

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th November 2024
at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Liz Anderson (Chair), Cllr Phil Hallam, Cllr Amanda Mellor, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Richard Pannell, Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Richard Whincup

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC, part), 7 members of the public (part), Averil Marczak (Clerk)

5117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Gough and Cllr Colin Starke.

5118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional interests were declared.

5119. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chair suspended the meeting between 6.46pm and 7.05pm to allow members of the public to address the PC. The groundsman from Woodborough Cricket Club explained that the club wanted 5 tracks in 2025, each 12ft wide, to meet ECB guidelines. The Cricket Club had 3 definite fixtures for 2025 and 6 provisional fixtures. Representatives from Woodborough Celtic confirmed that since the last meeting they had narrowed and repositioned their pitches, and roped off a 24ft width area for the cricket square. A representative from Caythorpe Cricket Club stated that they would also be interested in using the field in 2025 and reminded the PC that their team contained several Woodborough juniors.

5120. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

5121. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair thanked Cllr Wardle for putting up the lamp post poppies. It was noted that an order should be placed for 10 additional poppies for next year's display to allow for breakages. The Chair thanked the WCA for organising the firework display which had been a huge success.

5122. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Greensmith gave her report. A GBC employee had been jailed for fraud. Michael Payne MP had stood down from his position as deputy leader of GBC although he remained a Gedling Borough Councillor. The consultation on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan would run from 4th November to 16th December. Cllr Greensmith continued to press for leaf sweeping in the village, so far without success.

5123. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Taylor reported on a meeting held on October 17th with representatives from Woodborough Celtic and Woodborough Cricket Club after which the football pitches had been repositioned and narrowed to create a 24ft wide x 66ft long cricket square. The Cricket Club had expressed a requirement for 4 tracks or strips each 8ft wide. Based on the information provided by the Cricket Club at the October meeting, the 24ft width would have provided 3 tracks or strips, each of which would be usable for a match once a month.

Cllr Taylor noted the Cricket Club's complaint concerning the scrapping of their old roller. The scrapping of the roller had been agreed at a meeting, organised by WPC and attended by representatives of all the sports clubs, to clear out the storage shed. It was noted that the Cricket Club disputed the claim by 3 WPC members present at the meeting that the Cricket Club representative had consented to the roller being scrapped without a plan to replace it.

After a lengthy debate, it was resolved to offer use of a 24ft x 66ft square to Woodborough Cricket Club for the 2025 season. It was agreed that Caythorpe CC would be welcome to apply to use the field on an ad hoc basis when it was not required by Woodborough Bootcamp, Woodborough Celtic or Woodborough Cricket Club.

5124. FLOODING UPDATE

Cllr Mellor gave an update. She had visited the phase two natural flood management (NFM) works in the west of the village which were designed to reduce peak flow during a flooding event. Funding for NFM measures was now exhausted and Cllr Mellor continued to canvass Michael Payne MP for investment in infrastructure.

It had been suggested that WPC might provide a financial contribution towards installing cameras on the new NFM features (without a specific proposal at this stage). There was a debate about whether such cameras could serve a useful purpose to provide an earlier warning to the village or whether the cameras' usefulness would be more tailored to NFM engineers who could improve the features in future. It was agreed to ask the EA whether they might install an additional gauge. Cllr Mellor concluded by reporting that the EA were clearing open culverts.

5125. MANAGEMENT OF VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk reported on the running of the hall during the first month without a caretaker, including presenting feedback from the regular users. The Clerk observed that cleaning and administration were being covered, but the absence of someone supervising the site was being felt. It was agreed that Cllr Anderson, Cllr Gough and the Clerk should draft a job description for a caretaker.

It was noted that some damage and additional cleaning requirements had been caused by a party booking in October. It was agreed that going forward all evening parties should be charged a refundable bond of £100.

5126. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Wardle reported that a damaged internal door had been repaired. It was noted that the fire exit doors, particularly from the main hall and chair store, were in need of replacement. It was agreed that 3 quotes should be obtained for aluminium replacements.

The Carpet Bowls group had given notice that they would hold their final session on December 13th.

The Clerk had attended RCAN's inaugural Gedling Cluster Group Meeting and found out useful information about potential sources of grant funding for LED lighting, which she would discuss with Cllr Starke.

5127. GOVERNORS' FIELD

HAGS had confirmed that they would reduce the quote for the renewal of the tunnel mound by 50% and it was agreed to progress the works.

It was agreed that New Leaf Landscapes should clear the Governors' Field leaves at a cost of £180.

5128. CHURCHYARD

The meeting with the Vicar and his team regarding maintenance of the Churchyard would now take place in January. The Clerk had advised the Vicar that, due to safety issues, grass cutting could not continue in the area with mole damage and that re-wilding might be an option for them to consider. The Vicar had expressed enthusiasm about re-wilding as a policy already followed in Oxtun.

5129. CEMETERY

Cllr Whincup reported on damage to the track and bridleway bordering the cemetery caused by construction vehicles. VIA's Rights of Way officer had visited the site and discussed repairs with the developer. WPC's repairs to the bridleway had been assessed and approved.

5130. MOOR LANE DEFIBRILLATOR

Cllr Taylor reported that delivery was expected imminently; she would liaise with Cllr Wardle regarding installation.

5131. SAM MIDDUP FIELD

The first meeting of the working party was scheduled for Tuesday 12th November.

5132. PLANNING

The following application was considered and no objection raised:
PC1238/GBC 2024/0736TCA for treeworks at 47 Main Street.

5133. MEETING DATES 2025

The following meeting dates were agreed: January 6th, February 3rd, March 3rd, April 7th, Annual Parish Council Meeting Tuesday May 6th (6.30pm start), June 2nd, July 7th, August – no meeting, September 1st, October 6th, November 3rd, December 1st. All dates Mondays, starting at 6.45pm, with the exception of May meeting.

5134. NJC PAY AGREEMENT

The NJC pay agreement of +£0.63 per hour was noted. Arrears had been paid to the Clerk and the former caretaker and it was agreed to also pay the arrears to the Lengthsman.

5135. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement for November. 18 payments, totalling £5283.07 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £575.33 HMRC (tax and NI); £695.94 LGPS (staff pensions), £1049.90 Overbrook (contract cleaning). A further 7 payments were

made by direct debit totalling £4899.77 net. Gross direct debit payments over £500: PWLB £4268.02 (biannual loan payment).

Andy Hodges had quoted £50 for a quarterly independent check and it was agreed to accept this and instigate after Q3.

5136. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items were noted: details of the consultation on the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

5137. OTHER UPDATES

Cllr Starke had requested help to install the Christmas tree.

It was agreed that WPC would pay for refreshments for the lights switch on event.

5138. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was agreed to include replacement fire doors.

5139. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 2nd December at 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.