

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th October 2013 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson (Chairman), Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); 13 members of the public (part)

1978. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Paul Hough (work commitments), Cllr Richard Whincup (holiday).

1979. CHAIRMAN FOR MEETING

Cllr Parkinson was elected to preside in the absence of Cllr Whincup.

1980. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Berrisford: allotments; Cllr Blinston: allotments, WCA; Cllr Turton: Woodborough in Bloom; Cllr Wardle: WCA. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Boot, Turton and Wardle, properties owned adjacent to sites of possible future housing development.

1981. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on September 9th were approved.

1982. MATTERS ARISING

Cllr Turton noted issues with the alignment of the cupboard doors in the Committee Room.

1983. PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.05pm. Members of the public present expressed concern at GBC's forthcoming consultation on possible housing development on 3 sites. Residents from Charnwood Way were concerned about the possible development of the entire field behind. Questions were raised regarding the process pursued by GBC and the potential percentage increase in the size of the village. The PC was challenged to lead a robust campaign against new housing.

The Chairman explained that the PC would schedule a public meeting to enable villagers to make their views known and reconvened the meeting at 7.35pm, whereupon 7 residents left.

1984. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was none.

1985. COUNTY/DISTRICT REPORT

It was agreed to request details of the recent accident on Bank Hill from NCC's highways team, to understand whether speed played a part and to check whether the road surface had been damaged.

Cllr Boot reported that the Aligned Core Strategy enquiry would open on October 15th.

1986. REPORT ON NALC PLANNING COURSE

Cllr Turton summarised some of her key learnings which could be usefully applied to the imminent consultation.

1987. PLAN TO PUBLICISE GBC CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE NEW HOUSING

It was agreed to hold a public meeting on 28th October from 7 – 9pm, and to invite an officer from GBC to attend. It was agreed to print a flyer for door to door distribution at a cost of up to £100. Cllrs Berrisford and Gough offered to deliver the leaflets to all households. It was further agreed to hold an extraordinary PC meeting after 9pm to consider comments made and to debate the possible engagement of a planning consultant to help compile the PC's response.

1988. GOVERNORS' FIELD LEASE

The plan and draft lease had been pre-circulated. Cllr Parkinson argued not to accept the clause within the lease requiring the PC to maintain the railings, as it was now known that repairs would cost several thousand pounds. Several members expressed disquiet at the idea of renegeing on a commitment previously made and possibly jeopardising a village amenity. It was agreed to write to Mr Prestwich requesting that the cost of maintenance of the railings be shared.

At 8.40pm 3 villagers left.

1989. EMERGENCY PLANNING

It was agreed to purchase 14 waterproof phone covers for use by flood wardens at a unit price of £17-£20 (maximum £300).

1990. PURCHASE OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Costs had yet to be determined.

1991. TREES/TPO

There was no update.

1992. COMMEMORATION OF CENTENARY OF 1914

Cllr Turton reported on a meeting held by Woodborough in Bloom and Woodborough Horticultural Society. A suggestion to sow poppy seeds in the short bank at the village hall car park, in the rose bed at the Governors' Field and in the turning circle at the cemetery was agreed. Cllr Wardle and Cllr Turton agreed to discuss how the ground might be prepared for seed.

1993. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Blinston reported that GBC were relaunching Community Speedwatch throughout the borough and the Woodborough team had been asked to share their knowledge. The speedgun was being shared with Lambley and Calverton. Issues regarding the handover of the speedgun between Woodborough and Lambley had been resolved. The "SLOW" marking on the carriageway on Lowdham Lane was expected to be done during November.

1994. FRACKING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Before debate commenced Cllr Turton proposed to the Chairman that the matter be passed over as low priority, and should be revisited at a future meeting. Cllr Blinston, who had asked for the item to appear on the agenda, recommended that members treat the question of fracking with some seriousness as it was within the scope of NCC's consultation on the Minerals Local Plan. Other members countered that the matter was of no interest or relevance to Woodborough and there was no further discussion.

At 9.05pm the remaining 3 villagers left the meeting.

1995. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

Emails from residents had been received regarding bee keeping, clearance of a footpath, bus services.

