

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th January 2017 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Jane Stone, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), 2 residents.

3056. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Pat Woodfield.

3057. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The meeting was suspended to allow members of the public to speak. One resident: suggested that detail of the agreed precept for 2017/18 was publicised in advance of bills being issued; enquired whether the Sam Middup Field was registered in the name of WPC and the Chairman confirmed this to be the case; asked what would happen to the PC's assets in the event of the parish council ceasing to exist. A second resident expressed interest in the Farm Business Tenancy proposal for the Sam Middup Field.

3058. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January were approved.

3059. 2017/18 BUDGET

The Clerk spoke through a "straw man" proposal for the budget, highlighting key areas of requested capital expenditure for the new play equipment (an additional £20,402) and Village Hall.

3060. WOODBOROUGH GREAT: CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Cllr Starke gave an update on the GREAT team's latest grant applications, made to 3 bodies for £20,000 each, with the outcome of all applications known by the end of April 2017.

There was a lengthy debate about timing of the project. The GREAT team hoped to implement at least part of the project in time for the summer holidays and were also under pressure to furnish WREN with detailed plans. However the budget remained undetermined with the results of the 3 grant applications in abeyance and the PC needed to follow due procedure for purchases over £25,000 under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

It was resolved that the PC would contribute up to £20,402 (in addition to £30,000 in the 2016/17 budget) to ensure that (with grant monies already committed by WREN) a minimum of £90,000 was available for the project. It was agreed that the maximum expenditure on the project should be £135,000. Should all 3 grant applications be successful, it was agreed that the PC's contribution should be reduced.

3061. VILLAGE HALL: CAPITAL & PLANNED MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE

It was resolved to budget £5,000 for the replacement of the back door and curtains, and £3,000 for remedial exterior and interior decoration. £7,000 for the refurbishment of the children's toilets was carried forward from the 2016/17 budget to the 2017/18 budget.

3062. EXPENDITURE BUDGET

After debate and some adjustments to the draft proposal, it was resolved to approve the expenditure budget of £127,487.

Cllr Smith asked members to note that, although he supported the budget and recognised that the play equipment was a key priority for the parish, he was concerned that there was no plan for the development of the Sam Middup Field; that expenditure on admin and the precept had escalated in recent years; that the PC must focus on managing costs to deliver value for money for the village.

3063. PRECEPT

It was resolved to set a precept of £67,645.

3064. FEES FOR VILLAGE HALL, CEMETERY, SPORTS CLUBS

It was resolved to maintain the current fees for the Village Hall and the Sports Clubs. It was resolved that existing cemetery fees should be maintained at current level, but an additional and new fee of £50 should be charged for making an amendment to a memorial.

3065. SAM MIDDUP FIELD FARM BUSINESS TENANCY

It was agreed in principle to let the field to an agricultural tenant for up to 2 years while plans for the field were developed. The Clerk was asked to brief Fisher German to draft a Farm Business Tenancy.

3066. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as February 14th 2017 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.