

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25th July 2022
at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC, part), 1 resident (part), Nick Baseley (planning consultant and agent for PC1172/GBC2022/0761) (part), Averil Marczak (Clerk).

4553. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Daniel Raynor and NCC Cllr Boyd Elliott.

4554. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional interests were declared.

4555. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman suspended the meeting between 6.50pm and 7.05pm to allow 2 members of the public to speak regarding planning application PC1172/GBC2022/0761. A resident asked about wildlife surveys and the volume of the buildings. Nick Baseley, agent to the application, spoke about the history of the planning process on this site and gave details of the bat survey undertaken.

4556. PLANNING (PART I)

WPC considered PC1172/GBC2022/0761 for proposed residential redevelopment of former farm complex - comprising the replacement of an existing dwelling, non-traditional former agricultural buildings and caravan storage building with 4 self-build dwellings and 1 agricultural workers dwelling at Old Manor Farm, Lowdham Lane. It was resolved to make no objection.

4557. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Greensmith had circulated a report. There was a discussion regarding the Section 215 notice (Town and Country Planning Act 1990) served on the owner of the former Coop site. It was agreed that a letter should be delivered to all dwellings with sight of the land to ask their views on whether it should be cleared or left overgrown. Cllr Newsome thanked Cllr Greensmith for her success in securing a new larger bin for future installation on the playing field.

4558. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2022 were approved.

4559. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott had sent an email confirming that a speed reduction scheme for Lowdham Lane had been approved.

4560. TREE SURVEY

The tree survey undertaken by Via had identified a number of minor works required on WPC sites and the Churchyard, grouped into works required within 3 months, and works required within 12 months. It was agreed to apply for planning permission and to obtain 3 quotes for all of the works identified.

4561. SAM MIDDUP FIELD FOOTPATH

A resident had asked for permission to cut grass and weeds between their home and the field ditch. It was noted that WPC had previously asked residents not to cut this area in the interests of wildlife. It was further noted that WPC had taken no action when some residents had cut this area. It was agreed to allow residents to cut the area up to 1 metre behind their homes, at their expense, if they desired to do so, but that no spraying should be permitted. It was further agreed that WPC should conduct spraying of weeds next spring. It was agreed to write to all neighbouring residents to advise them.

An email had been received regarding dogs off leads and it was agreed to review additional signage.

Cllr Charles-Jones agreed to discuss the installation of a grille over the tunnel in the NE corner with the relevant homeowner.

4562. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk had contacted the Preschool committee regarding WPC taking over the provision of wifi and discussions were ongoing. Quantum Fire & Security had communicated a price increase for their 6 monthly maintenance visits. It was proving challenging to get quotes for the supply of gas and electricity beyond the contract dates. It was agreed to check whether it was possible to access framework agreements.

4563. NCC/VIA LENGTHSMAN GRANT

NCC/Via had issued a revised contract for the Lengthsman grant scheme. It was agreed to check the updated terms and requirements vs the arrangements currently in place.

4564. INSURANCE RENEWAL

It was resolved to renew WPC's insurance with Zurich, noting that this was the 3rd year of the long term agreement. The Clerk had yet to succeed in scheduling a valuation of the buildings.

4565. CEMETERY

It was agreed to permit a plaque to be installed on an existing memorial to mark a burial of ashes. It was agreed in principle to accept a donation of a memorial bench at the cemetery. Cllr Charles-Jones offered to meet the prospective donor to discuss location.

4566. GOVERNORS' FIELD

The annual Playsafety (RoSPA) inspection had been carried out and the findings of the report addressed by Cllr Starke. Some small repairs had been undertaken and areas of concern noted for weekly monitoring. It was noted that the top of the zipwire cable needed inspection and Cllr Charles-Jones agreed to make his forklift available for this purpose in due course.

4567. PLAYING FIELD

The bench nearest to the school had been repaired, and it was noted that the NCC bench was in need of repair. It was noted that this bench had been used for step training on occasions by the Boot Camp and it was agreed to prohibit this.

It was noted that the Boot Camp sessions had been interrupted on several occasions by other groups setting up or working on the field. It was agreed to ask all users to respect each other's bookings and not to carry out work or activities when another authorised user was in situ.

The presence of various clubs and teams using the field without permission continued to be an intermittent issue and it was agreed to produce a letter explaining WPC's due processes that could be handed out when the problem arose.

An email had been received from the organiser of the proposed charity dog show, objecting to the proposed charges. This was discussed and it was agreed that a charge should apply. It was agreed that the facilities should be available free of charge only for WCA events and Feast Sports.

Cllrs Raynor and Wylie had given some early consideration to ideas for public football and cricket on the playing field and would bring the item back in September.

4568. ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed that tenants who were not cultivating their allotments should be given 3 months to put this right, or notice would be served.

4569. PLANNING (PART II)

The following applications were considered:

PC1169/GBC2022/0689 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 14 Dover Beck Drive – no objection.

PC1170/GBC2022/0692 0439 proposed alterations to the roof to enable loft conversion with increase in roof height, front, side and rear dormers and roof lights, and single storey side and rear extension at 22 Ash Grove – no objection.

PC1171/GBC2022/0631TPO works for crown reduction and crown thinning to 7 trees at 14 Bank Hill – defer to the view of the tree officer as to whether these works are necessary.

PC1173/GBC2022/0804 convert existing garage to kitchen/utility with new pitched roof over at 16 Whites Croft – no objection.

PC1174/GBC2022/0817 alteration to garage to form bedroom at 15 Dover Beck Drive – no objection.

4570. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement for July. 29 payments, totalling £9680.08 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £840 Via East Midlands Ltd (tree survey); £1,296 Community Heartbeat Trust (new defibrillator for Village Hall); £715.00 LGPS (staff pensions); £557.90 WCA (S137, donation for Platinum Jubilee activities); £2,063.24 Zurich Insurance (annual insurance renewal).

4571. UPDATE ON TENNIS COURTS RESURFACING

Works were due to start mid August. Resurfacing would take 2 weeks and 4 weeks curing time was then required. The surface would then be painted and a further week's curing time would be required. The Clerk had notified WTC, the Preschool and School, and asked if the School would consider allowing the Preschool to access the caged area on a short term basis.

4572. UPDATE ON VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILLATOR

An order had been placed for a replacement defibrillator. EMAS had advised that the existing defibrillator would be capable of performing a rescue attempt using its internal battery.

4573. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items were noted: a freedom of information request (followed up with a reply to ask for more specific request); publicity material from NCC regarding Tour of Britain; email regarding neglected allotments; details of place getting project; invitation to UKSPF meeting; introduction to Nottinghamshire Treeplanters; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

It was noted that the Tour of Britain would descend Bank Hill and leave the village via Foxwood Lane. It was agreed to contact Cllr Elliott and advise that the potholes needed addressing urgently prior to race day.

4574. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed to discuss: Preschool; Coop site; provision of football/cricket facilities on the Playing Field; Lingwood Lane traffic measures; Via Lengthsman Scheme contract; donation to WCA for marquee.

4575. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as 5th September 2022 at 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 8.47pm.