

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 6.30pm  
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr John Boot, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC, part), 15 members of the public (part)

**2018. PUBLIC SESSION**

Before opening the meeting, the Chairman invited public comment. A brief summary is appended. At 6.50 the public session was closed; 10 members of the public left. The meeting opened.

**2019. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Gough (holiday), Cllr Dan Sharp (unwell).

**2020. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Berrisford: allotments, customer of In house; Cllr Blinston: allotments, WCA, customer of In house; Cllr Hough: Woods School; Cllr Parkinson: personal friend of proprietor of In house; Cllr Turton: Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research; Cllr Wardle: WCA. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Berrisford, Boot, Turton, properties owned adjacent to sites of possible future housing development. Cllr Wardle: has completed a SHLAA to make part of his garden available for development in the event that the adjacent part of Grimesmoor Farm is developed.

**2021. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on October 28<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**2022. MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Wardle had obtained a quote of £248 for the wiring of the Christmas lights and this was agreed. The PC agreed to lend the old lights to Mr Hanson to display on the trees adjacent to the Governors' Field.

**2023. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman had attended a parish liaison meeting at GBC.

**2024. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr Elliott reported that NCC was discussing with police the installation of cameras outside schools in a bid to combat dangerous and inconsiderate parking. He agreed to return to the PC with full details of the scheme and the costs.

**2025. GEDLING BOROUGH COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT, STATEMENT OF CONSULTATION AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

It was agreed not to make comment on the statement of consultation and the community infrastructure levy. Cllr Charles-Jones expressed concern regarding the ease of responding; he had attempted to complete the online consultation and had found the process difficult; having

completed the questionnaire he had been greeted with an error message and the comments could neither be saved nor submitted.

A preliminary meeting had been held with Ken Mafham Associates and he was now preparing a response for the PC to challenge the possible development. It was agreed to meet at 6.30 on December 9<sup>th</sup> to finalise the PC's response.

At 7.30pm 3 villagers left the meeting.

#### **2026. GOVERNORS' FIELD LEASE**

A letter had been written to Mr Prestwich requesting that the cost of maintenance of the railings be shared. A response had been received from Mr Prestwich on behalf of the trustee governors stating that the lease could not be amended as maintenance of the boundaries had always been the responsibility of the PC, and as a quid pro quo no market rent had been charged.

Cllr Wardle proposed that the PC sign the lease. Cllr Parkinson restated his arguments made in October that the PC should not agree to a lease that committed it to substantial expenditure to repair the railings. Cllr Charles-Jones put forward his view that the Governors' Field was one of the defining features of the village and that the PC should as a matter of principle seek to maintain it and its railings as a public amenity. Cllr Boot contended that the PC had a legal obligation to maintain the railings and did not agree with Cllr Parkinson that this aspect of the lease could be changed. He suggested that the PC seek legal advice to clarify the matter. The proposal to sign the lease was not carried. It was agreed instead that Cllr Parkinson should seek legal advice on the PC's obligations, at a cost of up to £500.

#### **2027. PROPOSAL TO RESPOND TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED APPROACH CONSULTATION REGARDING FRACKING/SHALE GAS**

Cllr Elliott (NCC) gave an overview of the developments regarding hydrocarbon minerals (including coal bed methane and shale gas) pertinent to the consultation document. There was talk – although nothing concrete – of an application being made for Calverton. Cllr Bliston, an opponent of fracking, proposed that the PC respond to the consultation and request that shale gas be separated from other hydrocarbon development and be subject to separate licensing. Cllr Berrisford said that he was a strong supporter of fracking and did not think that the PC should discuss it. Other members noted that the proposed response was mild and did not commit the PC to any policy. Cllr Bliston's proposal was carried. At 7.55pm 2 members of the public left.

#### **2028. SPEEDWATCH & ROAD SAFETY**

It was understood that there had been further issues with inconsiderate parking on Lingwood Lane, and an incident involving a child from the Woods School that was believed to be unconnected. Although the PC was generally opposed to double yellow lines in the village it was recognised that painting them on Lingwood Lane might be the only way of combating the ongoing problem.

#### **2029. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

3 villagers had written regarding the locking of the doors at the public meeting once capacity had been reached. One had planned to speak in favour of development and to outline some of the benefits of investment that it might bring.

