

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th June 2016 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC), Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC), Averil Marczak (Clerk).

2814. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Jane Stone and Cllr Pat Woodfield.

2815. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests – Cllr Smith: Woodborough Action Group, planning application PC962, GBC 2016/0657; Cllr Turton: Woodborough Action Group, Cancer Research, Woodborough in Bloom; Cllr Wardle: WCA.

2816. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meetings held on 10th May and 9th June were approved.

2817. MATTERS ARISING

No further contact had been made regarding the restoration of the bench in Governors' Field.

2818. DISTRICT REPORT

Following the meeting regarding planning matters with GBC's Chief Executive, Cllr Greensmith committed to raising future issues directly with John Robinson (GBC's CEO). Grant funding for the new WPC noticeboard had been sent by BACS. A pothole in Ploughman Avenue had been reported to NCC's new highways operation. Cllr Greensmith reported that she would shortly attend a meeting regarding future plans for Gedling Country Park.

2819. NEW SCOUT HUT/NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Chairman reported that he planned to meet the chair of the WCA regarding their interest in combining their storage into the new facility.

2820. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott had now set up both an online and paper petition for the complete resurfacing of Main Street. It was agreed to produce a flyer for distribution to every household in Woodborough (distribution cost of £40 agreed) and to feature a link to the online petition on the WPC website. Cllr Briggs requested that Cllr Elliott obtain specific feedback regarding Woodborough GREAT's application for a grant from the *Supporting Local Communities* fund. Notwithstanding the fact that the GREAT application had been lost and therefore not considered by NCC, an NCC officer had subsequently commented that the application would not have scored highly enough to have been awarded any funds. Cllr Briggs wished to know the reasons why Lambley's application had been looked upon favourably, but Woodborough's apparently not.

2821. APPROVAL OF RENEWAL LEASE FOR THE GOVERNORS' FIELD

It was resolved that Cllr Gough and Cllr Charles-Jones should be authorised signatories to the renewal lease for the Governors' Field, which extended the agreement by 15 years, to 2036. A land registry fee of £40 was expected to apply, in addition to Rothera Sharp's legal fees of £250.

2822. THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

It was agreed to purchase a picnic bench to fit in with the proposed new play equipment, costs to be confirmed at July's meeting.

2823. PLANNING/ENFORCEMENT MEETING

The Clerk summarised the outputs of the meeting held with GBC's CEO and Deputy Leader of the council on May 26th. John Robinson had apologised for GBC's failure to deal properly with the catalogue of procedural complaints and enforcement matters brought to their attention by WPC, and committed to do better in future. GBC would now charge for pre-application advice, resulting in formal records regarding conversations held with applicants. GBC defended the role of its members' panel in their planning processes and did not accept that 101 Lowdham Lane applications should have been determined by the planning committee. The removal of a hedgerow north of Whites Croft, solar array on Foxwood Lane and the removal of four trees from Taylors field remained live matters for the enforcement team. GBC accepted that trees in the parish should be protected and John Robinson indicated that he would support new TPOs if WPC presented a wish list for 25 or so trees as yet unprotected.

2824. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT

Cllr Smith had prepared a draft response to the Local Planning Document and recommended that WPC answer "yes" to the 3 questions, which asked is the document legally compliant, is it sound and does it comply with the duty to cooperate. It was resolved to answer "yes" and to forward the comments proposed by Cllr Smith, including: the designation of Taylors Croft and the Governors' Field as "Local Green Spaces" and the "Protected Open Space" near Buckland Drive is welcomed; the proposals to designate a part of village as "inset" is of concern; additional risk of surface water flooding must be considered, as must increased traffic and inadequate off street parking on Roe Hill; the completion and the adoption of Ash Grove should not be delayed.

2825. CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL

Stephen Bradwell of Trigpoint had confirmed that the draft report was nearing completion. He would shortly be using this as a discussion tool with villagers who had agreed to share their local knowledge prior to attending July's WPC meeting.

2826. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

It was agreed to consider drawing up a list of valuable trees currently not protected by any TPO, nor by provisions in the forthcoming Conservation Area Management Report, to GBC.

2827. PLANNING

The Clerk had responded under delegated powers to a revised proposal for 161 Main Street (PC 950, GBC 2016/0249), observing that WPC's objections to the original proposal had not been addressed and therefore still stood.

PC 961, GBC 2016/0578 a proposed 2 storey rear extension at Woodlands, Lowdham Lane: it was agreed to object on the basis that the proposal exceeded the maximum 50% additional space permitted in GBC's policy.

PC 962, GBC 2016/0657 proposal to replace concrete roof tiles with clay at 151D Main Street: it was agreed to support this proposal.

2828. GOVERNORS' FIELD AND PLAYING FIELD

This year's RoSPA report had identified damage to the wetpour surfaces and this had been repaired by GBC's team. The Chairman had proposed that the current play equipment be painted to brighten it up as an interim measure. However indicative quotes obtained in the past suggested that the cost might be £1200-£1500. The bin in the Governors' Field also required refurbishment or replacement. It was agreed to think further about how the works could be carried out more cost effectively.

2829. NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT/WOODBOROUGH GREAT

It was agreed to make available a grant of up to £500 to help the GREAT team with fundraising (to be taken from the £30,000 budget).

2830. ALLOTMENTS

All allotments had now been let out.

2831. RIGHTS OF WAY AND FOOT PATHS

An email had been received regarding weeds growing through the benches on Lingwood Lane and Shelt Hill; it was believed that this had recently been addressed. A villager had contacted the Clerk regarding overgrown laurel hedges encroaching on the footpath to the rear of Smalls Croft; it was agreed to contact the householders and ask them to trim these hedges.

2832. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A note of thanks had been received from Woodborough in Bloom for WPC's donation. A villager had raised concerns about the actions of some householders with riparian responsibilities and Cllr Briggs agreed to contact the EA to discuss. An email querying the decision to allow a New Year booking had been received. Details regarding Via East Midlands Ltd as the new point of contact for NCC highways were noted. The following items were noted: details of NCC's Civic Service; NALC's funding bulletin; Hall talk newsletter; details regarding Gedling Voluntary Transport Scheme; GBC, various agendas and press releases.

2833. CEMETERY

A grave had been re-turfed following a complaint. Wording for the memorial of the late Terry Sewell was approved. Further maintenance works had been identified, which would be briefed to Gardenscape. It was agreed to ask the gravediggers to remove the soil and plywood left at the back of the extension ground. It was agreed that that the loose kerbs and stones in the old part of the cemetery should also be tidied up.

2834. VILLAGE HALL

The Hall had been booked for two weddings in July, and it was agreed to put up notices reserving the car park for use by the wedding guests. The School had agreed that the cricket teams could park in their car park on those days.

2835. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 19 payments totalling £2974.44 net were approved.

2836. *CONFIDENTIAL ITEM* – ANNUAL SALARY INCREASES

2837. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes and a notice regarding the Main Street resurfacing petition.

2838. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as July 12th 2016 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.55pm.