

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 6.45pm  
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC), Averil Marczak (Clerk), Stephen Bradwell and Ramona Usher (Trigpoint Conservation and Planning).

**2847. CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW**

The Chairman invited Stephen Bradwell and Ramona Usher from Trigpoint Conservation and Planning to update on progress on the Conservation Area Review. Mr Bradwell explained that they had met with the group of parishioners identified as having special local knowledge and used their inputs to enrich the first draft of the Review. A tree officer had been brought in to write the tree section of the report. A management plan had also been drafted. Cllr Smith asked that they strengthen the protection given to the boundary wall and also consider how solar panels might be managed. The next steps would be to add in the tree report and to seek GBC's comments, before public consultation. At 7.20pm Stephen Bradwell and Ramona Usher left the meeting. It was agreed to write to thank the group of parishioners who had helped.

**2848. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Margaret Briggs and NCC Cllr Boyd Elliott.

**2849. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interests – Cllr Smith and Cllr Boot: item 22, Middups' field.

**2850. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meetings held on 14<sup>th</sup> June and 28<sup>th</sup> June were approved.

**2851. MATTERS ARISING**

It was agreed to defer consideration of a WPC led application for a TPO on selected trees until the tree section of the Conservation Area Review had been completed.

**2852. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman announced that 30.38% of households had responded to the leaflet survey regarding the purchase of land, with the following results:

	Households	% of returns	% of all households	Electors	% of returns
For	183.5	71.4%	21.69%	210	70.71%
Against	70.5	27.43%	8.33%	87	29.29%

The online survey had had 20 responses, three of which were ruled as invalid, as not coming from Woodborough residents. 7/17 responses had been in favour and 10/17 against.

**2853. HEDGES: HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUES**

The hedge along Taylors Field was overgrown and threatened the safety of those using the pavement on Main Street. Cllr Turton had spoken with the owners' agents and reported that they had applied for a derogation to cut the hedge before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Cllr Starke asked Cllr Turton to inform the agents that under the Highways Act they were required and permitted to make the hedge safe immediately, and furthermore to request that the hedge receive annual attention.

**2854. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr Greensmith reported that at its July meeting, GBC would consider major investment at the Gedling Country Park.

**2855. THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY – COMMEMORATIVE PICNIC BENCH**

A model had been proposed but it was agreed to consider a style that accommodated wheelchair users, and to ask GBC for details of their supplier.

**2856. PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT ITEMS**

There was no update.

**2857. PLANNING**

PC 963, GBC 2016/0753, works at 45 Shelt Hill to include demolition of garage, proposed 2 storey side, front and rear extension, replace roof tiles, windows, doors, render/clad brickwork: there was no objection.

PC 962, GBC 2016/0732 an application for a single dwelling at Hanson Farm, Shelt Hill: application withdrawn.

**2858. GOVERNORS' FIELD**

Cllr Starke proposed that the red parts of the play equipment and the waste bin be repainted at a cost of £300 to include HAGS paint and labour. The proposal was carried unanimously. It was further agreed to consider pressure washing other elements of the play equipment.

**2859. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT/WOODBOROUGH GREAT**

The application to Veolia for grant funding had been turned down. Another application could be made. A copy of the extension to the lease had been sent to WREN and an application made to Biffa. It was agreed that the Clerk should seek out PCs that had been successful with their funding applications, and see what might be learnt.

**2860. RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOT PATHS**

The bridleway from the cemetery to Calverton was overgrown and Cllr Berrisford had contacted NCC; works would take place in September.

**2861. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

An email had been received from GBC regarding Community Infrastructure Levy due to Woodborough; at present there was no payment pending. It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate the details. An invitation to the Police Priority Setting Meeting had been received; it was agreed to decline. Details of an application by CAMRA to include the Four Bells public house in the list of the Assets of Community Value had been received; no action was required as the matter would be determined by GBC. The following items were noted: information regarding the rebranding of Severn Trent Water to Water Plus; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

## **2862. CEMETERY**

It was noted that vehicular access to the cemetery was now made difficult by overgrowth on the verges on Roe Hill and it was agreed to trim them.

## **2863. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Woodfield agreed to cover the caretaker's annual leave. It was agreed to contact GBC to ask them to remove the election booths.

## **2864. PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Wardle reported that there had been some minor vandalism inside the pavilion, caused when the door was left open in error. Steps had been taken to ensure there was no recurrence. It was agreed to cut back the ivy.

## **2865. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 15 payments totalling £3084.72 net were approved.

At 8.50pm Cllrs Boot and Smith left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in the matter to follow.

## **2866. NEXT STEPS REGARDING MIDDUPS' LAND**

WPC had completed its consultation regarding the purchase of the Middups' land, via a leaflet survey (leaflets delivered to all households in the village, and available to download from the Woodborough web and WPC website), an online survey and a public consultation meeting.

Speaking as a member of the public at the consultation meeting held on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>, Cllr Smith had made WPC aware of an error on its leaflet (the Local Plan allowed for a **total** of 55 new dwellings in Woodborough, **not** 55 new dwellings **plus** applications already approved, as had been stated inaccurately). It was agreed to correct the error on the WPC website, and to include a correction within the report on the results of the consultation. It was agreed to publicise the results, with households for and against, electors for and against, broken down to street level.

It was noted that 71.4% of leaflets (household level) returned had been in favour of the proposed expansion of recreational grounds/facilities, linked to a proposed increase in the precept. Combining the returns of the leaflet and the online survey, 70.3% of respondents were in favour.

The Clerk had followed up a suggestion from a villager that the site might be nominated for inclusion in the list of Assets of Community Value. GBC's Estates Department had advised that the application was unlikely to be successful, as there was no history of the site being used by the public.

Members of the public at the meeting held on Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> had suggested that WPC might investigate the purchase of the small field adjacent to the existing playing field as an alternative. Notwithstanding the fact that the small field was not currently on the market, the pros and cons were debated at some length. The removal of the hedge and the trees between the small field and the existing playing field (to combine the two areas) might not be desirable, and would certainly require planning permission. The dyke – currently the boundary between the two fields – would require culverting and the cost of that would be significant. Without amalgamation, access to the

small field could only be achieved through the existing playing field and by footbridge across the dyke.

It was resolved to engage professional help from Fisher German to help WPC in its potential bid. After much discussion it was resolved to continue to pursue the opportunity of potentially purchasing the Middups' land as a priority (and not the small field as an alternative).

It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting should be called for Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, (i) to meet with the representative from Fisher German, (ii) to determine the level of potential borrowing approval, and (iii) to determine the level of WPC's potential bid for the Middups' land.

**2867. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as July 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 10.20pm.