the lease. GREAT will then reapply to WREN.

We applied to Notts County Council's *Supporting Local Communities* fund for a grant and weren't successful. When our chairman, Ian, approached them for feedback on why we weren't successful they said they hadn't received our application! Ian is still in communication with them about this as he had received confirmation from them. We are keeping our fingers crossed that our application to Veolia will be successful. If anyone has any good ideas on fundraising and other places or people who might give us some money for the project we'd love to hear from you.

### **FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME (Cllr John Charles-Jones)**

The idea of a flood mitigation scheme to the West of the village was first discussed at a Parish Council meeting in July 2014 following the unexpected offer of a grant by the Environment Agency for £50,000. Very tight time constraints subsequently meant that we were unable to access this money at such short notice. Detailed design modelling by the EA concluded that a water storage requirement of 35m litres would be sufficient to limit the surge of water associated with flooding events in the village. During the past year the EA have continued with detailed ground investigation work, and the detailed design of the ponds is now virtually complete. Attention is now being directed towards the detailed planting requirements around the ponds that would follow. Detailed contractual discussions have been held between the landowner, John MacDonald, and the EA, and it is hoped that these can be finalized shortly following a further meeting held only yesterday morning.

The EA has continued to show enormous enthusiasm for this project, and have continued to lead on it. The EA applied for and have been granted £20,000 of Local Levy funding in the current financial year, and it is hoped this will cover the cost of the initial investigations and most, if not all, of the planning application cost as well. Once planning permission has been applied for, further grant applications will be made to cover the construction costs, which are still expected to be in the region of £230,000. The EA remain remarkably confident that even in these financially constrained times, grant funding will be forthcoming. £6,000 offered by WPC towards the preparatory costs of the scheme was not required by the EA in the last financial year, and so this has been rolled forward into the budget for 2016-17. They are acutely aware that this scheme is the only show in town and are fully supportive of a landowner willing to provide the land to make such a scheme work. Acute flooding in the North of the Country last Winter was a reminder to everyone just how important local initiatives will have to be if any meaningful flood mitigation measures are to be put in place.

I have the latest proposed design and in essence it now involves four interlinking ponds. Water will only be allowed entry into the ponds when the water flow in the stream is above a certain flow-rate, and the pond water will then simply soak away over time. Original intentions to physically empty the ponds quickly to make storage quickly available before the next possible flood event have now been changed due to cost and the long-standing contractual implications that would have been implied. It is currently envisaged that a full planning application will be made in the late Autumn of this year, and subject to future grant funding being forthcoming, construction could commence as early as the summer of next year. Finally I perhaps need to remind everyone that this scheme has only ever been envisaged as a mitigation measure that will hopefully reduce the flood risk within the village, but never eliminate it.

### **WOODBOROUGH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (Mrs Linda Taylor)**

Laura Wardle has stood down as chairman after six years and our thanks go to her for her dedicated leadership and hard work. We continue to organise a range of events throughout the year to enrich life within the village. Community cinema nights continue to be popular; this year we have shown *Inside Out*, *Far From The Madding Crowd* and *Lady In The Van*. The over 60s coach trips continue to do well with trips last year to Cromford and Oxford. Thank you to Carol Tansley who manages these trips. The Street Market enjoyed great weather and ample stalls. The dog show was repeated with great success and we were entertained by a local team of sword dancers. Thank you to Clive and Kim at the Nags Head for hosting the August pig roast, cooked by Tim. The weather cleared up for our fireworks display, managed by Monty and Eric, and we had a good turnout. Thanks to the bucket collection and contribution from the Four Bells we made a healthy profit again. In December, we asked Hot House to return and had a great night. Carols round the beacon was lovely, ably accompanied by a computer! We had just about enough mulled wine and mince pies which were enjoyed by everyone. The over 65's party was again a success. Thanks to everyone for their help including Margaret Briggs and her team of helpers, Liz, Ivan Holford, Brian Harris, Davies and Graham.

We were surprised to be told that we were able to enter the Best Kept Village Competition again so we dashed around and polished up the village where we could, and went on to win our sector again. We are grateful for the small but willing group of volunteers who continue to turn out in all weathers to spruce up the village. We also acknowledge the wonderful impact of Woodborough in Bloom. We have plans to revise the constitution of the Association to limit the liability of the officers and trustees. This is particularly necessary so we can continue our negotiations with the church regarding access to the telephone exchange. The telephone exchange is very important, enabling us to store the many bulky and heavy pieces of equipment we need to be able to produce the wide range of events within the village.