An email had been received from a resident of Pinfold Crescent regarding the erosion of part of the dyke retaining wall. It was agreed that the PC should pay for part of the repair, proportionate to the length of the wall that ran adjacent to the playing field. Cllr Wardle agreed to liaise with the property owner.

GBC had invited members of the PC to a peer review, which Cllr Boot would attend. An email had been received from a Conservative spokesman at NCC regarding a deep cut to LIS funds next year. Cllr Wardle had already spoken to the church wardens regarding the urgency of making use of the grant made for the church wall. The following items were noted: GBC, various agendas by email.

It was reported that the Emergency Planning Team had been recognised by NCC for good practice, and had been featured in the Nottingham Post.

**2030. CHURCH YARD**

There was nothing reported.

**2031. LENGTHSMAN**

The Clerk had chased NCC regarding training. Cllr Elliott agreed to follow this up.

**2032. PLANNING**

An application to remove a tree at 22 Pinfold Crescent (PC ref 879, GBC 2013/1239TPO) was considered. It was agreed to object, as the tree was a healthy ash in its prime, and did not appear to be responsible for the damage to the dyke wall.

**2033. ALLOTMENTS**

It was reported that a vehicle had slid sideways off the track and it was hoped that tenants and others would apply common sense when driving on to the site.

**2034. CEMETERY**

The installation of the modified gates had been delayed due to the weather.

**2035. GOVERNORS' FIELD**

It was agreed to ask Rob Dixon to clear the leaves at a cost of £130.

**2036. PLAYING FIELD**

Repairs to the collapsed ditch were still to take place, and needed drier weather.

**2037. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 9 payments totalling £3008.00 including £88.83 VAT were approved for payment.

A statement had been received from NatWest. At 8.50pm Cllr Boot left.

**2038. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Clerk asked to attend a Cemetery Management course at a cost of £60 and this was agreed.

### **2039. VILLAGE HALL**

A notice had been placed regarding the rental of cupboards in the committee room and it was agreed that the cupboards would be allocated by the Clerk at the end of November. Risk assessments needed to be prepared and potential users trained. Pre-school had applied to hire a filing cabinet and it was agreed that a £50 annual charge should apply. It was agreed to purchase a library ladder for £120 which would be kept locked away, accessible only to those who had rented the cupboards. It was agreed that one cupboard would be used to store “heritage” items and papers of local interest owned by the Parish Council and also the property of the Woodborough Local History and Photographic Recording Groups that had previously been stored in the metal cupboard in the committee room.

It was resolved to replace the car park lights at a cost of £250.

It was agreed to refurbish the toilets during the Easter holidays (7<sup>th</sup> April 2014).

Advice had been received from Notts Trading Standards regarding the chair breakages, and it was agreed to accept Race’s offer to test the chairs offsite in two tranches, but to serve them simultaneously with written notice that the PC would seek a full refund or replacement in the event of another failure to a seat back.

### **2040. RIGHTS OF WAY**

It was noted that the hedge had grown through the railings at the Manor House on Main Street and was restricting visibility; NCC would communicate with the property owner. NCC had assessed the damage to the stile on footpath 5.

### **2041. NEWSLETTER**

It was agreed to publish the minutes, also notices: to signpost readers to the website to locate points made by Ken Mafham; regarding dog fouling; regarding school parking.

### **2042. AOB**

Cllr Charles-Jones reminded members that the Greenwood Tree grant applications would be closing soon, and asked for ideas next time on potential locations for planting.

### **2043. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 6.30pm. The meeting finished at 9.40pm.

### **SUMMARY OF DEBATE DURING PUBLIC SESSION**

A villager who had been locked out of the 28<sup>th</sup> October public meeting (the doors having been shut when the hall had reached its capacity) spoke in favour of development, which could provide affordable housing for young couples and bungalows for the elderly. Epperstone had received £5k for each new house built, and if Woodborough received funding on such a scale then it could be used to excavate 2 lagoons to alleviate flooding.

Concerns were expressed about additional traffic.

A villager commented that the proposed distribution of new housing was unfair, as other villages with better infrastructure appeared to be getting away lightly eg Burton Joyce.

Cllr Turton summarised the first appraisal written by the planning consultant engaged by the PC. In his view the key arguments were access/traffic and numbers.

A villager commented that the play equipment in the Governors Field was somewhat antiquated and compared poorly with the offering at Oxton; he offered to lead a working party to design a new play area and seek funding. Cllr Hough agreed to provide contact details for Wren.