

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2010 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr. John Boot, Cllr. John Charles-Jones, Cllr. Mavis Leafe, Cllr. Jan Turton, Cllr. Charles Wardle, Cllr. Richard Whincup (presiding Chairman), Cllr. Kathryn Wiltshire

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk), Paul Reed (Woodborough in Bloom, for part of the meeting)

889. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. G Parkinson (Chairman) and Cllr. Paul Berrisford who were on holiday, Cllr. Margaret Briggs due to a social commitment and Cllr. Paul Hough who was attending a Governors' meeting at the Wood's School. Cllr. Mark Spencer from Nottinghamshire County Council had also forwarded apologies.

890. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st January were approved for accuracy.

891. WOODBOROUGH IN BLOOM

Cllr. Whincup invited Paul Reed to address WPC. Mr Reed explained that in 2004 he had taken on the role of Woodborough in Bloom coordinator for 5 years. The scheme had received lottery funding and achieved recognition from East Midlands in Bloom, as well as becoming a much loved institution in the village. The scope of planting had increased over time, and a team of volunteers supported the work done by Paul and his wife Anne. Mr Reed explained that he wished now to relinquish the role, but would support a successor and also planned to donate the proceeds from his "Open Garden" in 2010 to Woodborough in Bloom.

Mr Reed explained that, despite several appeals, no one had volunteered to coordinate Woodborough in Bloom, and hence its future was unsure. Gedling BC had agreed to take on maintenance of the beds in Ploughman Avenue and Smalls Croft (using shrubs); Paul and Anne Reed would continue to undertake limited coordination and planting roles, but a new coordinator was needed to take on approximately 20 hours of work per year.

Cllr. Whincup led the Council in thanking Mr Reed for all his hard work; Woodborough in Bloom made a valuable contribution to village life and it was agreed to pledge the funding and other commitment needed to enable the scheme to continue.

892. SCHOOL FENCE

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

893. PLANNING

Applications by Mr Jillings of 149B Main Street to build a single storey rear extension and make internal alterations, reference 754 2009/1127, and by Mr and Mrs Orange of 17 Park Avenue to build a side and rear extension, reference 755 2010/0006, were considered and there were no objections.

Cllr. Turton left the meeting at 8pm.

894. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF JANUARY 4TH

Cllr. Whincup agreed to draft a response regarding the issues of process raised by Mr Harlow in his personal letter to the clerk.

Cllr. Wardle confirmed that a plaque to mark Woodborough Ladies' donation for new swing seats would be installed at a cost of circa £35.

895. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

896. COUNTY REPORT

There was none.

897. DISTRICT REPORT

Cllr. Boot briefed WPC on the proposed Eastern Extension to Dorket Head Brickworks, opposite the turning into Bank Hill from the B684. Cllr. Charles-Jones raised concern about litter being blown from the landfill; it was impossible to contain this via any form of screen. Two public information days were to be held on February 5th and 6th, and it was agreed to publicise these dates on the noticeboard.

Cllr. Boot invited feedback on problems experienced during the icy weather; Cllr. Wardle commented on the lack of salt/grit in the bins and the reduced number of bins in the village.

898. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There was none.

899. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The clerk reported that a list of 51 signatures of parents/carers (including 23 parishioners) in support of the school fence had been received; the accompanying letter carried no address or contact details so its receipt could not be acknowledged.

It was agreed that a request from Anne Webster for a copy of John Harlow's letter should be declined as it was a personal letter to the clerk. Cllr. Charles-Jones expressed an interest in replying to NCC's local transport plan consultation and the clerk agreed to forward the link to the questionnaire via email. It was agreed that Malcolm Smith's concern regarding parked cars and the impact on buses should be forwarded to the local police.

WPC agreed to the Horticultural Society's request to erect show banners, providing they were positioned adjacent to Main Street.

900. FLOOD PREVENTION

There was nothing discussed.

901. RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr. Wiltshire reported that new waymarkers would shortly be installed, and that the rail over the dyke at the bottom of the playing field was to be repaired. Stiles on the Epperstone side of the village were to be replaced with gates.

Concern was expressed that people frequently walk across the playing field rather using the right of way around the perimeter. WPC agreed to look into installing signage at all 3 access points politely requesting walkers to use the right of way. It was further agreed to investigate display boards for maps showing all rights of way in the village; there is a possibility that County Council funding may be available to support this.

902. CLERK'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The clerk reported that Gedling BC's cabinet had approved revenue aid for Woodborough of £12608; this figure required final ratification in March. The presiding chairman and 2 members signed the precept request for submission to Gedling BC.

The clerk reported that the WPC website received 3 - 4000 hits per month.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

903. FINANCE

The financial statement was approved and 18 cheques totalling £2955.41 were approved for payment.

As a further stage in moving WPC's banking, the clerk read out the resolutions of the mandate from HSBC, and these were agreed in full.

904. PLAYING FIELD & GOVERNOR'S FIELD

Cllr. Wardle reported that pipes in the cricket pavilion had burst during the icy weather; Oglesby had made a repair but a leak had recurred and part of the ceiling had collapsed. A chipboard platform which supported the water tanks in the roof was sodden and required replacement. Quotes were being obtained to submit to Zurich Insurance; the clerk advised that the excess was £250. Further expenditure would be required prevent a recurrence: to insulate the tanks would cost circa £150; Cllr. Wardle agreed to investigate replacing the pipes with plastic rather than lagging existing copper pipes.

905. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Wardle reported that he had renovated all Ventaxias, and they were once again operational.

Cllr. Wardle reported on the recent meeting of the Village Hall Working Party. He proposed that on safety grounds hall lighting should be upgraded (by the installation of diffusers) or replaced and it was agreed that quotes should be obtained. Paul Nightingale had submitted a quote of £2500 to redecorate all internal walls; the budget set for hall improvements was £2000 and further quotes were required. It was agreed that WPC would not apply for a liquor licence at the present time.

It was agreed to authorise ad hoc expenditure of up to £100 for the installation of the new sound equipment. Cllr. Wardle recommended that he build a lockable cupboard to secure the new equipment; at this stage no costs were available.

Cllr. Charles-Jones reminded WPC that grants may be available to support community projects.

Cllr. Wardle proposed that WPC purchase an additional shelf for the hot cupboard and agreed to find out costs.

906. CHURCH YARD

Cllr. Wardle reported that he had informed the Church Wardens that a provision of £500 had been made for the church yard in the budget; a tree surgeon's report was the next step.

907. CEMETERY

Cllr. Whincup reported that Tom Barker from Bentons would survey the proposed extension the next day.

908. ALLOTMENTS

It was agreed to keep the annual rent at £16. Cllrs Whincup and Wiltshire agreed to inspect plots prior to sending out renewal letters in March, to identify tenants in breach of their obligations to maintain their allotment. Cllr. Charles-Jones agreed to mend the burst pipe.

909. NEWSLETTER

No notices were required.

910. AOB

There was none.

911. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 1 March at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.