We thank the village businesses, the two pubs who help us host our events, Timmermans, Woodborough Hall, TSW, and many others who donate raffle prizes. We welcome members who can give as much or as little time as they can and need to involve more helpers in the future. Thank you to the WCA for electing me as the new chair. Thank you to those who have stood as officers; Liz, Graham, Eric, Monty and Ros.

### **SPEEDWATCH (Cllr Jane Stone)**

At the last Parish Meeting, you were told of the new equipment provided by the Police Road Safety Partnership consisting of a number of interactive speed indicator signs. Some members of the Woodborough team have been trained on this equipment but so far they have not used it "in anger" so to speak. The main reason for this is the time commitment required. It has been felt that there is little point in deploying the set up for less than three hours. With the old system only an hour at a time has been asked of the team members which it is felt is quite a reasonable request and can be factored into the life of a busy person without too much of a problem so over the last year, during the summer and autumn, we have stuck to that. The team is currently a little depleted – some have dropped out

altogether and others have had health issues but it is hoped that we can get enough together to start a new campaign this summer though probably not with the new equipment.

The speed gun we use is shared between us, Calverton and Lambley. Calverton is inactive for the time being but Lambley is organising a few sessions so they have the equipment at the moment. If anybody here at the meeting is concerned about speeding vehicles in the village and would like to join the sessions, please let Laura know.

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **ALLOTMENTS (Cllr Paul Berrisford)**

The allotments were a valued part of the village and were running successfully. 3 had changed hands this year.

### **FOOTPATHS (Cllr Paul Berrisford)**

Footpaths and way markers are all in good general repair. Any problems should be reported to Cllr Berrisford and will be passed on to NCC for action.

### **PLAYING FIELD (Cllr Paul Berrisford)**

The playing field continues to be used by the Woodborough cricket and football teams, and also by Woodborough Woods School. A fun run also takes place on the field. The main project is the redevelopment of the pavilion.

### **GOVERNORS' FIELD (Cllr Colin Starke)**

The recent survey by Woodborough GREAT produced 104 responses to date regarding the need for new play equipment in Governor's Field. Comments received included:-

“Beautiful setting, wonderful asset to the village, play equipment needs rejuvenating and updating, needs a better range of equipment but still leaving space for events like the street market, carols, fireworks, etc”. Our existing play equipment was installed in 2002 and is now definitely showing its age. We are keeping a close eye on its condition by inspecting it weekly to RoSPA standards to ensure that we maintain it in safe condition. Our thanks to Geoff Baggaley for doing this.

The grassy bank on the right as you enter the Field has been reprofiled and we plan to do more work to improve accessibility and safety as part of the Woodborough GREAT play equipment project. We are currently considering improving the land drainage to eliminate the soggy spots nearest the southern boundary of the Field.

Charles and Geoff have done more work during the last year to refurbish the perimeter railings. For the first time, we employed the services of Gedling Borough Council tree services department to put up our Christmas lights. Our thanks again to the Hursthouse family for allowing us to plug the lights into their mains supply.

### **CEMETERY (Cllr Andrew Gough)**

The cemetery was in a poor state last May, with overgrown hedges and other vegetation. Together with other councillors and our contractors, I initiated clearance works, cutting back overgrown hedges, removing the mountain of cuttings which this produced, and generally tidying up. During the process we discovered a number of old graves which had sadly become overgrown and these have been returned to a more respectful state. I hope you will agree that when you visit the cemetery now it is, whilst still a country cemetery, a tidy and peaceful environment, fit for its purpose. A number of more recent graves had been found to have suffered some subsidence. Remedial work has been undertaken and these have been levelled and re-seeded. It should be noted that as a result of the pressures on local authority funding, Gedling Borough Council have imposed rates on the cemetery, which previously had not been charged, and have backdated this to 2010. This will result in a charge to the Parish Council of £1436.

### **PLANNING (Cllr Patrick Smith)**

3 councillors specialise in planning applications, Cllrs Turton, Charles-Jones and myself. All discussions and consideration take place at the monthly PC meeting. Typically, 3 or 4 applications are considered at each meeting. The PC has a statutory right to be consulted by Gedling Borough Council prior to any decision they take. These include proposals for demolition, new builds, extensions to buildings and work to any protected trees. We look to ensure the planning guidance set out in law is always followed. We will challenge the Borough if procedures or decisions seem inconsistent with the law. We do not have a specific right of appeal on individual decisions.

