

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th July 2012 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs (in chair), Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), Cllr Mark Spencer, 20 parishioners (part)

Before opening the meeting, Cllr Briggs announced that she would resign with effect from July 10th. She cited as her reason the comment made at the public meeting held on July 2nd that the Parish Council did nothing for the village; this had been, for her, “the straw that broke the camel’s back”.

1625. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Whincup who was on a trip away.

1626. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests were declared: Cllr Berrisford, allotments; Cllr Blinston, allotments and WCA; Cllrs Briggs, planning application 840 and WCA; Cllr Wardle: WCA; Cllr Turton, Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research; Cllr Hough, Woods School, planning application 843, Cllr Charles-Jones, pecuniary interest in finance.

1627. OPEN SESSION

At 7.05 pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited members of the public to address the PC (a brief summary of comments made is appended). The meeting was reconvened at 7.50pm.

1628. CODE OF CONDUCT

GBC’s proposed new code of conduct had been precirculated and Cllr Parkinson urged members to adopt it, as the Standards Regime had ceased to exist on 30th June. Due to the long agenda, it was agreed to give this matter due and priority consideration at the July 30th meeting.

1629. PLANNING

Cllr Boot reminded all present that, as a member of GBC’s planning committee, he would not express an opinion on applications. PC reference 838, GBC 2012/0616 an application by Mr Paul Tomkinson for fishing lakes at Shelt Hill: following considerable discussion, during which there was consensus that the additional traffic was not statistically significant and that the water did not pose a flood threat as it was below the level of the village, it was agreed to object on the grounds of access/visibility at the location specified and disruption during the construction period. It was further agreed to observe that should permission be granted a restriction should be applied to restrict fishing to daylight hours, and to define the size of the feeder lake and establish any plans for a toilet block, which had not been specified in the plan but seemed a likely requirement. PC reference 839, GBC 2012/0616 an application for a crematorium at Catfoot Lane, Lambley: following a debate the PC was equally divided between those who voted to object and those who voted not to object; it was agreed to make known concerns about access and traffic flow on Catfoot Lane; the risk of traffic procession causing an accident; the lack of public transport; increased traffic through Woodborough. PC reference 840, GBC 2012/0631 an application by Mr Glenn Miles for an extension at 30 Holme Close: it was agreed to object on the grounds that it was too imposing and would block light from neighbours, and to note that render rather than brick

would be more appropriate for any works. PC reference 841, GBC 2012/0684 an application by Mr Glen Cannell for 2 new houses at 123 Main Street: it was agreed to comment that this was an improvement on earlier plans. PC reference 842, GBC 2012/0659 an application by Drs J & J Vernon for works at 10 Old Manor Close: there was no objection, but it was observed that the plan did not show a staircase. It was agreed to consider other applications on July 30th.

1630. BRIDLEWAY 6

Consideration was given as to whether to make further comment regarding the modification order to bridleway 6; Cllr Boot argued that the diverted route was not as convenient nor safe and Cllr Turton expressed a view that the route should stand for historical reasons. A vote was taken and a majority voted not to make further comment or to object to the diversion.

1631. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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

1632. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Sharp confirmed that he was in discussion regarding a bin at the bus shelter. The Clerk reported that the tennis club were considering a practice fence rather than wall. Mr Hopwell of the Woods School would propose a precise location for the cricket wicket in the autumn; Cllr Parkinson asked that the school or NCC be required to undertake to remove the wicket and reinstate the field at their cost in due course.

1633. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Berrisford reported that NCC had determined that the installation of chicken wire over the footbridge in the playing field would not improve safety and the Clerk agreed to write to Mrs Tansley, who had put forward the idea.

1634. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reported that GBC would vote on the new code of conduct on July 11th. There had been a second application for a crematorium in Catfoot Lane. Severn Trent had made an application for a single 100m high wind turbine at Burton Joyce.

1635. BT BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported that BT had responded to Cllr Whincup, stating categorically that cabinet 6 was not, and would not be, in their immediate upgrade plan. This letter had been forwarded to Robin Meeks.

1636. BANKING

The Clerk had prepared the mandate to change banks and it was resolved that: (1) the PC wishes to open an account with Unity Trust (“the Bank”); (2) the PC approves Unity Trust’s terms and conditions (as shown in the pamphlet “Unity Trust Bank Terms and Conditions” tabled at the meeting) and appoints the Bank as the PC’s bankers; (3) the Bank’s terms and conditions may vary from time to time and the PC agrees to be bound by them; (4) the mandate for the operation of the bank account, payment instructions and banking services be provided to the Bank by persons authorised to do so in accordance with the Bank’s procedures; (5) the Bank is entitled to rely upon this mandate until it receives a later mandate amending it.

1637. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Blinston proposed that the permanent interactive speed sign be placed on Bank Hill, visible to incoming traffic. Several members were of the opinion that speeding was more of a problem on Main Street although speedwatch data had not proven this; it was also noted that Lowdham Lane held the record for the top speed measured. It was agreed to request an audit on Main Street in the region of the telephone box nearest to Bank Hill but it was noted that a site should be chosen where a permanent sign could be mounted on existing street furniture. Cllr Blinston expressed concern that the PC's indecision might lead to the opportunity for funding being lost, and agreed to check the deadline for a decision.

