

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th June 2012 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr John Boot, Cllr Margaret Briggs, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), 12 parishioners (part)

1597. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford and Cllr Alison Blinston due to holidays.

1598. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests were declared: Cllrs Briggs, Wardle and Whincup, WCA; Cllr Whincup: allotments, tennis club; Cllr Turton, Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research; Cllr Hough, Woods School; Cllr Parkinson, planning application PC ref 837.

1599. OPEN SESSION

At 7.02 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 7.40pm.

1600. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on May 14th were approved.

1601. MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the telegraph pole on Shelt Hill had yet to be removed, although BT appeared to have committed to do so; there was doubt that the speed sign could be mounted on Main Street due to pavement width, even if an audit proved a need. Cllr Wardle advised that the landowner was opposed to the idea of a seat on the footpath to Ploughman's Wood due to littering.

1602. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was none.

1603. COUNTY REPORT

There was none.

1604. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reported that the consultation on the Aligned Core Strategy had commenced. The Standards Committee had started work on the new code of conduct.

1605. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Turton proposed that the PC reconsider the diversion to bridleway 6 at the July 9th meeting, in the light of residents' feedback, and this was agreed. It was understood that the request to divert had come from Dr Clare Hooper and it was agreed that she should be personally invited to the meeting. Cllr Boot advised members of the public present that they could also make representations directly to NCC.

1606. BT BROADBAND IN THE VILLAGE

The Clerk reported a response had been received from BT explaining that an upgrade to cabinet 6 was not commercially viable; a further enquiry had been sent challenging the poor land line service and seeking details of how many “sign ups” would trigger an upgrade. Mark Spencer had also requested more specific information on BT’s decision making process.

1607. BANKING

The Clerk presented an estimate of annual bank charges following HSBC’s tariff increase. The Clerk had asked members to consider moving the PC’s bank account to Unity Trust Bank which offered free banking, a current account with interest and a facility for dual authorisation of online payments. It was resolved in principle to transfer the bank account to Unity Trust with the following signatories: Cllrs Parkinson, Wardle, Turton, Briggs, Whincup, Charles-Jones.

1608. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

No progress had been made.

1609. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Blinston had sent word that the Speedwatch sign on Lowdham Lane had been taken down by a villager. The incident was being investigated by PC Phil Anelay.

1610. WOODBOROUGH CHARITIES

This was deferred to a later meeting.

1611. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC reference 837, GBC 2012/0576 an application by Mr J Leivers for proposed alterations and a first floor extension at 20 Main Street. It was agreed to defer discussion on PC reference 838, GBC 2012/0603 an application by Mr Paul Tomkinson for proposed fishing lakes at Shelt Hill and PC reference 839, GBC 2012/0616 an application by Westerleigh for a proposed crematorium at Catfoot Lane (Lambley Parish) pending a public meeting to consult the village.

1612. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Cllr Hough thanked members for getting extra letters of support for the bid for funding for new chairs. He reported that the Woods School had expressed concern about the level of littering on the fenced area.

A thank you card had been received from Woodborough in Bloom. A letter had been received from Mr Smithyman from the kickboxing club regarding increased hire costs for the hall. Mr Weatherall had sent an email regarding the litter that he collected around the bus shelter; Cllr Sharp agreed to approach Premier bus company regarding the installation of a bin.

Mr Hopwell from Woods School had written to thank the PC for the use of the cricket pitch and to ask for permission to install an astroturf cricket wicket at the side of the existing pitch. This proposal was acceptable to the cricket and football clubs. It was agreed to ask the school to clarify the area by means of a plan before consenting. The tennis club had asked for permission to erect a practice wall in place of the netting at the rear of the courts. It was agreed to request a drawing of

how this would look before considering the issue. It was agreed to allow the tennis club to use the pavilion toilets during their tournaments provided the clubs did not require them.

GBC had forwarded details of the consultation on the Aligned Core Strategy and it was agreed to circulate this to members. Mark Spencer had written to say that it was his policy not to sign Early Day Motions, but he was sympathetic with the principle of PCs being able to appeal against planning decisions. The Audit Commission had sent details of a consultation on the appointment of external auditors for 2012/13. Various minutes and agendas from GBC were noted.

1613. CHURCHYARD

There was nothing to report.

1614. VILLAGE HALL

The Clerk reported that under delegated powers she had moved the gas supply to Opus Energy on a fixed price 12 month contract. GBC had agreed to hold the Police Commissioner election in the Committee Room, allowing Pre-school's booking of the main hall to stand; Cllr Parkinson asked that they be reminded to leave the fire doors into the main hall unlocked.

