

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr John Boot, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), 1 member of the public (part)

2414. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sharp.

2415. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests - Cllr Hough: Scout hut; Cllr Smith: Woodborough Action Group; Cllr Wardle: WCA; Cllr Parkinson: planning application PC ref 910/GBC 0125TPO, allotments; Cllr Turton: planning application PC ref 911/GBC 2015/0090, Woodborough Action Group, Cancer Research, Woodborough in Bloom. Pecuniary interests - Cllr Hough: planning application PC ref 911/GBC 2014/0090; Cllrs Berrisford, Boot, Gough, Smith, Turton: Local Planning Document and Local Green Space; Cllr Wardle: Local Planning Document; Cllr Berrisford: allotments.

2416. REPORT BY CLERK ON RESULTS OF PARISH SURVEY REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION FOR WIND TURBINE AT WOODBOROUGH PARK

The Clerk reported on the process which had been followed to obtain the views of all electors in the parish. Reply paid envelopes and voting papers had been delivered to 851 dwellings, the homes to 1519 registered electors. The total response was 43.9% of electors surveyed. 360 valid sheets had been returned. 349 electors objected to the turbine (23.0% of electors surveyed). 318 electors did not object to the turbine (20.9% of electors surveyed). The reasons given had been reviewed by the clerk; a summary sheet for each viewpoint had been produced, and the original reason slips would be returned to GBC along with the survey results.

2417. PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was adjourned between 7.10pm and 7.12pm. The villager present thanked the PC for organising the survey, recognising its shortcomings in consulting the village regarding the wind turbine application in 2011. The villager left the meeting.

2418. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

2419. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk updated the PC on the problem of dog fouling in the churchyard and on Lingwood Lane. GBC had provided a new sign by the bus stop. It was agreed that GBC's banner should be displayed on the Governors' Field railings for a short period.

2420. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was none.

2421. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott had indicated that NCC was unlikely to provide fully managed grit bins for next winter, but the option remained for the PC to purchase its own.

2422. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reported that there would be no increase to Gedling's council tax.

2423. CO-OP SITE

Cllr Turton continued to chase GBC to take action but with no joy; she had copied Cllr Boyd Elliott and Mark Spencer MP on her latest correspondence. It was agreed that a complaint regarding the inaction should be sent from Cllr Whincup to the Chief Executive Officer of GBC.

2424. PLANNING STRATEGY

Cllr Smith reported on GBC's planning policy meeting, which had been attended by Cllrs Turton, Boot, Charles-Jones and Smith. The next draft of the local plan would be available in September/October. This would be followed by further consultation with the borough's residents, yielding a document ready to undergo government inspection in spring 2016. GBC had explained how they would rank the 17 different SHLAA sites under consideration in Woodborough. The workshop planned for March 18th would work as a straw poll in determining village opinion. Cllr Smith understood that, despite consent, a development of 19 new houses planned at 35 Main Street might not now go ahead. If this was the case, then the figure of 19 might be added to the requirement of 160 new homes in "other villages".

Cllr Smith briefed members on a GBC initiative to identify Local Green Spaces. Current sites designated as open protected spaces were: the Governors' Field, Smalls Croft to Buckland Drive green, Taylors Croft paddock. Cllr Smith proposed that the PC suggest the following additional sites: the allotments, the playing field, the Village Hall area, the school area, the green areas between Smalls Croft to Charnwood Way and the Old Manor Close circle (provided the land owners were supportive). It was resolved to propose all of these sites to GBC.

2425. CONSERVATION AREA

Cllr Smith proposed that a letter be sent to GBC to request that they complete a thorough appraisal of the conservation area, in line with English Heritage guidelines, to produce a management plan and that this should be done before any development proposals were considered. The PC resolved to send such a request.

2426. SCOUT HUT

A letter had been sent to Rev Giles to request that the PCC allow the scouts a further opportunity to involve other people with the plans for the Scout hut to resolve the perceived problems. No reply had been received to date. Lynne Morgan, who hoped to assemble a broader-based team of village volunteers to salvage the idea of a new Scout hut/community facility, had reported that she had commenced discussions with the PCC to try and find a way forward.

A suggestion had been made that the Scout hut could be built adjacent to the sports pavilion. Cllr Wardle had assessed the space available against the proposed plan for the scout hut; he did not believe that this was feasible given the proximity of the pitch.

2427. WOODBOROUGH IN BLOOM

Cllr Turton thanked the PC for supporting Woodborough in Bloom, and confirmed that a celebration event to mark 10 years was planned for March 23rd. Cllrs Berrisford and Whincup offered their services to help on the night.

2428. STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk advised that it was a legal requirement to remove clause 3k to reflect new legislation, and proposed that the PC resolve to accept duly amended standing orders at April's meeting.

