

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2014 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Paul Hough (part), Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); 11 members of the public (part)

2202. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In Cllr Whincup's absence, Cllr Parkinson was elected to take the chair.

2203. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Boot, Cllr John Charles-Jones and Cllr Richard Whincup; Cllr Paul Hough had sent apologies for a planned late arrival due to a meeting.

2204. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Berrisford, Cllr Parkinson: allotments; Cllr Turton: Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research, Action Group; Cllr Wardle: WCA. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Berrisford, Gough, Turton, Wardle: Local Planning Document.

2205. PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was adjourned between 7.05pm and 7.30pm to allow public comment.

Mr Paul Nathan Geary spoke about a SHLAA application, for the paddock on Main Street and land on Broad Close, on behalf of the group of owners of this land which was part of the Taylor estate. Their intention was to develop the land for commercial gain, but conscious of the history and legacy of the Taylor family they wished to invite the village to consider what needs they had which might be met here, e.g. healthcare, assisted living, private rental housing. A covenant had existed on this land to maintain it as open space, but expired in 2014. The owners planned to make some of the land available for community usage, but that would need to be financed by development of the other part of the land. It was unlikely that the owners would sell the paddock to the parish council due to the high value of the land. One villager commented that this land had been designated as a site of special scientific interest in 1989, and Mr Nathan Geary agreed to follow this up. Several villagers commented that this was the last open space on Main Street and should be maintained as a paddock. Mr Nathan Geary said that he was not intending to make a planning application imminently, and repeated his offer to engage the village in a debate about an appropriate use for this land.

Mr Patrick Smith of the Woodborough Action Group (WAG) reported that 335 comments on the modifications to the Aligned Core Strategy had been made, of which 136 had come from the WAG. At 7.30pm 7 members of the public left the meeting.

2206. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was reconvened and the minutes of the meeting held on May 12th were approved.

2207. RESIGNATION OF CLLR ALISON BLINSTON & CONSIDERATION OF VACANCY

Cllr Alison Blinston had resigned from WPC on May 17th. The clerk read out her letter of resignation, in which she cited the reasons for her decision as pressure from other commitments

and disappointment in the lack of support she had received from fellow members for the wildflower meadow and other environmental ideas. Cllr Parkinson thanked Alison Blinston for all her hard work for WPC, recognising in particular the way in which she had revitalised Community Speedwatch in the village. The vacancy would be advertised for 14 working days from 10th June; should 10 or more electors not request an election, the PC would consider the process for co-option at July's meeting.

2208. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was none.

2209. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot had sent an update regarding timescales on the Aligned Core Strategy and Local Planning Document. The Inspector's response to the modifications/latest consultation on the ACS was expected by mid July, and workshops were likely to be programmed for September.

2210. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT/ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY: NEXT STEPS & PROPOSAL TO APPROVE BUDGET FOR CONSULTANCY

It was agreed that Mr Paul Nathan Geary's efforts to engage the village (rather than approach a national house builder) were to be welcomed.

It was resolved to approve expenditure of up to £1000 for further consultancy services from Ken Mafham, as and when required.

2211. EMERGENCY PLANNING/FLOODING

Cllr Berrisford reported that the Environment Agency had cleaned the gullies out. The lengthsmen was tasked with ensuring that these channels were kept clear from significant debris.

2212. SPEEDWATCH

Following Alison Blinston's resignation, a new WPC figurehead for speedwatch was needed. There were no volunteers. Alison Blinston had sent the Clerk details of the rota put in place which would enable the scheme to carry on running for the next few months. There was a discussion regarding the replacement of a community speed watch sign on bank Hill, at a cost of £27.40. The PC did not feel that signs were effective, and the Clerk was asked to find out whether the sign was a requirement of the scheme before the money was committed.