Cllr Wardle reported that he had patched 2 potholes in the car park; the third one would require professional repair. New noticeboards were on order. During the installation of wifi in the hall the electrician had brought Cllr Wardle's attention to the need for PCBOs on 5 additional circuits (cost circa £50 each) to meet British Standards and had recommended that the fire alarm be wired differently. Cllr Wardle recommended that the PC commission the work to ensure compliance with British Standards. The PC determined to seek a second opinion from Trevor Aldridge who had carried out the rewiring, in particular to understand what was mandatory, and what was advisory.

Cllr Parkinson reported that there had been a problem with the PV panel installation; a faulty inverter had prevented electricity being generated. The part had been replaced, and it was agreed to ask the caretaker to note the meter reading weekly. It was agreed to write to Connect Solar to seek compensation for the lost income on the grounds that it was a known fault and therefore should have been notified.

1615. ALLOTMENTS

The clerk reported that 1 tenant was still in arrears with rent.

1616. CEMETERY

Cllr Charles-Jones reported that he had made some progress treating the knotweed using a very expensive chemical used by London Railways (cost for a 5 litre tin - £230). Although the expense had been higher than anticipated, he was optimistic that eradication might be faster than previously thought. Two quotes had been obtained for the removal of 2 conifers and for miscellaneous clearance of shrubs and trees on and around graves. It was agreed to accept Will Rawson's quote of £350 for the former and Rob Dixon's quote of £120 for the latter. Two quotes had been obtained for the widening of the gates and it was agreed to engage Geoff Baggaley at a cost of £440.

John Hoyland had recently borrowed the cemetery records to update his spreadsheet of details which he now wished to make public on the Woodborough Historic Society website. This was agreed by the PC.

1617. HEALTH & SAFETY

Cllr Sharp reported that he had attended a playground safety training course and was putting his learnings into practice. A temporary fix had been made to the home showers and expenditure of £115 for insect screens, tank jackets and lids was agreed in principle to be compliant with the legionella requirements.

1618. PLAYING FIELD

Cllr Berrisford had forwarded a quote of £835 for the repair of the fence and it was agreed to check the land certificate to ascertain ownership of the fence.

1619. GOVERNORS' FIELD

Cllr Turton was pleased to report that Timmermans had offered to remove the old rose plants in the autumn, and replant the bed.

Cllr Turton expressed disappointment with the quality of mowing in the Governors' Field and with the mess of cut grass left behind in the Churchyard and Governors' Field. Cllr Wardle said that Tim Tritton had returned in response to criticism and had done his best to clear up in very wet conditions. Cllr Charles-Jones agreed that the volume of rain would prevent cut grass from dispersing. It was agreed to monitor the quality of mowing.

1620. FINANCE

The Chairman presented the annual accounts for 2011/12 which had been approved by the internal auditor, David Brooks. The annual governance statement was read out and considered in detail after which it was proposed and agreed to approve the Annual Return for 2011-12. The return was signed by the Chairman and the clerk. The asset register had been updated to include the cemetery extension and PV panels, both at purchase value. It was agreed that the PV panels should be depreciated over 10 years. It was proposed and agreed to pay the internal auditor's fee of £160.

The clerk presented the financial statement and 10 cheques totalling £2481.41 including £15.42 VAT were approved for payment.

1621. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Wardle reported that Geoff Baggaley planned to re-instate his insurance and it was agreed to request a copy of the certificate.

1622. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include a notice regarding the new website.

1623. AOB

On behalf of Woodborough in Bloom, Cllr Turton wished to thank Cllr Charles-Jones and Rob Dixon for their work in putting up the hanging baskets.

1624. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as July 9th 2012. The meeting finished at 10.05pm.

SUMMARY OF DEBATE DURING PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Jackson of 28 Holme Close expressed concern about a proposed extension at 30 Holme Close and invited members to visit the location prior to consideration of the planning application at July's meeting.

Mr O'Donnell requested that the PC reconsider the diversion of bridleway 6 at the meeting on July 9th; he believed that the PC should have consulted nearby residents before responding to the initial pre-legal consultation in March. He asked that the legal order be considered at the July 9th meeting in light of known neighbour objections.

Several residents from Shelt Hill made known their concerns regarding application 838, including greenbelt development, extra traffic, footpath access, concern about Severn Trent's access to the pumping station and the evidence of need for additional fishing lakes.