

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 9am  
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), 1 resident (part).

**3499. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted from Cllr John Boot, Cllr Jan Turton and Cllr Pat Woodfield.

**3500. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As registered.

**3501. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July were approved.

**3502. PUBLIC SESSION**

The Chairman suspended the meeting between 9.05 and 9.10am to allow a member of the public to ask questions regarding the consultation results and how they would be published.

**3503. REPLACEMENT HOT WATER SYSTEM FOR PAVILION**

3 quotes to replace the hot water system at the pavilion were considered, as repair was not economically viable. It was agreed to accept the quote of T&S for a new 300 litre unvented cylinder at a price of £1825.63 + VAT.

**3504. SALE OF METHODIST CHURCH BUILDING**

In considering whether the PC might purchase the former Methodist Church building as a community facility, the results of the parish consultation pertaining to meeting facilities had been circulated. Demand for new meeting facilities was low. Interest in a new Scout Hut was higher. The Chairman had been in touch with the Scouts' District Commissioner and understood that the Scouts would be unable to finance the purchase and conversion on their own.

Notwithstanding the lack of a clear use for the building, Cllr Charles-Jones challenged other members to consider whether in the fullness of time the parish might come to regret a decision not to act. He highlighted potential parallels with the Co-op site, which had fallen into disrepair after being sold on.

It was agreed that the matter should be considered again at September's meeting, following a conversation with the Scouts about what they would be prepared to pay per year if the Methodist Church was purchased and converted for their use by the PC.

**3505. GOVERNORS' FIELD DRAINAGE**

2 contractors recommended by John Evens, Engineering Officer to GBC, had visited the field to discuss drainage works and one had proceeded to quote for works at a price of £4793 + VAT. Works could be completed by the end of August with a written guarantee for a year.

While having no argument with the proposed methodology, Cllr Charles-Jones considered that the cost was excessive for the works. He suggested that farming contractors could carry out such work at a fraction of the price and that less pipe could be laid in the first instance, with the scheme being extended if the problem persisted. The ensuing debate centred on the merits of getting the job sorted quickly by a recommended contractor with a written guarantee vs the merits of saving tax payers' money. Votes for and against going ahead with the work at the price quoted were evenly split. The Chairman used his casting vote in favour. Cllr Charles-Jones asked that the minutes record his strongest objection to this decision.

**3506. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Of the 6 items reported at July's meeting, the roundabout and the shackle pins had been resolved by HACS engineers on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The engineers had discovered that a number of the poles in the stockade were loose and need re-concreting before the mulch could be addressed.

HACS had failed to send contractors out to address the grass mats which posed a trip hazard in the re-turfed areas around the trampoline and tunnel. It was agreed that the grass mats should now be removed and stored (on the basis that HACS would lift the mats out before re-installing anyway), thus enabling the fencing to be removed and the full park re-opened. Cllrs Wardle and Starke agreed to strim the new turf before the fencing was removed.

**3507. TOUR OF BRITAIN**

Cllr Briggs had coordinated a group of villagers planning to decorate the village for the visit of the Tour of Britain on September 8<sup>th</sup>. They had secured funds from GBC and the WCA and it was agreed that the PC would also provide up to £100 if needed. It was agreed that yellow bunting could be used to decorate the railings.

It was agreed to place notices in the newsletter and the Woodborough Web asking residents not to park on the road along the route from 10am on the day.

**3508. RACKING FOR THE EMERGENCY STORE**

This item was deferred until September's meeting.

**3509. PLANNING**

No objection to: PC ref 1039, GBC 2018/0466 to construct 4 stables and adjoining wash box and a manege at Old Manor Farm, Lowdham Lane, nor to PC ref 1040, GBC 2018/0656 to replace the ground floor flat roof to front elevation with tiled pitched roof and replace exterior wall coverings with render at 35 Sunningdale Drive.

**3510. AOB**

The football club had confirmed that they would use the field again for the 2018/19 season.

**3511. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 11<sup>th</sup> September.

The meeting finished at 10.40am.