1638. WOODBOROUGH CHARITIES

This was deferred to a later meeting.

1639. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A note of thanks was received from Mr Andrews regarding the removal of a redundant telegraph pole on Shelt Hill. Emails had been received from Dr Harley in Lingwood Lane regarding the surface of the road beyond the intended zone for repair; Cllr Wardle agreed to discuss the issue with NCC's project manager. An email had been received regarding inconsiderate parking at school pick-up time. A letter had been received from Peter Baguley of GBC stating that the TPO and conservation area review would not happen in the short term, and giving reasons why a universal TPO would not be created. This was passed to Cllr Boot. A letter had been received regarding the Gedling Electoral Review and it was agreed to consider this at the meeting on July 30th, when further information would be available from GBC. Playsafety had submitted their safety report and this was passed to Cllr Sharp. Various minutes and agendas from GBC were noted.

1640. VILLAGE CONTRACTOR

Cllr Wardle reported that the Village Contractor was unable to carry out duties for a couple of months. A volunteer had come forward to help keep the village tidy during the period of judging for the Best Kept Village and it was agreed to pass details to the WCA.

1641. CHURCHYARD

Cllr Blinston reported that the PCC now wanted to take part in the churchyards for wildlife project and said that she would contact Notts Wildlife Trust.

Cllr Turton expressed her continued dissatisfaction with the quality of grass cutting in the church yard. While agreeing to discuss this with Gardenscape, Cllr Wardle asked all members to take into account the unprecedented level of growth due to the rain, and to give due credit to Mr Tritton for undertaking an additional cut without being asked to do so. It was agreed to remove the wild flowers in the cemetery at the next cut.

1642. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Wardle reported that the entrance to the car park would be reprofiled to give a 2 car width as part of the resurfacing of Lingwood Lane. NCC had also agreed to repair the major potholes and had offered to line out the car park as a trial (using standard paint, which would wear out within 9 months). Cllr Hough raised concerns about the integrity of the wall on Lingwood Lane and it was agreed to check this.

It was agreed to engage David Hallam to install a ramp at the back entrance of the hall at a cost of £90. Further information was required regarding electrical works before a decision could be taken.

It was agreed to hold the annual bookings meeting on September 13th at 6.30pm. It was agreed to engage Gill Pellegrino as a relief cleaner during Mrs Leafe's holiday.

Cllr Boot left the meeting at 9.45pm.

1643. ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed to give permission for a polytunnel to Mr Sanderson.

1644. CEMETERY

The Clerk reported that exclusive rights of burial had been agreed for 4 graves to a family from Mapperley, with an interment arranged for 10th July. The relentless rain had caused some 16 newer graves to sink and these would be topped up to improve safety at a cost of approximately £120.

Cllr Charles-Jones reported that after 3 sprays of the knotweed, he was most encouraged by the results. Two large conifers had been removed but the clear up of brambles and shrubs in the old cemetery had yet to be done, on account of the weather. The widening of the gates was put on hold until Geoff Baggaley returned to work.

1645. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Parkinson agreed to visit Rothera Dowson to check the land certificate to ascertain ownership of the fence.

1646. FINANCE

The clerk presented the financial statement and 15 cheques totalling £2923.57 including £120.30 VAT were approved for payment. A cheque for £333.60 was paid to Woodborough Park for supply of chemicals at cost and spraying of the knotweed in the cemetery.

1647. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was reported that 2 villagers had signed up to receive information from the PC via the website.

1648. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include a notice regarding the new website, the bookings meeting and Cllr Briggs' resignation.

1649. AOB

Cllr Briggs offered to do a handover when a new member was on board. Mr Crowther had asked her to pass on thanks to all who had helped to clear up after heavy rain.

1650. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as July 30th 2012. The meeting finished at 10.20pm.

SUMMARY OF DEBATE DURING PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Jackson of Holme Close gave his view that a proposed extension at 30 Holme Close was too big and too close and would block the light at his property.

Mr O'Donnell gave a synopsis of the history of bridleway 6 and expressed his view that it should not be diverted, for reasons of history and traffic. Mr Hooper explained that he hoped to graze a horse and pony on the field and the diversion would enhance safety for both public and animals. The diverted bridleway would offer better vision when emerging onto the highway. Mrs Hooper said that they did not intend to put a stable onto the field.

Many comments were made regarding application 838, including safety for village children; there were many alternative fishing lakes within easy reach; Shelt Hill is narrow and it would be detrimental to safety; the size of the top up lake is not specified in the plan; additional water near a flood area was inappropriate; vehicular access was via the footpath; risk of headlights shining into properties; the development might in time extend beyond this plan. Copies of 2 letters sent to GBC had also been sent to the PC.

Crematorium application: a 2nd application had been made; Catfoot Lane was too narrow for such a development.