Residents are welcome and indeed encouraged to attend and address any PC meeting where an agenda item concerns planning applications on which they have a view. During the year many residents have taken up this opportunity and have addressed the PC prior to any discussion by ourselves. We are very grateful for this as it helps to ensure all the issues are fully understood, eg. plans not drawn to scale and boundary errors. All recommendations to Gedling BC are record in the monthly minutes.

Unlike the staff at GBC who deal with the overall strategic planning, the case officers and planners have clearly suffered with staff shortages and senior staff leaving. This has resulted, in our view, in a poor service back to the PC which is subject to a complaint which is being resolved through internal Gedling procedures at present. Issues concerning the removal of hedgerows, felling of trees and the granting of permission for an outbuilding without consultation and not acknowledging questions asked are just some of the concerns.

During the year I completed a review of the 6 main TPO orders that effect Woodborough so that we are able to monitor more closely any proposals that effect these. The long overdue Conservation Area review which will be part funded by your PC, will finally get going over this summer. The company appointed is Trigpoint Conservation and Planning Ltd. A draft plan will be put together and then there will be a full consultation with the village to seek everybody's opinions. So please look out for that. Finally, please do feel free to raise issues with the PC relating to planning proposals, developments taking place, concerns about the management of the Conservation area, and the protection of trees that you feel are important.

### **VILLAGE HALL (Cllr Charles Wardle)**

The bookings for the village hall continue to go from strength to strength with bookings running close to capacity. The VHWP, which meets at least every 2 months, is made up of parish councillors plus representatives from many of the organisations that use the hall on a regular basis. It fulfils the vital role of brainstorming ideas prior to presenting them to the full council for consideration.

The Village Hall continues to be the focal point of community life and as such your parish council is committed to maintaining it to the highest standards. With this in mind a number of improvements have taken place during the year. All the internal doors have been replaced with more modern looking ash ones. After protracted delays we finally got the bar refurbished in February. The plastering of the main walls, new bar top and sink, plus new shelves has made a huge difference. Our stocking up with new glasses in the next couple of weeks will complete the exercise. Another major project has been the replacement of all 44 windows in the building with high quality UPVC. Many of the old windows were suffering from rot and needed some new wood plus they were all in need of redecoration. The new windows have smartened things up considerably and, of course, are virtually maintenance free. A third defibrillator has been added in the village, to the outside wall near the bar service door. With the other 2 at opposite ends of the village and so many activities taking place at the hall, it seemed the obvious place for a third machine.

After many years service, Colin Fraser retired from his vital role of sound and lighting engineer and I would like to record the Parish Council's thanks for his invaluable expertise and patience. This role has now been filled by Louis Ayre from Calverton, a young man who has stepped into Colin's big

shoes with great enthusiasm. Christine Leafe, our booking clerk and caretaker has done a sterling job as always. It is to her credit that everything runs so smoothly. Whilst a lot has been achieved over the last year, there is still work to be done. Children's toilets refurbishment, floor coverings and the resurfacing of the car park are all jobs under consideration for the next year or 2.

#### **MAINTENANCE (Cllr Charles Wardle)**

In April last year Geoff Baggaley, our Village Caretaker & Lengthsman announced he wished to retire. On this occasion after pressing him, he said he didn't really want to give up completely but just wanted some help. Help was eventually found in the form of Monty Oakley who has assumed the role of Parish Lengthsman. Between them, Geoff and Monty have combined to be a formidable team. Monty does the regular litter picking, organises the collection of fly tipping and generally keeping the village tidy. Geoff, with his engineer's hat on, continues to help with the railing refurbishment programme at the Governors' Field, checks the play equipment regularly and quickly identifies any broken bits and pieces around the parish. Identifying blocked drains is another invaluable task they undertake. To these 2 gentlemen we say thank you. This can be onerous work that is often taken for granted. Without their efforts our environment would soon look very different.

Tim Tritton, our parish groundsman, continues to mow, trim, clip and saw his way around the vegetation of the parish. This year particular emphasis has been given to the cemetery where extra work has been done to great effect. As I've said for Monty and Geoff, Tim is another whose work plays such a vital role in the presentation of our village.

#### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY (Clerk)**

WPC is in a healthy financial position. For the second year we have run at a surplus and built our reserves to a level that we can commit £30k to the new play equipment project.

Income is down by 10% year on year, the key drivers being cemetery fees and grants. Last year the PC received a grant from NCC's Local Improvement Scheme for the churchyard wall restoration, just under £13,000. We have kept our lengthsman scheme grant for a further 2 years – this pays an annual figure for which the parish takes on more responsibility for its own highways and verges. Thank you to our District Cllr Helen Greensmith who gave a grant of £500 to enable us to replace the cutlery at the village hall and purchase a drinks chiller for the refurbished bar.