2213. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

An email had been received from the head teacher of the Woods School confirming that the fenced playground would be left unlocked outside school hours; it had been an oversight to leave it locked on two occasions. Details of a consultation on proposals by Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service to make spending cuts had been received and it was agreed to publicise this. A further stage of consultation had been received regarding the Minerals Local Plan; it was noted that none of the sites affected were local. An invitation to GBC's Civic Service had been received. A letter had been received from Gedling Homes regarding their Neighbourhood Sustainability Promise. A letter had been received from a villager regarding grass and weeds on the roadside, and the speed with which PC minutes appeared on the noticeboard.

At 8.10pm 4 members of the public left the meeting.

2214. CHURCH YARD WALL

Work on the wall was progressing well. One section of the wall over the dyke had been found to be in bad repair; there were insufficient funds to carry out a thorough restoration on this part. It was likely to require further work in future, and would require ongoing monitoring for movement.

2215. OLD CO-OP SITE

The clerk had forwarded photographs of the site to GBC. It was agreed to chase GBC for a response.

2216. VILLAGE NAME SIGNS

Cllr Berrisford had established that the cost of the attractive signs used in e.g. Lambley was circa £2000. With 5 entrances to the village, purchase of these signs for Woodborough would be very costly. It was agreed to review when setting next year's budget, and to research available grants.

At 8:30 pm Cllr Hough arrived.

2217. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Turton reminded her fellow members that a dishwasher had been included in the budget. She planned to do some research, but wanted to check whether the request would be taken seriously. The cost was likely to be in the region of £2500. There remained some scepticism about how often the machine would be used, and whether the running costs would be prohibitive. Nonetheless it was agreed that the item would be considered with an open mind and should be added to October's agenda. Colin Fraser of the VHWP had sent an email regarding the sound and light equipment; the new kit had been installed and was working well; an LED panel required repair and this was agreed. Cllr Parkinson had discussed the idea of converting the preschool toilets with Woodborough players. The Players wished to retain one toilet for use during their productions. It was agreed that at the next VHWP a compromise of converting one toilet and retaining one adult toilet should be considered.

2218. ALLOTMENTS

It was noted that Cllr Charles-Jones had progressed the improvements to the car parking bay opposite the allotment area and thanks were recorded to him.

2219. CEMETERY

Cllr Whincup and the Clerk had visited the supplier for the cemetery noticeboard and agreed the specification in detail.

2220. HEALTH & SAFETY

The RoSPA inspection had taken place and the play ground had once again been judged to be "low risk". Cllr Sharp and Cllr Wardle agreed to discuss some of the points raised outside the meeting.

2221. GOVERNORS' FIELD

Repairs to the railings had started, with new stones for one section installed. It was noted that the NSPCC had tied a sign to the railings without asking permission; it was agreed to write to advise that permission must be sought from the Clerk.

2222. PLAYING FIELD

Ideal had carried out their annual inspection (legionella precautions) at the pavilion. Stagnant water had been identified as an issue and Cllr Berrisford said that he would ask the football club to run the water as a routine to reduce this risk.

Cllr Charles-Jones had coordinated works to the damaged dyke in the playing field. A JCB contractor had cleared the area in preparation for renewal. Cllr Charles-Jones had provided an estimate of £700 for the concrete sand bagging should it be undertaken by his business (Woodborough Park) at cost. Cllr Wardle was concerned that the PC should make its repairs at the same time as the property owner who had responsibility for an adjacent part of the dyke, as if work was carried out separately there would be an inherent weakness between the 2 zones. It was agreed to accept Woodborough Park's estimate and to liaise with the property owner regarding timing.

2223. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 15 payments totalling £8982.64 net were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: Natural Cut Stone £609.60 (stones for railings in Governors' Field); Bonsers £6482.16 (staged payment for repair to church yard wall).

2224. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lengthsman contract from NCC had arrived and it was resolved that the Clerk should sign this on behalf of WPC. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend a NALC pensions briefing at a cost of £10.

2225. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Berrisford reported that NCC had dissolved their Rights of Way committee.

2226. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes, the Notts Fire & Rescue Service consultation and information about the PC vacancy.

2227. AOB

Cllr Sharp reported that Notts City Transport had put in an application to change the bus services with effect from 27th July; further details would follow.

2228. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as July 14th 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.15pm.