

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 30th July 2012 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr John Boot, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), 2 parishioners (part)

1651. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Berrisford and Hough who were on holiday.

1652. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests were declared: Cllr Whincup, planning application 845 (personal friend of applicant's sister), allotments; Cllr Blinston, allotments and WCA; Cllr Wardle: WCA; Cllr Turton, Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research.

1653. OPEN SESSION

At 7.05 pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited members of the public to address the PC (a brief summary of comments made is appended). The meeting was reconvened at 7.25 pm.

1654. CODE OF CONDUCT

It was resolved to adopt GBC's new code of conduct with one change, 10(a) amended to read "listen to the needs of residents – the whole community and your constituents, including those who did not vote for you – and put their interests before your own." Cllr Parkinson briefed members on the requirements of the new Register of Interests.

1655. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reminded the PC about the need to respond to the Electoral Review of Gedling; it was agreed to respond that in the interests of community identity, WPC wished to remain an independent ward; its second choice would be to merge with Lambley; it would object to a merger with a Calverton ward. Cllr Boot left at 8.15 pm.

1656. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on July 9th were approved.

1657. FLOOD OF JULY 10TH

Cllr Wardle reported that while 2 houses had been seriously flooded, overall the village had fared better than in 2007 due to better preparation. The Emergency Committee had held a meeting to share lessons learned and generate ideas. He stressed the importance of staying out of the flood waters, for both pedestrians and vehicles. All villagers needed to recognise the authority of the flood wardens to close roads and turn back traffic. It had been agreed that signage should be kept at the ends of the village and not at the store. Aqua sacs should be stored at the houses that had experienced flooding and it was agreed that replacement aqua sacs should be purchased by householders.

1658. VACANCY CAUSED BY RESIGNATION OF MARGARET BRIGGS

It was agreed that the vacancy should be filled as soon as possible with a new member prepared to take on Margaret Briggs' responsibility for emergency/flood risk. It would be ideal to consider at the September meeting the applications of candidates wishing to be co-opted.

1659. INSURANCE

It was resolved to renew the insurance at a cost of £2914.61.

1660. PLANNING

PC reference 843, GBC 2012/0712 an application by Mr Simon Godber to erect an open porch and fence and gate at 169 Main Street: no objection. PC reference 844, GBC 2012/0764, an application by Mr and Mrs Gladman for the alteration of existing garage roof and internal walls at 91 Main Street and PC reference 846, GBC 2012/0439, an application by the Clerk to retain the PV panels on the Village Hall at Lingwood Lane: no comments. PC reference 845, GBC 2012/0799 an application by Mr N Lymn Rose for a crematorium at Catfoot Lane, Lambley: the PC agreed to make the same comments as made for the Westerleigh crematorium application and to add that parking seemed inadequate. It was further agreed to suggest that GBC require the applicant to pay for traffic lights in the event of planning permission being granted.

1661. BANKING

Cllr Parkinson reported that the legislation requiring PCs to make payments via cheques with 2 signatures was set to be repealed.

1662. SPEEDWATCH AND LORRYWATCH

Cllr Wardle reported that he had met with Ian Parker of NCC and identified a possible site for a speed sign on Main Street; unfortunately the property owner had subsequently vetoed the idea. There was considerable debate about a possible alternative location for the sign. It was agreed that an audit should only be conducted if a permanent sign could be mounted at that location. Cllr Blinston reminded the PC that Bank Hill was at present the only location where there was proven speeding, a history of accidents, suitable street furniture and residents who were happy to have the sign outside their homes. It was agreed to write to Mark Spencer regarding the weight restriction.

1663. WOODBOROUGH CHARITIES

This was deferred to a later meeting.

1664. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Correspondence from Mr Harlow was noted. It was agreed to publicise details of a Notts transport consultation. Interest had been expressed by UKIP in the PC's vacancy. A request by the Players to display their banners for a month was agreed. Various minutes and agendas from GBC were noted.

1665. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

The PC was pleased to note that Woodborough had once again won its section. The hard work of Graham Weatherall to keep the village clean and tidy, particularly after the flood, was greatly appreciated.

1666. HEALTH & SAFETY

The Playsafety report had given the play equipment a clean bill of health. Trees overhanging the small swings had been cut back.

1667. CHURCHYARD

Cllr Blinston reported that Notts Wildlife Trust would carry out their assessment of the Church Yard and cemetery at the end of March. Cllr Turton reported that she had asked Tim Tritton to trim around the wall and he had done the work to a high standard.

1668. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Wardle reported that 2 potholes in the car park would be repaired as part of NCC's Lingwood Lane works. He had asked for a quote for the car park to be reskimmed while the equipment was on site but recognised that it would be difficult to coordinate the timing. It was agreed not to pursue the resurfacing of the border around the hall.

Cllr Parkinson reported on the meeting of the VHWP. He proposed that the PC move to a key safe (cost £50) at the front door which would be accessible via a code. This was agreed, to be run in tandem with the current system for 3 months. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Batt. Cllr Parkinson proposed the purchase of an additional noticeboard (cost £50 to £100) which could accommodate permanent notices, such as health and safety and emergency contacts; this was agreed.

It was noted that the car park wall needed some attention and Cllr Wardle said that he would consult Barry Ward. Cllr Charles-Jones reported that the results of the chair grant application would be known in August.

1669. ALLOTMENTS

All tenants had now renewed their agreement.

1670. CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that the graves which had sunk had been topped up. Cllr Charles-Jones reported that the knotweed appeared to have succumbed following repeated sprays. Rob Dixon had started the clear up of brambles and shrubs in the old cemetery.

1671. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Charles-Jones agreed to arrange for the overgrowth around the waymarker in the corner of the playing field to be trimmed.

1672. FINANCE

The clerk presented the financial statement and 10 cheques totalling £4952.51 including £30.01 VAT were approved for payment. A cheque for £2914.61 was paid to Broker Network Ltd.

1673. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that no further villagers had signed up to receive information from the PC via the website. Cllr Parkinson proposed that the PC site include a link to the Woodborough Web. The proposal was not carried.

1674. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include notices regarding the dangers of entering flood water and the powers of flood wardens, and the bookings meeting.

1675. AOB

Cllr Parkinson reported that footpath 12 was impassable due to trees coming down; Cllr Berrisford had reported this to NCC.

**1676. CONSIDERATION OF PC RESPONSE TO PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON
JULY 2ND**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

1677. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as September 10th 2012. The meeting finished at 10.45 pm.

SUMMARY OF DEBATE DURING PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Harlow addressed the PC: (1) he advocated the construction of a retention pond which would capture flood water before it reached Main Street; the Environment Agency supported the idea but would not pay for it; (2) applications for crematoria: comparisons should be made with the journey time to Mansfield; Catfoot Lane was unsuitable for access and parking; (3) an item in The Sunday Times had highlighted the negative impact of wind turbines on property prices and council tax.