

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st September 2014 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr John Boot, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Patrick Smith, Cllr Charles Wardle, Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC, part)

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); 22 members of the public (part)

2262. COOPTION

It was resolved to coopt Patrick Smith onto the PC and he duly signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2263. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp and Cllr Jan Turton.

2264. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Smith: Woodborough Action Group; Cllr Wardle: WCA. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Boot, Gough, Smith, Wardle: Local Planning Document.

2265. PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was adjourned between 7.10pm and 7.20pm. Comments were made regarding the diversion of bridleway 6 and the proposed flood prevention scheme. A brief summary is appended.

Cllr Whincup said that many important concerns pertaining to the flood scheme had been raised by villagers and legal advice had been sought from NALC regarding the powers of the PC (i) to invest in flood prevention and (ii) to invest in a scheme on private land. The answers were awaited, and no further action had been taken or would be taken until there was clarity. 14 members of the public left the meeting.

2266. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was reconvened and the minutes of the meeting held on July 14th were approved.

2267. MATTERS ARISING

The broken railing on Main Street would be mended when a NCC team was next in the area. A bank account for use for Woodborough GREAT funds had now been opened. No reply had been received from GBC regarding the old Co-op site as yet but Cllr Boot believed that it would arrive shortly.

2268. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A positive meeting regarding the potential flood scheme had been held with Severn Trent Water, the Environment Agency, Cllr Charles-Jones and Mr John MacDonald, but no applications for licences/permissions would be made until NALC had provided legal advice to the PC.

2269. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Elliott confirmed that a new style interactive speed sign would be installed on Lowdham Lane before Christmas, at no cost to Woodborough.

2270. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr Boot reported that work proceeded on the ACS, which had passed Cabinet and was likely to be passed by the Council on 10 September. More work would take place on the implementation in the “other villages”.

2271. POTENTIAL FLOOD MITIGATION SCHEME

The chairman repeated that he had forms for the licences/permissions on his desk but would not take action until legal advice had been received. For the benefit of Cllr Smith and Cllr Wardle, Cllr Charles-Jones summarised what had been said at the previous meeting.

2272. VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE

It was noted that the WCA was holding a meeting to discuss the future of the shop on September 8th at the Village Hall. It was proposed and agreed that there should be no charge made for the hire of the Hall for that purpose. Cllr Wardle expressed his disappointment that the PC had not shown leadership on this issue, but it was noted by all that matters were in good hands with the WCA.

2273. BRIDLEWAY 6

The PC had been requested by residents of Old Manor Close to write a letter stating its support for the diversion of bridleway 6, and the chairman asked members to consider whether there was any new information which might make the PC question its previous position. Cllr Smith put forward a view that that the diversion might make development of the adjacent land more straightforward at some point in the future. At 7.55pm and again at 8.01pm the meeting was suspended briefly to allow a resident of Old Manor Close to provide information.

It was agreed that the PC should support the residents regarding the diversion, and to send a letter to the Ramblers Association.

2274. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT/ALIGNED CORE STRATEGY

It was noted that Ken Mafham had submitted a response (pre-circulated to all members for comment by Cllr Turton) on behalf of the PC in August. GBC would commence the consultation on Woodborough’s sites in October and it was likely that additional sites would now be in scope. The status of Woodborough as “greenwash” or “inset settlement” was under review. A consultation on the draft greenbelt assessment had been received, and Cllr Smith suggested a response which was agreed by the PC. The remaining members of the public left at 8.10pm.

2275. INSURANCE

Quotes had been received from Hiscox, Aviva and Zurich. Cllr Gough agreed to compare the detail of the policies. It was agreed in principle that the PC should opt for a 3 year Long Term Agreement with Zurich as the lowest quote.

The Clerk advised that the Governors Field railings were not insured and this was a requirement of the lease. Cllr Wardle agreed to investigate what the replacement value might be.

2276. SPEEDWATCH

The Clerk had received an email from PC Anelay which stated that changes were afoot to Community Speedwatch, and the 3 new signs were no longer required. Various problems had been experienced with the gun handover, and the Calverton team were in the process of recruiting

new members. The letter written by Cllr Whincup to the chair of Calverton PC asking that the current rota remain in place until Christmas had been acknowledged and a reply was expected in September.

Cllr Hough agreed to take on the PC's Speedwatch liaison role (relinquishing his planning responsibilities to Cllr Smith). Cllr Elliott offered to chair a meeting between the 3 teams which shared the gun to try to end difficulties with the handovers and rotas.

