

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
at 6.45pm in the Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Andrew Gough (Chairman), Cllr Liz Anderson, Cllr Gary Digva, Cllr Phil Hallam, Cllr John Newsome, Cllr Richard Pannell, Cllr Colin Starke, Cllr Linda Taylor, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 residents representing Woodborough Flood Action Group (FLAG), part, Averil Marczak (Clerk)

**4949. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Richard Whincup, Cllr Adam Wylie, Cllr Boyd Elliott (NCC) and Cllr Helen Greensmith (GBC).

**4950. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Gough declared a non pecuniary interest in the planning application to be considered.

**4951. OPEN SESSION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The meeting was suspended to allow 2 members of FLAG to update WPC on their latest meetings and plans. Following the January meeting organised by Rt Hon Mark Spencer MP, FLAG had met with the Environment Agency and made contact with Severn Trent Water. Further discussions were needed with Severn Trent to assess the state of the village sewage infrastructure. A further meeting with Mark Spencer MP was planned at one of his constituency clinics in April and FLAG had input into suggestions for the PC's next steps to be considered later in the meeting.

**4952. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

The minutes of the meeting held on February 5<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**4953. MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk had yet to complete the planning application for the Governors' Field fence.

**4954. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair thanked Cllr Anderson for chairing February's meeting.

**4955. DISTRICT REPORT**

Cllr Greensmith had sent a report. She had chased GBC to clean mud from flooding from the pavements and requested help to clean up the safe surface in the Governors' Field.

**4956. COUNTY REPORT**

Cllr Elliott had sent a report. NCC had advised that they were struggling to secure parts for the "ornamental" street light that was out. Cllr Wardle observed that the entire village was lit by this type of light and therefore a plan of action was needed from NCC. Cllr Elliott reported that NCC had carried out their parking evaluation but were not prepared to commit to a scheme. It was agreed to request a copy of their report. Cllr Elliott reported that repairs to bollards at 34 Main Street, broken white concrete posts along Main Street near Woodborough Hall and erosion of

sidings of dyke near 30 Main Street had been logged with the street works team which had a large backlog of work. Cllr Elliott had nominated Lowdham Lane and Bank Hill for resurfacing in 2024/25.

#### **4957. NEW COMMUNITY WEBSITE**

Cllr Anderson presented initial ideas for the community website content and design, worked up in conjunction with Cllrs Digva and Taylor, and proposed that it be hosted and operated through WIX, which was very easy to update. It was agreed to sign up to a 3 year cycle at a cost of £180, billed upfront. Cllr Digva would set the site up and Cllrs Anderson and Taylor would update the content.

There was a brief discussion about incorporating the Woodborough Heritage content and it was noted that due to the format of the pages some significant work would be involved, for which quotes would be needed in due course. In the meantime, the Woodborough Heritage site in its current format could be hosted under WPC's contract with IONOS.

The WPC website was also in need of a refresh in 2024/25 and this could be done in a synergistic way with the new site via Wordpress or another content management system.

#### **4958. FLOODING**

The Clerk had circulated correspondence from Mark Spencer MP's office from which it could be inferred that no action could be expected in terms of lobbying for an infrastructure scheme or other significant change. It was observed that the recent "Champion" newsletter delivered to all residents by the local Conservative party was misleading in suggesting that action was afoot.

It was agreed to do the following: write to Rishi Sunak; write to Robbie Moore (Floods Minister) to request a meeting; invite Ben Bradley, Michael Payne and Cllr Lynda Pearson to attend one of the next 2 WPC meetings; support the FLAG in an East Midlands Today feature; ask NALC to consult their legal department as to whether legal action could be taken against Severn Trent or Via EM for failure to provide services.

#### **4959. FLOOD SIGNS**

Cllr Wardle reported that 4 of the 5 flood signs had been installed. It was agreed to contact Calverton PC to ask for permission to install the Foxwood Lane/Bonner Hill sign within Calverton Parish so that vehicles could turn round before ascending Bonner Hill.

#### **4960. CODE OF CONDUCT**

It was agreed to adopt Gedling Borough Council's new code of conduct.

#### **4961. UPDATE ON WOODBOROUGH TOWNLANDS CHARITY**

Cllr Newsome provided an update on the trustees' discussions either to close the charity or merge it with another village charity.

#### **4962. ALLOTMENTS**

Cllrs Taylor and Wardle agreed to meet to discuss the repairs needed for the driveway. It was agreed to get the hedges cut.

**4963. CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE**

Following a request from the Church Wardens, it was agreed that the Lengthsman should address a number of maintenance tasks in the churchyard.

**4964. TENNIS COURTS**

Clr Starke reported on a site meeting held with the supplier of the material used for the resurfacing work. The supplier had accepted that the material used was contaminated and had agreed to monitor its condition, with a view to patching or re-skimming.

**4965. VILLAGE HALL**

It was agreed to accept a quote of £360 +VAT to re-lay the existing loft insulation which had been moved by multiple contractors over the years.

**4966. PLANNING**

It was agreed to object to application PC1222/GBC2024/0127 for the proposed conversion of the existing home office into a 1 bedroomed annex at 7 Old Manor Close on the grounds that it was creating a new dwelling within the existing curtilage.

**4967. FINANCE**

The Clerk presented the financial statement for March. 18 payments, totalling £7302.49 net, were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: £1526.77 Floodstop Ltd (50% deposit for flood barrier for pinfold); £750.06 LGPS (staff pensions); £1617.54 SSE (gas). A further 4 payments were made by direct debit totalling £187.33 net.

**4968. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

The following items were noted: details of UK Government consultations on permitted development rights and strengthening planning policy for brownfield development; a further email regarding bird scarers; GBC, various agenda and press releases.

**4969. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

It was agreed to discuss the Sam Middup Field.

The Clerk left the meeting.

**4970. CONFIDENTIAL STAFFING ITEM**

**4971. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6.45pm.

The meeting finished at 8.57pm.