

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th November 2014 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 Paul Hough (part), Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); 4 members of the public (part), Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC)

2322. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Gough.

2323. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Smith: Woodborough Action Group; Cllr Wardle: WCA; Cllrs Berrisford and Parkinson: allotments; Cllr Turton: Cancer Research and Woodborough in Bloom. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Berrisford, Boot, Smith, Turton, Wardle: Local Planning Document; Cllr Charles-Jones, item 12, consultation on forthcoming wind turbine planning application.

2324. PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was adjourned between 7.05pm and 7.12pm to allow public comment. The following comments were made: concerns respecting the proposed crematorium with regards to traffic and transport hazards; the agenda refers to a letter from a “villager” but fails to inform whether that villager is a resident of Woodborough. Cllr Charles-Jones exercised his right to speak on item 12 as a member of the public and made some suggestions on the wording of the proposed survey concerning the wind turbine.

2325. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on October 13th were approved with minor amendment.

2326. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cllr Turton reported that GBC’s officers had identified safety issues at the old Co-op site; they had asked the owners for an action plan to clear the site and make its fencing secure, which would be subject to agreed timescales. The news was welcomed. The Clerk asked whether anyone intended to apply to NCC’s “Supporting Local Communities Fund”; the plans of Woodborough GREAT were not known. Cllr Elliott indicated that he was happy to sign Woodborough applications. The Clerk had requested that NCC supply Aqua Sacs instead of sandbags as offered; a final response was awaited but it seemed likely that the sand bags had already been ordered. Good Energy would make payment for 2 quarters in November.

2327. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott reported that Mark Spencer MP was organising a meeting to discuss flooding. New plans were afoot to alleviate the issues of school parking; the zig zags would be re-marked and no stopping between 8.00 and 16.30 would be enforced by GBC wardens and police. Cllr Elliott had met with GBC regarding dog bins; new practice was to install multi purpose bins rather than dedicated dog bins. It was agreed that Cllr Elliott would make a request for 2 new bins from GBC once potential locations had been agreed.

2328. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reported that a legal challenge made to the Aligned Core Strategy by several PCs would be heard on March 23rd 2015.

2329. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT

Cllr Smith reported that no date had been fixed for consultation of the village on the LPD; it was likely to be in the New Year. DCLG had released details of funding available to prioritise development of brownfield sites; GBC had advised that they would make a bid for funding for the Gedling Colliery site, although it was noted that as yet no developer had expressed an interest in the site. The target number of new dwellings in “other villages” in the borough was subject to downward adjustment each time planning consent for a new dwelling was granted and now stood at 155. DEFRA and DCLG were consulting on plans to change the current planning system to increase sustainable drainage systems; if it came into force it would apply to developments of more than 9 houses.

2330. SPEEDWATCH

It was noted that Mrs Sue Walker had retired from the speedwatch team and her position of coordinator of the speedwatch gun would now be taken by Mrs Laura Wardle. It was agreed that Mrs Walker had done a magnificent job, often in frustrating circumstances, and that the PC should write to thank her for her service to the scheme.

2331. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A letter had been received from a villager regarding the issue of bollards installed on Spindle Lane within Calverton Parish preventing access for neighbouring Woodborough farmers. Cllr Elliott advised that NCC had decided not to take any action against the landowner. It was agreed to respond to the letter recommending that Calverton PC be approached. Details of an Electoral Review of NCC had been received and it was agreed to publicise this on the noticeboard. Two consultations had been received from NCC, on spending proposals for 2015/16 and, as part of the Minerals Local Plan, a proposal for gravel provision at Shelford. Details of new DCLG funding for planning authorities to progress neighbourhood plans had been received from NALC. Information regarding the creation of a proposed footway near Timmermans had been received and it was agreed to request further details regarding road closures. The following items had been received: various minutes and agendas from GBC; Paddy Tipping’s “The Beat” newsletter.

