

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th February 2010 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr. G Parkinson (Chairman), Cllr. Paul Berrisford, Cllr. John Boot, Cllr. Margaret Briggs, Cllr. John Charles-Jones, Cllr. Paul Hough, Cllr. Mavis Leafe, Cllr. Jan Turton, Cllr. Charles Wardle, Cllr. Richard Whincup, Cllr. Kathryn Wiltshire

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk)

889. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mark Spencer (Notts County Council).

890. SCHOOL FENCE

Cllr. Charles-Jones presented the proposal unanimously voted for by the school's governors:

“That an internal fence, with 2 access gates is built. Allowing full access to the upper grassed area for pupils during school hours and full and free access to the general public out of school hours. That the funding for the fence is pursued, as already outlined as an outcome if we could all reach resolve”

If the proposal was agreed by WPC, WCA and the school, it was likely that Notts County Council would fund some or all of the fencing to avoid later costs of funding a Village Green inquiry, or indeed of bussing children from the Wood's School to playing fields outside the village.

There was debate about the aesthetic impact of the fence on the village; some members maintained it was an eyesore and would be exacerbated by the construction of a further fence, while others expressed a view that the appearance was not as detrimental as had been feared, and that access was more important than aesthetics.

It was stated that, even if the proposal was carried, it would be possible for an individual to apply for village green status, although it would carry less weight if not supported by the WPC and WCA.

Concern was expressed that in future the school might find a reason to deny access to villagers outside school hours; there was consensus that a formal agreement between the school, WPC and NCC must grant access in perpetuity and require the school's caretaker to unlock the gates when school had closed.

Cllr. Charles-Jones outlined the reasons why the Governor's Field could not be included within the agreement. Cllr. Hough reported that the Governors at their meeting on February 1st had stated that it would be almost impossible to change the status of the Governor's Field in future. Cllr. Boot commented that sight of the 1876 conveyance was desirable.

Before a vote was taken, the Chairman told members that a vote in favour of the proposal would give permission for negotiations between WPC and the school to progress; NCC lawyers would work out a final agreement.

It was resolved to support the proposal by 8 votes to 3 (for: Cllrs Boot, Briggs, Charles-Jones, Hough, Leafe, Turton, Wardle, Wiltshire; against: Cllrs Berrisford, Parkinson, Whincup) .

Members voted on a secondary proposal to “agree to support the WCA if it decides to drop plans to apply for Village Green status on the school playing field at their meeting on the 16th February”

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891. AOB

The clerk reported that consultations had been received from Gedling on housing and open spaces.