

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024
at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr Gary Digva, Cllr Phil Hallam, Cllr Richard Pannell, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Richard Whincup

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC, part), 1 resident (part), Averil Marczak (Clerk)

4902. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Liz Anderson, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Adam Wylie, Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC).

4903. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional interests were declared.

4904. OPEN SESSION

The meeting was suspended briefly and a resident addressed the PC regarding flooding, potholes and the state of village pavements.

4905. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on December 11th were approved.

4906. MATTERS ARISING

The open letter regarding flooding sent by email on 15th December to Mark Spencer MP, Tom Randall MP, Michael Payne, Cllr Boyd Elliott and Cllr Helen Greensmith had received just one acknowledgement (from Tom Randall MP). It was agreed to resend the email to the politicians who had failed to reply.

4907. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Cllr Anderson for chairing December's meeting. The Chairman asked all members to ensure that they checked their WPC emails at least twice a week.

4908. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Greensmith had sent a report. GBC had agreed to inspect the trees at Smalls Croft and plan in any required maintenance and planting. Cllr Greensmith had raised the complaints about potential misuse of bird scarers with GBC's Environmental Health team and would chase for a response.

4909. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott reported that NCC's energies were currently focusing on the impact of recent countywide flooding.

Cllr Elliott confirmed that the Highways team would visit Roe Lane/Roe Hill over the period of a month to take photographs of parking issues. The Chair reminded Cllr Elliott that a more general review had been requested at December's meeting. Cllr Elliott would request the camera car in the meantime to encourage more responsible parking at the start and end of the school day.

Cllr Elliott confirmed that he continued to lobby for action to address potholes. Cllr Wardle asked Cllr Elliott to help replace a defunct street lamp on Main Street that had been reported several times without any response.

4910. FLOODING

It was noted that the village had flooded several times over the Christmas period. The Flood Action Group (FLAG) had collated a report and requested letters from villagers so that a rounded picture of the misery wrought by flooding could be presented to the relevant authorities. On January 12th Cllrs Pannell and Starke and members of FLAG would attend a multi-agency meeting arranged by Mark Spencer MP.

Suggestions had been made that the extraordinary contribution made by the flood wardens over recent weeks should be recognised with an event or similar. It was agreed that Cllrs Hallam and Pannell should consult the group on what might be appreciated.

Cllr Wardle gave an update on his work on new flood road closure signage. A budget of up to £2,000 was agreed.

4911. 2024/25 BUDGET PROCESS

It was agreed to submit a provisional precept requirement of £82,462 (+5%). GBC required final confirmation by March 1st.

4912. INTERNAL AUDIT

It was agreed to ask Andy Hodges to conduct the internal audit.

4913. ALLOTMENT RENTS

It was agreed that the allotment rent should remain at £34 per plot for 2025/26.

4914. GOVERNORS' FIELD

Following the installation of 70m of safety fencing under permitted development, the planning application made for the final 2m next to the highway required a number of supplementary papers, including a heritage impact assessment, a tree report and a flood risk assessment.

Considering the dangers of the waters following recent rainfall it was agreed that the final 2m of fence should be installed forthwith to improve the safety of children and other visitors to the Field.

4915. WOODBOROUGH WEBSITE PROPOSAL

This item was deferred to the March meeting.

4916. VILLAGE HALL

The CCTV system had been installed, without a timer. It was agreed that a procedure was needed to ensure the system was operational in accordance with the adopted CCTV policy.

The Clerk had received an informal complaint and this was discussed.

4917. PLANNING

The following application was considered: PC1219/GBC2023/0876 for the erection of two dwellings at 46 Roe Hill. It was agreed to object: the proposal was out of keeping with Roe Hill which was characterised by wide properties and open frontages and the additional vehicles might have a detrimental effect on access to the cemetery. It was also noted that in 2022 GBC's planning officer had advised the applicant against applying for 2 dwellings on plot.

4918. BIODIVERSITY DUTY UNDER 2021 ENVIRONMENT ACT

The requirement for the PC to factor biodiversity into its decisions was noted and it was agreed to develop a short policy based on the SLCC template in due course.

4919. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement for January. 19 payments, totalling £7,044.79 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £750.06 LGPS (staff pensions); £2,679.36 J4 Security Systems Ltd (CCTV installation). A further 10 payments were made by direct debit. Gross payments over £500: £1,015.88 EDF (electricity at Village Hall).

4920. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Further comments had been received regarding bird scarers, with residents observing that use this year was different, suggesting that they were firing too frequently in violation of the regulations. The following items were noted: GBC various press releases and agendas.

4921. ANY OTHER BUSINESS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr Pannell reported that a Woodborough in Bloom planter on Bank Hill had been destroyed by an errant motorist, who had also damaged bollards on the verge. Cllr Pannell was in contact with Notts Police to try to secure funds for a replacement from the motorist's insurance.

4922. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Items for the 2024/25 budget were requested.

Cllr Wardle advised he would bring a proposal for a flood barrier for the pinfold as the clean ups were arduous and time consuming.

It was agreed to consider upgrading the flood warden jackets.

4923. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as 5th February 2024 at 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.