

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7pm  
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr John Charles-Jones (part), Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Jane Stone, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Pat Woodfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk)

**2880. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC) and Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC).

**2881. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Pecuniary interests – Cllr Smith and Cllr Boot: item 29, Middups' field.

**2882. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July were approved.

**2883. BUS SERVICES**

It was noted that a service to Calverton from Woodborough would run only between 10am and 2pm. It was agreed to provide a link to the new bus timetables from the website.

**2884. CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW**

A revised draft from Trigpoint had been received and circulated. Cllr Smith summarised the adjustments made. The tree report had been added. The proposal to extend the Conservation Area meant that additional trees eg on Bank Hill might be protected. Cllr Smith was clarifying some details regarding number of properties. It was agreed that a request for additional TPOs, previously discussed, could be considered during the public consultation on this document.

**2885. WOODBOROUGH IN BLOOM, IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PLANTERS**

Cllr Turton had sent a request for help to dismantle the old planters and install the new. It was agreed to seek volunteers and to ask the lengthsman to work extra hours once the date was known.

**2886. INSURANCE**

It was resolved to renew WPC's insurance policy with Zurich at a cost of £1744.66. It was noted that WPC was in a 3 year long term agreement with Zurich to secure a preferential rate. It was agreed to accept Zurich's recommendation sent by PDF on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**2887. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT ITEMS**

There was no news – a new officer was now in charge of enforcement of GBC, and had been asked to provide an update.

**2888. CO-OP SITE**

The owner of the site had notified Cllr Turton that plans were in place to clear the debris from the site week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

**2889. TAYLORS FIELD HEDGES**

It was noted that the agents managing the field had refused to cut the hedge before the end of August. It was agreed to ask highways to take action as the overgrowth on the hedge made the footpath unusable and pedestrians and pushchairs were now routinely using the road.

**2890. ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR/CCTV**

It was noted that an incident had occurred in the playing field on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016, following several minor episodes of antisocial behaviour over previous months. It was agreed to take advice from the police regarding the use of CCTV as a possible deterrent and to consider at a later meeting.

**2891. ACCIDENT ON MAIN STREET: HORSE AND RIDER HIT BY A LORRY**

Cllr Gough reported that an accident has occurred on 18<sup>th</sup> July, when a resident and her horse had been hit by a lorry which had entered the village in defiance of the weight restriction. The resident wished to attend a WPC meeting in due course to talk about traffic calming measures. It was agreed to consider writing to Mark Spencer MP regarding the incident once further details were available.

**2892. GOVERNORS' FIELD**

The signed renewal lease had been received and it was agreed to write to thank Andrew Prestwich and trustees for their help in expediting this matter. It was agreed to accept Paul Nightingale's quote for £1500 to repaint the railings in September at the same time as the play equipment and waste bins were being repainted.

**2893. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT/WOODBOROUGH GREAT**

Cllr Turton had sent information about a further trust fund to which the GREAT team might apply.

At 8.15pm Cllr John Charles-Jones joined the meeting.

**2894. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Borrowing approval from the Secretary of State had been received for the purchase of additional recreational ground. Woodborough Utd had disbanded and would no longer require the pitch; it was agreed to seek alternative users and at September's meeting to consider arrangements for grass cutting. An invitation to NALC's AGM had been received. A consultation had been received regarding a permit for the crematorium in Lambley; the Clerk had responded under delegated powers, asking that GBC ensure that the equipment installed was state-of-the-art to protect Woodborough against potential pollution. A complaint had been received about music at the Village Hall on Sunday night; there had been no breach of the rules. A complaint had been received about overgrown footpaths, however, it was noted that NCC's budget did not allow them to make an interim visit and they would be cut in due course. A resident had forwarded details of unacceptable pavement parking on Shelt Hill. It was agreed that further flyers should be produced and used to ask motorists to be considerate. Information regarding Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's consultation regarding Ploughman Wood had been circulated to members and the Woodborough Web. Details of the Calverton Neighbourhood Plan consultation were noted. GBC had confirmed the inclusion of the Four Bells public house in the list of Assets of Community Value. The following items were noted: GBC, various agendas and press releases.

**2895. CEMETERY**

It was noted that a branch had come down outside the cemetery and it was agreed to ask Gardenscape to remove it. A burial had taken place in late July and a new memorial had been installed. The Chairman suggested that the PC consider creating an area for burial of ashes in future.

**2896. VILLAGE HALL**

The Clerk had renewed the electricity contract with Opus Energy.

**2897. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 20 payments totalling £5627.71 net were approved. Gross payments over £500: Greenbarnes £892.86 (new noticeboard at village shop), Zurich £1744.66 (insurance, annual renewal).

The following documents were signed relating to the Nationwide Business Saver account: signature mandate form, authorisation for Clerk to discuss details of the account. It was noted that the interest rate had been reduced to 0.25%.

**2898. NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed to include the minutes and a notice asking for volunteers to help Woodborough in Bloom.

At 8.30pm Cllrs Boot and Smith left the meeting having declared a pecuniary interest in the matter to follow.

**2899. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was resolved to exclude the press and public under standing order 3C due to the confidential nature of the matter to be discussed. Publicity of professional advice and purchase price being considered is likely to prejudice the commercial position of the Council in making its offer.

**2900. POTENTIAL PURCHASE OF MIDDUPS' LAND**

The report from Ken Mafham was considered. It was resolved to bid option A 21 + £7.07 (confidential paper WPC 160721 (appendix 2)) as best and final offer. Having obtained 2 quotes it was resolved to appoint Tallents solicitors to act for WPC in the event of WPC's bid being accepted. It was resolved to borrow from PWLB in line with the borrowing approval, in the event of WPC's bid being accepted.

**2901. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as September 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9pm.