John Robinson, CEO to GBC, had invited members of the PC to a meeting as part of the “Gedling Conversation”. Details of GBC’s next Parish Council Liaison meeting had been received. It was agreed to refer both to Cllr Whincup. NCC had sent information regarding its budget consultation. Paddy Tipping had replied to a request to reinstate the police vehicle in Woodborough; this was an operational decision and the responsibility of the Chief Constable, to whom the PC’s letter had been passed. Dates for the police priority setting meetings in 2014 had been received and the clerk agreed to circulate to members. Details of the Greenwood Community Tree Planting grants for 2014 had been forwarded to Cllr Charles-Jones. Papers relating to the NALC AGM were passed to Cllr Turton, who had agreed to attend. The DCLG guide to Community Rights for Parish and Town Councils had been received via NALC. The following items were noted: Electoral Commission consultation, ‘Standing for Election in the UK’; NCC, consultation on obesity; GBC, various agendas by email.

1996. CHURCH YARD

Diocesan formalities were still being worked through and the repairs to the wall had yet to start; the seasonal window for lime mortaring was fast running out. Cllr Wardle had established that the LIS grant money, due to be spent by March 2014, might not be carried over if the repair to the wall could not be completed by this date. On this basis he had submitted an identical application for funding in 2014/15.

1997. LENGTHSMAN

Geoff Baggaley had been unable to attend a training course due to insufficient notice being given. It was hoped to arrange the training soon.

1998. PLANNING

There were no applications to be discussed.

1999. ALLOTMENTS

The vacant plot had been let to a Lambley resident.

2000. CEMETERY

Cllr Blinston was planning to meet 2 contractors to get quotes for planting a wild flower meadow. She had contacted the school and pre-school to suggest collaboration on the installation of bird boxes.

2001. GOVERNORS’ FIELD

Cllr Wardle continued to progress the repairs to a section of the railings.

2002. PLAYING FIELD

Repairs to the collapsed ditch were likely to take place no sooner than November. The owner of a property bordering the playing field had requested that the PC at its own cost install posts along

the boundary. It was agreed that this was not appropriate use of PC funds, but that the resident could undertake this work if desired.

2003. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 9 payments totalling £4043.74 including £66.33 VAT were approved for payment. The renewal of the Clerk's membership of SLCC at a cost of £114 was agreed. The following transactions exceeded £500: Tony Baines £1800 (electrical works in the village hall). The Clerk presented an overview of the PC's accounts at the half year.

An apology had been received from NatWest regarding the ongoing lack of access to the PC's funds. All signatories to the account had reported to the Arnold branch to present ID but as yet no further communication had been received.

2004. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A cheque from a hirer had bounced and it was agreed to send a notice of dishonour and also to request payment of the bank charges incurred.

2005. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Hough had sourced HSE documentation on ladders and manual handling and had raised, via email to the Clerk, some fundamental concerns about the suitability of the high cupboards. Cllr Parkinson reported that he had consulted a health and safety expert, who had recommended that the PC train one person from each organisation who wished to hire a cupboard who would then be responsible for the correct usage of the ladder. The PC could require hirers to sign a disclaimer to acknowledge that usage was at their own risk. Cllr Wardle agreed to research ladder options and propose his recommendation at a later meeting. It was agreed to advertise the availability of the cupboards at a cost of £50 per annum with a right for both sides to terminate the agreement at a month's notice.

A third new chair had broken. Race had proposed to test the chairs offsite in two tranches. Members were concerned that testing might weaken the chairs further. It was agreed to seek advice from Trading Standards.

A concern had been raised about the safety of the stacks of tables and old chairs in the storeroom. Cllr Wardle agreed to put a new instruction sheet on the wall to encourage tidy storage.

2006. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Berrisford agreed to contact NCC regarding the repair of the stile in the playing field. It was also noted that the ground had eroded either side of the bridge and it was agreed to ask whether NCC could take remedial action.

2007. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to publish the minutes and details of GBC's consultation on possible housing.

2008. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as October 28th 2013 (extraordinary meeting). The meeting finished at 10.40pm.