

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022
at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Richard Pannell, Cllr Daniel Raynor, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC, part), Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC, part), 2 members of Preschool committee (part); Averil Marczak (Clerk).

4480. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Liz Anderson, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr Colin Starke and Cllr Adam Wylie.

4481. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Raynor declared a non pecuniary interest in the tennis club agenda item.

4482. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2022 were approved.

4483. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk confirmed that new charges for the boot camp had been agreed. Contact had been made with Via's tree officer with a view to surveying all PC trees. It was agreed to ask the church wardens if they wished to use Via to survey the churchyard at the same time. Cllr Elliott agreed to fund the PC's survey by donating £1,000 from his member's fund. Cllr Starke had requested a quote for additional mulch on the Governors' Field and had carried out some research into grant funding.

4484. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that Woodborough Cricket Club had some financial difficulties, which it was hoped would prove short term. The Club had taken the decision to play all matches away in 2022 to minimise expenses. The Chairman had approached them to see if the PC could help, but the decision had already been taken.

A Caythorpe juniors team would use the pitch for 7 matches between May and August at a cost of £35 per match, and would cut, roll and mark the wicket and square. The costs for weekly grass cutting of the outfield would be met by the PC.

4485. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott had circulated a report. He explained that the Traffic Regulation Order needed for Lingwood Lane parking restrictions could take 10 months to go through due process. Cllr Wardle asked Cllr Elliott to organise a repair to the railings along the dyke. Cllr Pannell requested urgent action to resurface sections of Lowdham Lane, where large potholes were causing vehicles to slow down and cause a hazard. Cllr Elliott confirmed that an assessment of potholes was scheduled for later in the week.

4486. PRESCHOOL REQUEST

2 members of the Preschool committee presented an update on their operation, explaining that the number of children and the average number of hours per child were down due to the impact of the

pandemic, a low birth rate year and new local competition. The PC expressed its support for the Preschool and requested further information before it could consider a request for a reduced hire cost.

4487. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Greensmith had circulated a report. There was no update regarding the request for a bin on Lowdham Lane.

4488. CLOSURE OF WOODBOROUGH WEB

It was noted with sadness that the Woodborough Web would shut after the May 2022 edition. It was agreed to write a letter to the editor expressing thanks for the contribution that the Woodborough Web had made to the community. It was agreed to research alternative ways of getting out tactical communications, including cooperating with Lambley.

4489. MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

As the WCA had indicated that they would no longer carry out weed killing around the village, it was agreed to engage Rob Dixon to carry out this work, and to tidy the perimeter of the playing field.

4490. COMMUNITY EVENTS

It was agreed that the Christmas lights switch on should be arranged for Friday December 2nd. The WCA had made two requests with regard to the summer fair, to erect staging for a brass band, and to host a display of classic cars. It was agreed to support both ideas, with the proviso that the staging should not be on the cricket square, and that the cars should not be parked on the football pitch area if the ground was at all soft.

4491. CEMETERY

The grave digger had topped up and seeded a number of sunken graves. It was agreed to approve a request for a burial of ashes in an existing family plot.

4492. MEMORIAL BENCHES

Cllr Charles-Jones reported that benches for HRH the Prince Philip and for the Platinum Jubilee had been delivered and were ready to install.

The Clerk had scheduled a meeting with a resident who had offered a new memorial bench for the cemetery. It was agreed that a memorial bench donated by a family for the Governors' Field was not of suitable quality for a public park, but to offer the family an opportunity to put the plaque on an existing bench. It was agreed that all the memorial plaques in field should be renewed. It was noted that the Woodborough Ladies' table was still undergoing renovation and would be reinstalled soon. It was agreed that the PC should adopt a memorial bench policy in future, to outline its requirements and its responsibilities for donated benches.

4493. CODE OF CONDUCT GUIDANCE

New guidance from GBC's monitoring officer was noted.

4494. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC1157/GBC2022/0208 for single storey side and front extension to garage at 7 Lowdham Lane.

4495. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement for April. 25 payments, totalling £5,981.21 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £710.17 LGPS (staff pensions).

4496. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A request had been received from the Flood Action Group to purchase 2 additional long handled rakes and this was agreed. The following items were noted: details of Nottinghamshire Day; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

4497. TENNIS COURT MAINTENANCE

Cllr Starke had held further discussions with the Tennis Club. Their strong recommendation was to carry out a full resurface of the courts and to schedule work as soon as possible, to take place at the start of 2023/24. It was agreed that this should be tabled for detailed discussion at May's meeting.

4498. WOODBOROUGH IN BLOOM UPDATE

An update had been received regarding Woodborough in Bloom's AGM. It was agreed to ask Rob Dixon to help with some small repairs to the planters.

4499. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed to discuss the resurfacing of the tennis courts in 2023/24 and to consider repairs to the allotment gates.

4500. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as 9th May 2022 at 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 8.33pm.