

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2012 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), PC Phil Anelay (part)

1539. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Parkinson, who was on holiday.

1540. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests were declared: Cllrs Blinston, Briggs, Wardle and Whincup, WCA; Cllrs Berrisford, Blinston and Whincup: allotments; Cllr Turton, Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research; Cllr Hough: Woods School.

1541. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on March 12th were approved with minor amendment.

1542. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk reported that the planning application for the solar panels had been submitted. A letter had not been sent to the police regarding the accident on Lingwood Lane, as it was difficult to demonstrate a link to the problem with school parking. Cllr Blinston reported that the PCC had not discussed participating in the Notts Wildlife Trust Churchyards for Wildlife scheme, and it was agreed that the PC should not join up at this stage for Roe Hill cemetery alone.

At 7.10pm PC Phil Anelay arrived and the Chairman brought forward the Speedwatch agenda item.

1543. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Blinston reported that official figures from NCC's audit on Bank Hill were available; to the PC's surprise the speed of traffic leaving the village was of statistical concern to NCC whereas the speed of traffic entering the village was not. Permanent traffic calming measures would only be resourced if there was an accident or accidents, but a temporary battery operated sign had been offered provided it was mounted on the double bend sign leaving the village. It was agreed to accept this offer. There was a discussion regarding the merits of introducing either a 40mph buffer zone outside the village or the extension of the 30mph zone, and Cllr Blinston agreed to take these ideas up with NCC.

PC Anelay congratulated Cllr Blinston and the Speedwatch team for their hard work; since reviving Speedwatch more than 2300 vehicles had been checked and 188 warning letters had been issued. Joint operations with police would continue to be planned. PC Anelay agreed to provide a crime update at the Annual Meeting of the Parish.

PC Anelay acknowledged the problems of school parking on Lingwood Lane; as off street parking was available at the Four Bells as well as the Village Hall there could be no excuse for the obstruction that was seen daily. He was supportive of double yellow lines and agreed to take this up with his Inspector.

1544. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the path in the oldest part of the cemetery had now been treated with weed killer and topped up with gravel; the results were excellent.

1545. COUNTY REPORT

There was none.

1546. DISTRICT REPORT

There was none.

1547. BT BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE

Several villagers had asked the PC to consider their concerns that BT's broadband upgrade would not be available to large parts of the village. The PC did not have enough information to consider the issue and Cllr Whincup agreed to return to May's meeting having found out the relevant details.

1548. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH

Cllrs Briggs and Turton apologised that they would not be able to attend. It was agreed to invite Shaun Hopwell and Lynne Cullingworth (Woods School), Mark Spencer, Laura Wardle (WCA) and the pub landlords to discuss plans for the Diamond Jubilee. It was agreed to use the screen on the stage to show pages from the new website and photographs of the major works in the cemetery.

1549. WEBSITE

Cllr Hough reported that he and the clerk had received training on managing the website and it was hoped the site would go live in April.

1550. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The rating demand for 2012/13 had been received from GBC; the full charge of £2340 was offset by small business rate relief. NCC had sent information regarding street lighting energy saving proposals; full information regarding plans for Woodborough would follow. The Local Government Boundary Commission had confirmed the start of a consultation on the number of councillors to be elected to GBC; a consultation on ward boundaries would follow. Cllr Boot agreed to attend a NALC Seminar on Localism. Cllr Whincup agreed to attend the County Council Civic Service. Cllr Sharp agreed to attend RCAN's Playground Inspection Training (£35 cheque to be raised). Various minutes and agendas from GBC were noted.

1551. CHURCHYARD

There was nothing to report.

1552. PLANNING

There were no applications to consider.

1553. SCHOOL

Cllr Hough asked on behalf of the School Governors whether the PC would support the school's request for double yellow lines on Lingwood Lane and this was agreed.

1554. VILLAGE HALL

Following a meeting of the VHWP, Cllr Turton reported that Colin Fraser hoped to sell the old amp. Cllr Hough agreed to discuss this before the May meeting. Re-decoration had started; Cllr Wardle proposed that the skirting boards and door frames be painted white rather than the black that had previously been agreed; the additional cost of £500 was agreed provided the work could be done in the required time.

Cllr Wardle had received a report from the electrician recommending that 2 distribution boards be replaced (£1400 quote) and the emergency lighting be upgraded (£1100 quote), in order to bring the hall up to modern standards. It was agreed to defer a decision until May.

Cllr Wardle passed on Pre-school's request for their own fridge in the area near the stage; it would occupy space currently used by toys which would be stored outside. The request was agreed, provided that it met health and safety guidelines regarding proximity to toilets. The WCA had requested that a fridge be installed in the bar area and it was agreed to revisit with costs.

Pre-school's requests to install 2 planters and a removable awning in their outside play area were agreed. It had been noted that slabs by the emergency exit were loose and it was agreed to get costs to either fix them or replace them with a ramp.

Cllr Turton reported that the curtains had been removed for dry cleaning and arrangements were in place for the floor to be polished and resealed following redecoration. Cllr Wardle requested that funds be made available to replace the old cork pin board in the entry hall and it was agreed to price up replacement options.

1555. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that half of tenants had renewed. 1 new villager had applied to join the waiting list but so far there were no resignations.

1556. CEMETERY

It was agreed that fees should be held at their current level for 2012/3.

Concern was expressed that the hedge cut had still not been done to a satisfactory standard and it was agreed that the clerk should write and request immediate completion of the cut and removal of all clippings. The clerk reported that she had asked for three newly topped up graves to be turfed; the owner of two of the graves had agreed to water the turf.

Cllr Turton asked for permission to purchase 2 watering cans for the cemetery and this was given.

Cllr Charles-Jones said that in due course he hoped that the gates could be widened using additional panels; this would enable hearses to turn easily in to the cemetery.

1557. HEALTH & SAFETY

Cllr Sharp reported that a training meeting was to be set up regarding the tests required to prevent legionella. New lids and lagging for the tanks were needed but the costs would be modest.

1558. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Wardle had obtained two quotes for cutting back trees which had overgrown the southern boundary of the cricket pitch. It was agreed to accept Rob Dixon's quote for £145. Reports had been received about damage to the field from a barbecue but no evidence could be found.

1559. FINANCE

The clerk presented the financial statement and 19 cheques totalling £6852.86 including £892.53 VAT were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: T R Aldridge Electrical Contractors £4586.40 (rewiring of hall), Gardenscape £501.13 (grass cutting).

The clerk circulated a summary of the accounts for the 2011/12 financial year in the style that had customarily been used for the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Cllr Boot voiced his concerns that the capital expenditure had not been itemised and no comparison was made with the budget.

1560. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

1561. RIGHTS OF WAY

There was a change of personnel at NCC reported.

1562. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include a notice about the Annual Parish Council Meeting and to advise the number to be rung in the event of blocked public drains.

1563. AOB

It was advised that cones and road closure notices would shortly be delivered for the emergency store.

1564. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as May 14th 2012. The meeting finished at 9.38 pm.