2332. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC ref 906, GBC 2014/1052, an application for a 2 storey extension at 27 Shelt Hill. PC ref 839, GBC 2012/0616, an application for a crematorium on Catfoot Lane, Lambley Parish, had been revised and no longer included a cemetery. It was agreed to comment that traffic lights with a right turn filter should be required, and to give the PC’s view that a mini roundabout would be worse than no roundabout given the experience of the Shelt Hill/Epperstone Bypass junction. Cllr Turton reported on some treeworks going ahead; however these had not been submitted to the PC for observations. It was agreed that Cllr Boot and Cllr Whincup should meet again with Peter Baguley at GBC to try to revive the proposed update of the Woodborough TPO. Cllr Hough arrived at 8.05pm.

Cllr Charles-Jones left the meeting and the proposed survey on the wind turbine at Woodborough Park was discussed. It was agreed that the count should be carried out by the Clerk and others

from outside the village, and that the PC should supply business reply paid envelopes for respondents. It was resolved to apply for a Business Reply licence at a cost of £90 and to order envelopes at a cost of £100. 1 villager left, and Cllr Charles-Jones returned to the meeting at 8.50pm.

2333. CHURCH YARD

Nothing reported.

2334. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Turton had researched dishwasher options and, having obtained 3 quotes, proposed that the PC purchase an “Aquatec Rapide” at a cost of £1713. Other members raised doubts as to how often the dishwasher might be used. It was agreed that a visit to Lowdham village hall should be arranged to find out how often their dishwasher was used, and by what type of hirers.

Cllr Wardle proposed that the PC create a door from the car park into the bar to enable bar stocking to be carried out more quickly, at a cost of £580. Such a door would require the fridge and freezer to be moved behind the bar and Cllr Parkinson was concerned that the working area would become restrictive. It was agreed that the fridge and freezer should be moved to replicate the conditions and that users would be asked for their feedback on the arrangement. Cllr Turton commented that such works had not been included in this year’s budget.

The missing small tables remained missing despite an appeal for their return. It was agreed that replacement should be considered at the December meeting.

2335. ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed that no action should be taken to monitor or prevent the use of rat poison on the site.

It was agreed that the budgeted “profit” from the allotments (£450) should be paid to Woodborough Charities. At 9.25pm the remaining members of the public left the meeting.

2336. CEMETERY

It was agreed to apply for a grant to plant a tree in the corner of the new extension, and it was agreed that Cllr Charles-Jones would choose an appropriate species.

A burial and a burial of ashes had taken place. The Clerk advised that some of the concrete plinths were now overgrown and Cllr Wardle confirmed that Gardenscape would clear them at the next grass cut.

2337. HEALTH & SAFETY

Cllr Sharp reported that seat connectors on the swings were being replaced.

2338. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Berrisford had held an informal conversation with the Business Manager of the Woods School with regard to the school making a financial contribution for their use of the field. It was agreed that this would not be pursued further. It had come to light that on occasions the school had the grass cut and marked their pitch out, only for Woodborough FC to have the grass cut in

the same week. It was agreed that better communication would be of benefit to the football club and the school and Cllr Berrisford agreed to talk to both parties.

2339. GOVERNORS' FIELD

It was agreed to accept J A Kent's quote of £555 + VAT to put up and take down the Christmas lights. Installation was scheduled for December 2nd.

It was agreed to purchase the panel of Heras fencing currently on hire for use during repair to the railings at a cost of £91.20 + VAT.

2340. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 16 payments totalling £4430.26 net were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: Geoff Baggaley £612.50 (for restoration of the railings); G Daykin Flooring £552 (for cleaning and re-sealing of the hall floor). Grant Thornton had returned the Annual Return with no matters of concern raised. It was agreed that at December's meeting, members should be prepared to discuss items for next year's budget.

2341. RIGHTS OF WAY

Nothing reported.

2342. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes and Christmas greetings..

2343. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as December 8th 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 10pm.