2277. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The following items were noted: emails from villagers regarding the potential flood prevention scheme; invitation to NALC's AGM; details on Seasonal Decorations licensing; an amendment to NALC's 2013 model standing orders. Following the closure of the shop, an email had been received regarding the loss of the facility to put small ads and announcements in the window. The PC noted the value of this facility and agreed to consider alternatives once the future of the shop was understood. The PC had learnt that a householder in Pinfold Crescent was putting grass cuttings and garden rubbish into the beck and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to request that the debris be cleared, copying in the Environment Agency. A villager had informed the PC about hazardous parking by members of the watering team. SLCC renewal papers had been received.

2278. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC ref 901, GBC 2014/0843, an application for a 2 storey rear extension at 180 Lowdham Lane nor to PC ref 902, GBC 2014/0888, an application for a new detached double garage and dormer window on rear of existing property at 1 Main Street, neither of which developments would be visible from the street.

During August the Clerk had responded under delegated powers to: PC ref 898, GBC 2014/0714TPO an application to fell conifer at 160 Main Street; PC ref 899, GBC 2014/0744TPO an application to fell horse chestnut, fell silver birch, remove limb of oak and remove epicormic growth on all trees annually at Bank Hill Farm; PC ref 900, GBC 2014/0831TPO an application to fell yew tree at 153 Main Street. No objection had been raised but a request that works should be carried out after nesting season.

2279. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Wardle reported that the toilet refurbishment had now been completed bar the fitting of mirrors and the project had come in £2000 under budget. It was agreed that the floor cleaning should now be booked.

Cllr Wardle advised that several of the window frames in the hall were rotten and that replacement should be an item for consideration in next year's budget.

A quote for a new chair trolley had been received and it was agreed to write to the Pre-school to ask them if they wished to purchase a trolley to help them move the committee room chairs. .

2280. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing reported.

2281. CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD

It was agreed that Gardenscape should clear the brambles at the cemetery and churchyard (expenditure up to £100 agreed).

Cllr Whincup had made some progress with the new noticeboard.

Cllr Charles-Jones had treated the Japanese knotweed (less than 20 plants remained) and fixed some barbed wire in the corner of the cemetery.

2282. HEALTH & SAFETY

An accident on the cycle carousel had been reported during July; Cllr Sharp had checked the equipment carefully and found nothing amiss.

2283. GOVERNORS' FIELD

Having completed the toilet refurbishment, Cllr Wardle's energies would now be refocused on the repairs to the railings.

2284. PLAYING FIELD

The dyke repair had now been completed. Cllr Berrisford had sent word that the trial use of facilities by Arnold Ladies had concluded and would not be renewed.

2285. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 24 payments totalling £16209.23 net were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: Scott Stone £6312 (toilet refurbishment labour and materials); Slack & Co £1860 (flooring for toilets); Premdor £3244.70 (cubicles); Michael Pavis £1796.35 (sanitaryware); Woodborough Park £822.84 (repair to collapsed dyke); Charles Wardle £782.40 (various including 2 hand dryers), Paul Nightingale (painting toilets). It was agreed that the Clerk's membership of the SLCC should be renewed at a cost of £116.

The clerk reported that the NatWest deposit account had now been closed and funds transferred to Unity Trust bank.

2286. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Code of Conduct complaint had been made about Cllr Whincup and the Monitoring Officer had issued a decision notice requiring informal resolution. Cllr Whincup had made a public apology before opening the meeting and the complainant, who was in attendance, had said that he was happy with that apology. The Clerk considered the matter now to be closed.

The Clerk reported that the PC's staging date for employee pensions was October 2016. The PC would have to review its standing orders following an amendment to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act.

2287. RIGHTS OF WAY

The overgrowth on Shelt Hill pathway and footpath 12 (playing field) had been cut back. Overgrowth on the bridleway beyond the cemetery had been reported to NCC.

2288. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes.

2289. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as October 13th 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm.

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC SESSION

1. Bridleway 6

A spokesman for residents of Old Manor Close presented the history of the proposed diversion of bridleway 6 and asked that the PC confirm in writing its support for the diversion of the bridleway, originally discussed in 2012, in an effort to overturn the Ramblers Association's opposition.

2. Potential flood mitigation scheme

The village was owed an explanation of how £6000 had been spent, and a better presentation of the proposal; one villager commented that he was unable to insure his house because of the perceived flood risk; another asked the PC to consider some alternatives that he had suggested in an email, as the current proposal was flawed; a villager said that his senior contact at the EA had told him that there was no guarantee of funding.