

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr Liz Anderson, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Richard Pannell, Cllr Daniel Raynor, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Adam Wylie.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC, part), Averil Marczak (Clerk). 4 residents/members of the public observed part of the meeting.

4283. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed members and residents to the first face to face meeting held since March 2020. He explained that in addition to the Covid-19 safety measures included in the risk assessment pre-circulated, the advice from NALC was to keep the meeting as short as possible, and he would defer any lengthy debates to a future meeting.

4284. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford and also Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC).

4285. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional interests were declared.

4286. CO-OPTION TO VACANCY

The vacancy created by Pat Woodfield's resignation had been advertised in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, section 87, and there had been no requests for an election. The Chairman proposed that Liz Anderson, who had put her name forward at the time of the previous vacancy, be co-opted (seconded Cllr Charles-Jones). There was a unanimous vote in favour and the Chairman welcomed Cllr Anderson to WPC.

4287. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th May were approved with a minor modification.

4288. MATTERS ARISING FOR REPORT ONLY

Cllr Charles-Jones confirmed that he would visit the pertinent homeowner to request that a grate be installed over the open pipe in the northeast corner of the field.

4289. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Greensmith had circulated a report, including confirmation that a new bin had been ordered to replace the broken bin outside the village shop. Cllr Newsome reported that the new black bin on Lowdham Lane was overflowing, and the crews needed to be reminded to empty it.

4290. COVID-19 MEASURES

It was agreed that the remaining Covid-19 restrictions in the Governors' Field (removal of swing seats and capping off tunnel) would be reversed on June 21st (or the date of the next national easing if it came later). It was agreed that Covid-19 signage in the Village Hall should be left in situ. It was agreed that the laminated signs on the footpaths regarding hand hygiene should now be removed.

4291. FLOODING MATTERS

A group of residents had sent a letter requesting that WPC set up a “flood forum” comprising a team of volunteers to help progress flood mitigation measures with the Environment Agency. The Chairman welcomed their offer of support, and invited them to attend a briefing meeting hosted by the EA to present the report on village flooding prepared by Paul Hands, consultant to the EA. It was agreed that the EA meeting, to be held on Microsoft Teams, should be arranged for 6th July between 10 and 11am. It was further agreed to notify the village at large of this meeting to enable any other interested parties to attend.

4292. PARKING NEAR LINGWOOD LANE/ MAIN STREET JUNCTION

Cllr Wylie described the scenes of chaos and congestion at school drop off and pick up times which led him to be concerned about the risk of a serious accident. Pavement parking narrowed the route for pedestrians, and buses frequently mounted the pavement to pass. Cllr Newsome agreed to monitor the situation daily and to take photographs. It was agreed to hold a discussion with NCC regarding measures to restrict parking or stopping at the start and end of the school day.

4293. SAM MIDDUP FIELD PERMISSIVE FOOTPATH

Cllr Wardle had circulated a draft version of a sign to go at each end of the footpath to communicate the rules of use. The wording was agreed with minor amendment. It was agreed to investigate whether it could be fixed on the fence as well as costing up a post or lectern, for agreement at the next meeting. Cllr Briggs reported that she had received complaints regarding the use of barbed wire across the top of the fence and suggested it be removed. The Clerk had also received an email raising the issue. There was general agreement that barbed wire was appropriate to protect the agricultural field and its use was in line with other agricultural footpaths.

4294. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliot joined the meeting. Since re-election, he had been made chair of the adult social care and public health committee. Cllr Elliott was asked to investigate potential measures for the Lingwood Lane/Main Street junction. He agreed to ask NCT drivers not to make up time at the Woodborough stop as this added to congestion. Cllr Raynor raised the perennial issue of potholes on pavements and roads and Cllr Elliott gave assurances that the new group on the County Council had an appetite to do things properly and that Woodborough would be a priority. Cllr Newsome reminded Cllr Elliott to ensure that the road work signs at the Nags Head were collected and to address the overgrowth of the hedge at this location.

4295. CEMETERY

The Chairman and Clerk had met with a representative from A W Lymn to discuss a review of memorial safety and he had forwarded their proposal and quote. It was agreed to try to secure a second quote for discussion at the July meeting.

4296. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Wardle reported that the disabled toilet had been refurbished with new flooring, a new toilet and a baby changing table. The new flooring for the committee room and entrance had been delayed and would now be fitted at the start of the school summer holidays. Cllr Wardle had fitted various modifications as requested by Preschool, and an email of thanks had been received from

their committee. The school PTA had requested permission for several food vendors to park in the Village Hall car park on July 23rd for an end of term event and this was agreed.

4297. GOVERNORS' FIELD

Cllr Starke reported on several maintenance items requiring attention: there was a pothole near the small slide; the zip wire required modification to run better; a bar had split on the climbing frame and needed pinning; pigeon spikes would be put on the top of the swing to discourage them from perching and fouling the area below. An offer of a further memorial bench had been received and it was agreed to ask whether the family concerned would consider paying to refurbish an existing bench and put their memorial plaque upon it. Cllr Wardle reported that he was refurbishing the two millennium benches and the beacon, having gratefully secured a donation of the paint required from Timmermans.

4298. REFURBISHMENT OF HERITAGE INFORMATION BOARDS

Cllr Wardle had found a suitable contractor and would bring details of the work required to the July meeting.

4299. PINFOLD MAINTENANCE

Cllr Wardle reported that the gate was dragging along the ground, and he was obtaining a quote for its repair.

4300. WCA UPDATE

Cllr Berrisford had met with the WCA to agree arrangements for the summer fair. The WCA had requested that the firework display be held on the Playing Field. After some debate it was agreed to accede to this request for one year, and review the results, including the impact on the pitch surface. It was agreed that the Christmas lights switch-on should be held over the weekend of December 3rd - 5th and Cllr Briggs agreed to liaise with the WCA regarding arrangements.

4301. PLANNING

The Clerk had responded to 3 applications under delegated powers, making no objection:
PC1132/GBC2021/0419 for alterations at Foxhills, Foxwood Lane
PC1133/GBC2021/0474 for hipped tile roof over existing garage, new porch area, 8 Pinfold Close
PC1134/GBC2021/0554 for single storey front extension at 24 Smalls Croft

4302. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement for June and 20 payments, totalling £5041.72 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £700.17 LGPS (staff pensions).

4303. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items had been received: an update from Woodborough in Bloom; resident's email asking for new signage to deter lorries from using Shelt Hill (forwarded to Cllr Elliott); resident's email of thanks for the new hard standing at Main Street bus stop; an update regarding the Post Office; GBC, Equality and Diversity Consultation; details of GBC's programme to update the list of non-designated heritage assets. The following items were noted: GBC various agendas and press releases.

4304. PLAYING FIELD

Lowdham Colts had requested to use the football pitch for a match. There was no objection to this, but the pitch needed lining and it was agreed to ask Woodborough Celtic if they could help. The Cricket Club had asked if Caythorpe Cricket Club could use the pitch for 2 or 3 matches and this was agreed. It was noted that the field was much in demand, and it was agreed that charges for users should be reviewed for 2022/23.

4305. WOODBOROUGH WEB CONTENT

It was agreed to include the minutes, the date of the EA meeting, a reminder to park at the Four Bells and not on Lingwood Lane.

4306. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meetings was confirmed as 13th July 2021.

The meeting finished at 8.55pm.