

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th December 2014 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr John Boot (part), Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk)

2344. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Smith: Woodborough Action Group; Cllr Wardle: WCA; Cllrs Berrisford and Parkinson: allotments; Cllr Turton: Cancer Research and Woodborough in Bloom. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Berrisford, Boot, Gough, Smith, Turton, Wardle: Local Planning Document.

2345. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on November 10th were approved following amendment.

2346. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Cllr Turton reported that Rob Dixon had committed to clearing the leaves from the Governors' Field on or before December 14th. Cllr Berrisford had sent a suggested location for a new dog bin to Cllr Elliott. GBC had advised that the application for a crematorium would now be re-determined (if necessary) after the Court of Appeal's judgement had been handed down.

2347. COUNTY REPORT

There was none.

2348. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reported that the Gedling Access Road had been approved; however all planning decisions made on the back of the Aligned Core Strategy were subject to the legal challenge made by several PCs.

2349. CO-OP SITE

Cllr Turton reported that GBC were in discussion with the site owners. Planning permission was likely to be extant as demolition was deemed to be a start on site under the Town and Country Planning Act.

2350. FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME

Cllr Charles-Jones reported that he had met with Mark Spencer MP to discuss potential funding and the legal obstacles which prevented the PC from making a substantial investment in the scheme.

A meeting had also been held with John Macdonald, the scheme designer and five representatives from the Environment Agency (EA). The EA's enthusiasm for the scheme remained unabated, and they had carried out detailed modelling of water flows within the Woodborough valley; the results suggested that the capacity of the planned reservoirs could be reduced. Works – should they take place – were likely to commence in summer 2016. Funding from the EA might be

supplemented by contributions from NCC and GBC if the PC remained unable to spend beyond the limits of S137.

2351. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT

GBC had advised that consultants had undertaken “landscape and visual analysis” of the sites in scope for development; this would inform the preparation of the revised Local Planning Document.

Cllr Smith reported that workshops were likely to take place in January/February 2015. He encouraged members to read through the methodology used for the Calverton workshops, which was available on the GBC website.

2352. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Hough reported that, as yet, no meeting with Calverton PC had been arranged. Mrs Laura Wardle, the coordinator of the speedwatch gun, had attended an event at Ravenshead.

Cllr Hough reminded members that details of HGVs travelling through the village should be recorded and forwarded to Cllr Elliott or a member of the speedwatch team.

At 7.35pm Cllr Boot left.

2353. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A request for a copy of a letter received from a villager regarding the issue of bollards installed on Spindle Lane had been received, and this had been supplied with personal information redacted. An email had been received commenting on the striped light cast by new LED street lamps when installed into the old fluted glass holders on Shelt Hill, Doverbeck, Aldene Way and Sunningdale Drive. It was agreed to discuss with Cllr Elliott. An email had been received asking the PC to take action regarding anti-wind turbine signs which the villager concerned considered to be an eyesore which detracted from “Best Kept Village” standards. It was agreed to respond that the signs were on private property. Details of NCC’s Community Commemoration Fund were noted. Details of a consultation regarding a new light touch licensing regime for community groups selling or giving alcohol at their events had been received; Cllr Parkinson had reviewed the proposal and planned to respond. Details of road closures associated with the footway on the A6097 and with emergency repairs in Lambley had been received and it was agreed to publicise on the noticeboard. Various minutes and agendas from GBC had been received.

Cllr Turton had attended the NALC AGM, held this year in Woodborough.

2354. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC ref 907, GBC 2014/0074PN, an application for change of use to B1 (business) at Shelt Hill Farm.

2355. CHURCH YARD

Nothing reported.

2356. VILLAGE HALL

There was a discussion regarding the use of hall facilities free of charge by groups considered to be acting in the interest of the whole village, prompted by a request from the Woodborough

Action Group. It was agreed that the policy of charging all groups should stand, with exceptions to be agreed at PC meetings according to their individual merits.

CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING ITEM

It was resolved that 6 small tables, identical to the ones which had disappeared from the Hall, should be purchased.

Cllr Turton had not as yet been able to visit Lowdham to see their dishwasher in action, and it was agreed that this should be arranged in time for discussion at the February meeting. Cllr Turton presented further anecdotal evidence of the support and requirement for a dishwasher. She stated that she knew of several groups prepared to donate funds towards a dishwasher which could be gifted to the hall in the event that the PC chose not to finance the purchase itself.

Cllr Wardle had undertaken further research regarding the installation of an external door from the car park into the bar. Several village groups were strongly supportive and the new layout had been trialled at a WCA event without any problem. The cost for a new door, including blocking in the window using bricks taken from the doorway, was circa £800. It was agreed that the matter should be presented for approval at the January meeting with a full specification for the door and locks that was acceptable to the PC's insurers.

2357. ALLOTMENTS

2 quotes had been obtained for works to an ash tree on allotment 26 and it was agreed to accept the lower quote from Woodthorpe Tree Services (£450). The allotment padlock had failed and one of the tenants had purchased a new lock; it was agreed to reimburse him.

2358. CEMETERY

Cllr Charles-Jones had applied for a grant to plant an oak in the corner of the new extension. An application to replace the memorial for Sarah and James Dunthorne (d.1907 and 1922) had been received. It was agreed that a notice should be placed adjacent to this grave for one month giving details of the intended change, affording any potential objectors an opportunity to come forward.

2359. HEALTH & SAFETY

Nothing reported.

2360. PLAYING FIELD

Nothing reported.

2361. GOVERNORS' FIELD

The Christmas lights had been installed, and there was consensus that the result was excellent. It was agreed that the PC should seek quotes for a comprehensive installation service in 2015, rather than relying on the goodwill of Cllrs Wardle and Parkinson to give up a day of their time.

The second tranche of railings had been renovated, and work would resume in the spring.

2362. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 11 payments totalling £3254.60 net were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd £1110 (cemetery noticeboard).

Members submitted their suggestions for next year's budget to the Clerk for consideration by the PC in January. It was agreed that some glass water jugs should be purchased for the village hall.

2363. CLERK'S REPORT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The NJC had released details of salary awards for 2014. In line with NJC's recommendations and also GBC's pay awards, the PC approved non-consolidated payments of £100 to the clerk and to the caretaker, and an increase of 2.2% to their annual salaries, effective January 2015.

2364. RIGHTS OF WAY

Nothing reported.

2365. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as January 12th 2015 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.30pm.