2429. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Mrs Wardle from the WCA had provided an update on the defibrillators, which were now stationed at both ends of the village. It was recognised that training on use/more information was essential to enable the defibrillators to be used in the event of an emergency. Cllr Berrisford said that at April's meeting he would propose that an additional defibrillator was purchased for installation inside the Village Hall. NALC had provided the PC with publicity and information materials for use at the forthcoming election. Details of CPRE's AGM had been received. RCAN had forwarded details of a neighbourhood planning event. Paddy Tipping's "The Beat" newsletter had been received. It was resolved to renew the PC's membership of NAVACH at a cost of £50.

2430. PLANNING

PC ref 910, GBC 2015/0125 TPO, an application for tree works at 34 Bank Hill was considered. It was agreed to request a condition be made that the birch trees to be felled should be replaced with new trees. Having declared a non pecuniary interest, Cllr Turton opted to take no part in the debate relating to PC ref 911, GBC 2015/0090, an application for approval for all reserved matters at 165 Main Street. It was agreed that there should be no objection. There was no objection to PC ref 912, GBC 2015/0102, an application for the removal of an existing porch and conservatory at 27 Aldene Way, to be rebuilt as a garden room and porch.

2431. ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed that the donation to Woodborough Charities for 2015/16 should be determined without including the expenditure on the parking bay. It was agreed that the cost of tree works should be solely borne by the PC. 2 tenants had indicated that they would not renew their allotments and the Clerk was in discussion with prospective tenants on the waiting list. A letter regarding brambles in the hedge and overgrowth on the path adjacent to allotment 17 had been received and Cllr Berrisford agreed to investigate whether work was required.

2432. CEMETERY

Cllr Whincup would present details of the cemetery noticeboard at April's meeting. The Clerk reported that A W Lymn had attempted to remove an existing memorial without prior arrangement with the Clerk; Cllr Whincup agreed to discuss due process with A W Lymn. Cllr Charles-Jones reported that the tree ordered for the new cemetery and paid for by the Greenwood grant had arrived; he had taken the decision to return it to the supplier as he was not satisfied with the specimen provided. A replacement tree was awaited.

2433. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Wardle reported that he had experienced difficulties finding a manufacturer's range that could supply all of the different sizes and configurations of internal doors required. He presented

pricing from a new supplier, which provisionally amounted to £2700. He asked for discretion to spend up to £3000 as some details remained to be finalised and it was resolved to allow him to do so.

The new dishwasher had been installed. It was agreed that no charge be made for use the dishwasher at this point in time; usage and the cost of usage will be monitored and considered in 6 or so months' time.

Cllr Parkinson requested approval of expenditure of £34.74 to repair a lighting panel and this was approved. Mr Colin Fraser, a member of the VHWP, had given notice that he would stand down. The PC recognised the enormous contribution made by Mr Fraser in maintaining the sound and lighting equipment, and in helping users to get best use from it. The Chairman proposed that he used his allowance to give a small token of thanks. It was agreed that a notice should be placed in the newsletter seeking a replacement sound and light manager for the VHWP.

2434. HEALTH & SAFETY

Nothing reported.

2435. GOVERNORS' FIELD

One quote for hedge cutting amounting to £240 had been received. It was resolved to reimburse the owner of the neighbouring property with £120 once the work had been completed.

2436. PLAYING FIELD

It was agreed that the annual slitting of the playing field should take place week commencing March 9th.

2437. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 16 payments totalling £3978.37 net were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: Dishwashers Direct £1636.20 inc VAT for supply and installation of dishwasher.

2438. CLERK'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk presented details of the costs of the wind turbine survey, which were likely to total £716 once the response charges were invoiced.

CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING ITEM.

The Clerk proposed and it was agreed that the PC should purchase 2 copies of NALC's book "Local Councils Explained" for £15.99 each and 12 copies of the "Good Councillor Guide" at £2.50 each in readiness for the arrival of new councillors in May.

2439. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Berrisford reported that Mark Spencer MP was hoping to influence the diversion of bridleway 6, which had been stalled by the objection of the Ramblers.

2440. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes and notices (i) regarding the election and (ii) seeking a replacement for Mr Fraser on the VHWP.

2441. AOB

Cllr Charles-Jones briefed the PC on a very recent conversation held with the Environment Agency regarding funding for the potential flood mitigation scheme in 2015/16. The EA had sought confirmation that the £6,000 funding agreed in 2014 was still available, as this would help unlock a further £4,000 grant which the EA had applied for to help obtain the necessary consents. It was agreed that the Clerk should write and share details of the PC's budgeted intention to spend up to £6k on licences etc to facilitate the scheme. The EA were aware that a new PC would be formed in May.

2442. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as April 13th 2015 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.