

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th March 2014 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC), Patrick Smith (Action Group, part), 4 members of the public (part)

2121. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Alison Blinston (family commitment).

2122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2123. PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was adjourned between 7.05pm and 7.15pm to allow public comment.

Mr Patrick Smith spoke on behalf of the Action Group. Following the Inspector's hearings GBC would start a 6 week consultation on the changes to the Aligned Core Strategy (ACS) in mid March. A 6 week consultation on a new draft Local Plan would take place in September/October. This was likely to be preceded by a face to face consultation in the village. Further potential sites had appeared in the 2013/14 SHLAA and these might be included in the consultation. GBC's current figure for 260 new homes in "other villages" would reduce to 174 after approved infill development (eg 4 new homes off Ploughman's Avenue) was deducted. If the 260 homes figure was achieved, it was possible that further development might be refused.

Mr Smith said that the Action Group was opposed to taking part in any legal challenge against the ACS, and also opposed the idea that the village should attempt to quantify its own "local need"; both might lead to an increase rather than decrease in housing numbers.

2124. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was reconvened and the minutes of the meeting held on February 10th were approved.

2125. MATTERS ARISING

It was reported that two defibrillators had now been delivered to the WCA.

2126. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman thanked Cllr Elliott for supporting the weight limit, signs for which had now been erected.

2127. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Boyd Elliot asked that villagers email him with details of any vehicles in breach of the new weight limit; he would then forward to PC Anelay. Cllr Elliott asked the PC to consider whether it required further dog bins or grit bins as he could help secure these. A new bus shelter had been installed on Foxwood Lane and it was believed that the 47 service would be re-routed around Doverbeck later in the year. School parking remained a problem and Cllr Elliott asked the PC to consider whether it would like to request a zebra crossing across Main Street from the Four Bells or enforceable yellow lines outside the school. Cllr Hough reported that the school was trialling a parent led scheme to meet children at the Four Bells car park and escort them to school.

NCC had agreed their 2014/15 budget. Councillors' funds had been halved along with the many cuts agreed.

The Clerk passed a query regarding the disappearance of the central white line on Shelt Hill to Cllr Elliott, along with two further reports of incidents at the mini roundabout on the Epperstone Bypass, one of which had involved a car being written off.

2128. DISTRICT REPORT

GBC had agreed their budget, making service reductions to achieve required cuts. Following discussions in 2013, Cllr Boot had raised the issue of a revision to the Woodborough TPO with Peter Baguley. Cllr Whincup hoped that the seasonal window of opportunity could be met.

2129. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT NEXT STEPS

Cllr Turton reported that she had attended the Inspector's hearings over 3 days in February. Had the PC responded to the ACS consultation in June 2012, it would have had a seat at the table. The next hearings were on the environmental effects of development.

Cllr Turton retained a dialogue with Ken Mafham and had discussed with him the merits of producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The PC determined not to take this route. It was agreed that Ken Mafham's advice might be useful during the next phase of consultation directly pertinent to Woodborough.

The meeting was adjourned from 8.00 to 8.05 to allow input from Mr Patrick Smith of the Action Group.

2130. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH 28TH APRIL

It was agreed to include the following items: Local Planning Document; school parking/ double yellow lines; scout hut appeal progress; bus services. It was agreed to invite PC Phil Anelay, Sharon Johnson (Woods School) and Patrick Smith of the Action Group.

Mr Smith and 4 members of the public left the meeting at 8.10pm.

2131. GROUNDSMAN CONTRACT

The opportunity to tender had been publicised by the PC in accordance with standing orders and Gardenscape, the incumbent, had submitted the sole tender. The price was in line with the existing contract. It was resolved unanimously to award the contract to Gardenscape.

2132. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Blinston had sent a written report. The Speedwatch team had run sessions on Lingwood Lane at school drop off and collection time, to support the school's road safety initiative. They planned to log details of any HGVs in the village once the police had given them the go ahead.

2133. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Clerk had received a phone call from a villager asking the PC to remind dog owners to "bin" as well as "bag"; bags of dog excrement had been left several times at Westfields and on a wall in Main Street. A letter from Unity Trust Bank had been received advising of a likely sale of the Co-op's shareholding. The Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner's newsletter had been received along with news of the relocation of his office to Arnot Hill House. Various agendas and other documents from GBC were noted.

2134. CHURCH YARD

Cllr Wardle reported that NCC's Local Improvement Scheme had now pledged additional funds to allow repairs to both the inside and outside of the wall. Funds would be transferred to the PC during March and the PC would settle the invoice from NCC's chosen contractors. The Chairman asked members to note formally that it would be the PC's responsibility to pay the VAT and then reclaim it; it was resolved to proceed with the project.

2135. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC ref 889, GBC 2013/1326 an application for a conservatory at Barley Cottage, Wood Farm, Georges Lane.

2136. VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman reported that Race proposed to produce and upholster new backs for the chairs, using stronger beech plywood, of greater thickness than the birch backs supplied. It would take 5 to 6 weeks to produce the backs, which would then be fitted at the hall. WREN had asked for an update on the project and the Chairman had informed them of the quality issue.

Cllr Turton reported that she hoped to take samples of tiles for the toilet refurbishment to the VHWP meeting on March 14th. The anticipated cost was £10 to £15 per square metre. Cllr Turton said that many villagers had challenged her regarding the cost of the toilet refurbishment. She proposed that the refurbishment be put on hold until after the PC had heard comments at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. The proposal was not seconded.

2137. ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing reported.

2138. CEMETERY

The ownership of the strip of land (and its trees) which approached the cemetery was still under investigation.

2139. HEALTH & SAFETY

Following discussion about the grassy bank at the entrance to the Governors' Field at February's meeting, Cllr Sharp had carried out a risk assessment and recommended that it be reprofiled to make it less steep. Cllr Wardle proposed that the PC accept the quote of £150 from Rob Dixon to

carry out the work, subject to approval by the landlord. The proposal was agreed by 4 votes to 3 (for: Cllrs Whincup, Sharp, Gough and Wardle; against: Cllrs Berrisford, Turton and Parkinson; abstentions: Cllrs Hough and Charles-Jones).

2140. GOVERNORS' FIELD & PLAYING FIELD

Laura Wardle of the WCA had requested that the PC donate the Best Kept Village prize money from 2012 for new play equipment, as and when the target was nearly reached. It was recalled that the prize money had already been spent on the pruning of the trees in the Governors' Field. It was agreed that the request should be declined on that basis, although there was every likelihood that the next council might make a donation to this worthwhile project in future.

2141. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 11 payments totalling £4443.31 net were approved. Gross payments over £500: Gedling Borough Council £2100 for new Christmas lights. It was agreed to reimburse Cllr Turton £20 for the cost of her parking in the city centre to attend the Inspector's hearings.

It was agreed to appoint Andrew Hodges as internal auditor at a cost of £160.

2142. RIGHTS OF WAY

It was reported that there was a broken way marker post at the edge of the playing field; Cllr Berrisford planned to discuss with Bob Knowles at NCC.

2143. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes, details of the Annual Meeting of the Parish and to ask villagers to send details of vehicles breaching the weight restriction to Cllr Elliott.

2144. AOB

Cllr Turton reported that many of the PC's old Christmas lights had been found not to work, and it would not therefore be advisable to try to sell them. The lengthsman was asked to undertake two tasks: (1) dig back the overgrowth on the pavement between The Meadows and Taylors Croft to restore the width of the pavement and (2) to prepare and scatter poppy seeds on the bank in the car park.

2145. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as April 14th 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.20pm.