Expenditure decreased by 13%. Last year we had to carry out tree works and we also upgraded the parking bay at the allotments but this year costs were down to a more routine level. We pay the profits from the allotments over to Woodborough Charities. Sadly the increased cemetery expenditure is largely down to 5 years of business rates payable in one lump sum. At the churchyard this year we carried out an extensive programme of treeworks that were specified by the experts at NCC—the costs were significant but much lower than the restoration to the wall the previous year. We used GBC to carry out these works and to install the Christmas lights and we were very pleased with the service and the value for money. This year admin costs have increased, the primary reason was extra hours worked by the Clerk and the decision by the new council to increase the clerk's hourly rate, but we have also invested in the website, upgrading it to new software to ensure that it stays functional and we commissioned a professional review of our VAT affairs at the suggestion of the internal auditor. We have also spent more on training, with a 3 day course for the clerk and several courses for new members. It is the PC's policy to invest in updating the hall and this year the key projects were the refurbishment of the bar (£4718) and replacement windows (£ just under 10k).

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT (Cllr Boyd Elliott)**

It has been a pleasure to work on behalf of Woodborough as your County Councillor in conjunction with the Parish Council. Nottinghamshire CC, as you all are aware have the responsibility for maintaining roads...where they see fit. Historically Nottinghamshire has largely followed a "worst first", short term approach to structural highway maintenance with an element of preventative maintenance through surface dressing. We identified the worst condition roads through technical

surveys, local engineering knowledge and political input to develop a one year programme of road resurfacing and reconstruction. This was easily understood by the public and elected members who see a road in poor condition and will see it as the Council's duty to repair it. However, nationally years of underinvestment, an increase in climatic impact and a largely "worst first" strategy, coupled with the importance of maintaining our network in a safe and serviceable condition, has led to an estimated maintenance backlog of approximately £319 million in Nottinghamshire (2014 figures) . Our annual funding for highway maintenance is £14 million. Please look at, and sign the petition which will be presented to the chair of the Highways committee in Full Council, asking that NCC resurfaces not redress the entirety of Main Street as I think you will agree that this is one of the most poorly maintained roads in the area. It would also alleviate some of the flood problems when we have a deluge of rain.

Parking outside the school, always an issue for residents and one of safety for our children- this has been addressed and is now down to enforcement. It was decided that yellow lines were not appropriate as this would only push the problem to another location. Gritting, I'm sure you will agree that the County has learnt a valuable lesson and this year has performed well with a well planned gritting schedule, along with the new grit bins at various locations around the village, it has been a success. It has been a pleasure to be able to support some of the smaller groups within the village by the way of the CDF, in particular I would like to congratulate Woodborough in Bloom for all their hard work , and making the gateways to the village a real pleasure.

I will match the PC's investment in a commemorative item for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, up to the value of £300.

#### **WOODBOROUGH IN BLOOM (Mrs Jan Turton)**

Woodborough in Bloom has had another successful year, working with the WCA to win our section of the Best Kept Village competition. Success is due to the support of individuals and groups who help with the planting, and the generous funds donated by WPC are critical too. This year it has been identified that the planters are rotten and will need replacing. Some funds will be provided from WPC, and Cllr Elliott and Woodborough Ladies have made donations. It is hoped to replace the worst worst planters this year. Planters will be missing while they are replaced. Any help in funding the new planters would be greatly appreciated. Thanks are due to John Charles-Jones and Rob Dixon for hanging the hanging baskets, and to Robert Hanson, J Kirby, Paul Reed and Graham Weatherall. Volunteers to help with the bowser rota would be much appreciated.

#### **QUESTION & ANSWER/OPEN SESSION**

- The carpark floodlight dazzles when you drive down Lingwood Lane. A: Cllr Wardle to check.
- The tarmac used to patch up the road opposite the Four Bells has been spoiled by water flowing from blocked drains. A: Cllr Elliott: if the road is resurfaced it is important to sort drainage as well. The road must be scraped back and not re-laid on top of existing surface.
- The Foxwood village sign is dirty and cracked. A: it will be removed when new gateway signs are installed.
- Is Cllr Elliott's petition for the road resurfacing bound to be accepted? A: no, but we must ask and keep asking, and try to get into next year's programme.
- Where is the petition? A: online and paper versions will be in the pubs, with a view to taking the petition to September's council meeting.
- When will the cemetery noticeboard be installed? A: within 2 months.
- Thank you to the parish Council on behalf of the village.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm by thanking all in attendance.