

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024  
at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Liz Anderson (Chair), Cllr Amanda Mellor, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Richard Pannell, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 residents (part), Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC, part), Cllr Boyd Elliott (part), Tom Randall (the Conservative Party candidate for Gedling constituency, part), Averil Marczak (Clerk)

**5021. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Phil Hallam, Cllr Richard Whincup.

**5022. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs Wardle, Starke and Newsome declared a non-pecuniary interest relating to any discussion which might arise regarding moles due to their personal association with a resident requesting a change to WPC's policy of trapping moles on the playing field.

**5023. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chair suspended the meeting between 6.48pm and 7.39pm to allow members of the public and Tom Randall (the Conservative Party Parliamentary candidate for Gedling) to address the PC.

Cllr Anderson welcomed Tom Randall and invited him to speak about local issues. He provided some details about his experience as an MP for Gedling since December 2019, and he talked about his work to alleviate flooding in Burton Joyce. Cllr Mellor explained some of the social impacts of flooding and the obstacles that Woodborough had encountered in securing funding for flood alleviation. She welcomed Tom Randall's commitment (should he be elected) to pick up meetings that had been scheduled with Mark Spencer MP. WPC members identified roads and pavements as a second key priority for the village. Several pavements were inaccessible to wheelchair users and NCC had failed to address this. Two residents in attendance addressed Tom Randall. One resident asked him to support a national ban on the use of scissor traps. The second resident asked him to address the issue of the old Co-op site.

The Chair thanked Tom Randall for attending WPC's meeting and opened the session for members of the public to address WPC. A resident representing Woodborough in Bloom requested funding from Cllr Elliott and Cllr Greensmith, who agreed to donate £250 and £100 respectively. A resident asked WPC to delay implementation of its decision to trap moles on the playing field to give a group of residents the opportunity to manage the damage to mitigate any risk to the safety of field users. The Chair explained the Standing Order regarding previous decisions and advised that the decision had been taken on the grounds of WPC's responsibility and liability for any accidents on a sports field.

**5024. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr Greensmith offered a £250 grant to help improve the Cemetery access road which was gratefully accepted. The use of bird scarers had ceased. Road cleaning and pavement cleaning

was scheduled for week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Cllr Greensmith made WPC aware of a significant planning application in Lambley for a battery storage scheme.

**5025. COUNTY REPORT**

WPC asked Cllr Elliott to match Cllr Greensmith's grant for the cemetery access road and he agreed to give it consideration.

Cllr Elliott had circulated a report. He reported that he was meeting with flooded house holders. He acknowledged the poor state of the pavements and roads in Woodborough and said that he could not defend them.

**5026. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**5027. MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk had yet to approach Fosse Contracts to discuss the issue with the tennis court surface.

**5028. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS**

It was noted that WPC's standing orders were in line with the latest NALC template (April 2022) and it was agreed that no changes were needed.

**5029. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

NALC's new Model Financial Regulations were noted. It was agreed that Cllrs Mellor and Starke should meet with the Clerk to review and edit for WPC, for proposal at the July meeting.

**5030. ANNUAL REPORT**

The draft report was agreed. The Clerk presented estimates from Colinprint to produce and Royal Mail to deliver. It was agreed to proceed, with copies to all properties in the parish.

**5031. FLOODING**

Cllr Mellor gave an update on the latest meetings with the EA, NCC and Trent Rivers Trust. Those working on the project were seeking to implement natural flood management tactics around the village within a very limited budget. The Chair thanked Cllr Mellor for her hard work with Woodborough FLAG.

It was agreed to ask the Lengthsman to carry out a monthly check on all of the highway drains and to report any blockages, also to clean the bus shelters. More information had been obtained about the Gedling flood funding, with up to £4,000 available. It was agreed that FLAG in consultation with the flood wardens should make a proposal before GBC's deadline.

**5032. NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Cllrs Anderson and Taylor gave an update on the new community website which they were working up in conjunction with former WPC member Gary Digva.

Online bookings could now be made for the Village Hall via the WPC website.

**5033. PLAYING FIELD**

It was agreed that a new fee of £45 per match should apply to all one-off bookings for visiting football or cricket clubs.

It was noted that there was ongoing damage to the field caused by moles. The Clerk had spoken to WPC's insurers' risk advisers and legal advisers. It was agreed to take the following action: implement a schedule of regular recorded inspections; contact all clubs and groups with an agreement to use the facility regarding risks and inspections; install warning signs at the gate, bridge and top of Church Walk.

**5034. ALLOTMENTS**

It was noted that the vacant plot had now been re-taken by the outgoing tenant and once again there was full occupancy. It was agreed to accept a quote for £490 +VAT to repair the central driveway using bricks available free of charge from Dorket Head.

**5035. PLANNING**

The following applications were considered and there was no objection to:  
PC1224/GBC2024/0338 for conversion of swimming pool to annexe, raising swimming pool roof, solar panels, single storey rear extension, alterations to existing entrance and insulated rendered walls at 28 Main Street  
PC1225/GBC2024/0336TPO to fell T1 tree at 153 Main Street  
PC1226/GBC2024/0332TCA for removal of 4 trees at 153 Main Street

**5036. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial statement for April. 11 payments, totalling £5608.13 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £830.29 LGPS (staff pensions); KLR Solutions £1296 (board Village Hall loft and reorganise insulation materials). A further 4 payments were made by direct debit totalling £801.75 net.

**5037. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

An email and a letter objecting to mole trapping had been received and the contents were noted. The following items were noted: invitation to NCC Civic Service on 23<sup>rd</sup> June; outcome of UK GOV consultation on conversion of industrial and agricultural property to residential; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

**5038. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

The remaining vacancy continued to be publicised on the WPC website.

**5039. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

RoSPA play inspection results.

**5040. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 9.50pm.