

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th February 2014 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham**

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr John Boot, Cllr Andrew Gough, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle.

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk); Patrick Smith (Action Group, part), 1 member of the public (part)

2097. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr Geoff Parkinson (holidays) Cllr John Charles-Jones (at a meeting).

2098. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Non pecuniary interests were declared: Cllr Berrisford: allotments; Cllr Hough: Woods School, planning application GBC2013/1404; Cllr Turton: Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research. Pecuniary interests: Cllrs Boot, Berrisford, Gough, Turton, Wardle: Local Planning Document.

2099. PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was adjourned between 7.05pm and 7.15pm to allow public comment.

Mr Patrick Smith spoke on behalf of the Action Group. He welcomed the news that 2 members of WPC planned to attend session 1 of the additional hearings held by the Inspector of the Aligned Core Strategy, to be held on February 11th. He recommended that it would also be beneficial to attend session 4. It was noted that GBC had yet to define the “local need” that required Woodborough to shoulder a disproportionate amount of the development assigned to “other villages”. It was noted that Lambley Parish, also earmarked for significant expansion, had no serious objections.

The Action Group recommended that the PC continue to retain Ken Mafham to advise and make representations on behalf of Woodborough. Cllr Turton reported that Ken Mafham would represent Woodborough at the additional hearings for a fee of £50. This was within the figure agreed in October 2013.

2100. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting was reconvened and the minutes of the meeting held on January 13th were approved.

2101. MATTERS ARISING

It was confirmed that the Groundsman specification had been finalised. Cllr Turton appealed to fellow members to focus on acting for the village on flooding and housing, as these were more important than the wild flower meadow or refurbishment of the toilets. Several examples of the recent initiatives undertaken by the Emergency Planning team were cited in response, including an agreement that the lengthsman would clear leaves from the Main Street gutters.

2102. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman reported that the widened gates at the cemetery had demonstrated their functionality at a recent burial conducted by A W Lymn.

2103. COUNTY REPORT

Cllr Boyd Elliot had sent word that the weight restriction through the village had secured the recommendation of NCC's Service Director (Highways) and was likely to go ahead, although timing was not confirmed.

2104. DISTRICT REPORT

There were no issues to be raised, bar the Local Planning Document.

2105. LOCAL PLANNING DOCUMENT NEXT STEPS

The meeting was adjourned from 7.30 until 7.45 to allow input from Mr Patrick Smith of the Action Group.

Peter Baguley of GBC had responded to the PC's letter of disappointment regarding the number of potential new dwellings still in the plan for Woodborough. He anticipated that "any allocation for Woodborough would be...substantially less than the total capacity of the 3 sites"; parish councils would be consulted once again in the spring. It was known that Ken Mafham was working on behalf of several other councils and was exploring the possibility of a legal challenge to the ACS and its public examination. Mr Smith expressed a concern that a legal challenge may backfire.

The meeting was reconvened and it was agreed (i) that the PC would take no part in the potential legal challenge and (ii) that Cllr Turton would work closely with the Action Group and advise the Clerk and members if an additional meeting was necessary to react promptly to new developments following the February hearings or any other events. Mr Smith and a member of the public left the meeting.

2106. RACE CHAIRS

Two further chair back rests had broken on the weekend of February 1st – 2nd and the remaining new chairs had been taped off as unfit for use. Race had been informed and had offered to replace the back rests on all of the chairs at the hall with superior beech veneer plywood. There was a lengthy debate about the appropriate course of action following which it was agreed to accept the offer subject to (i) technical evidence of the superior strength of the replacement backs, (ii) the 2 year guarantee starting afresh, and (iii) the replacement of the backs to be implemented within a 4 week window.

2107. DEFIBRILLATOR PURCHASE UNDER S137

It was agreed that the WCA should purchase the 3 defibrillators previously discussed and a cheque for £1995 payable to the WCA was raised under S137 of the LGA 1972. It was agreed that up to a further £500 would be donated should an additional charge be made for fitting.

2108. SPEEDWATCH

Cllr Blinston had sent word that the school and police were conducting a road safety campaign in March; the speedwatch team were planning their sessions to tie in and it was hoped that parents' parking habits might improve.

2109. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The Bridge Club had requested to use the main hall on the day of the European elections but it was agreed this should be declined. GBC had written regarding WWI commemoration and advising of the Nottinghamshire wide website www.trent-to-trenches.co.uk. Paddy Tipping had written regarding the Police and Crime Plan for 2014-15. It was remarked that no response had been received from Notts Chief Constable regarding the lack of a police vehicle to serve Woodborough and the Clerk was asked to write a follow-up letter. Requests for 2014 subscriptions had arrived from NALC and NAVACH and it was resolved to renew membership. Information on the final tax base for 2014/15 had been received from GBC's principal accountant. Various agendas and other documents from GBC were noted.

2110. CHURCH YARD

Cllr Wardle reported that he had received confirmation that the costs of work to the wall would be met in full by NCC's Local Improvement Scheme. The Church's own approval process was nearly complete, and it was hoped that the work would happen notwithstanding the formal deadline of March 31st.

2111. PLANNING

There was no objection to PC ref 887, GBC 2013/1010 an application to create a natural burial ground and car park on Georges Lane (Calverton parish). A revised consultation had been received for a 2 storey side extension, rear ground floor extension and garage at 123 Main Street (GBC 2013/1220); it was agreed to observe that the proposed development was still overbearing. It was noted that the proposed development at 165 Main Street (PC ref 886, GBC 2013/1404) had been revised to comprise 4 dwellings and 8 parking spaces, addressing a concern raised by the PC.

2112. VILLAGE HALL

Scott Stone had agreed to undertake the refurbishment of the toilets, starting in July. It was agreed that the area around the windows should not be tiled, and that the costs of different degrees of tiling should be understood. Cllr Turton planned to source samples of tiles for discussion at the VHWP, and the labour costs associated with the chosen style could be understood before a final decision was made. It was agreed that the annual cleaning of the main hall floor and the vinyl tiles in the entrance and committee room should be booked to take place after the toilet refurbishment.

It was noted that a member of the VHWP had purchased new speakers for the hall and it was agreed to reimburse at cost.

2113. ALLOTMENTS

There was nothing reported.

2114. CEMETERY

The ownership of the strip of land (and its trees) which approached the cemetery was still under investigation. Cllr Berrisford had undertaken a search of the land registry (at a cost of £9) but it appeared that the land had not been registered.

2115. HEALTH & SAFETY

Cllr Wardle proposed that the grassy bank at the entrance to the Governors' Field should be reprofiled to make it less steep. Cllr Wardle had himself slipped on the bank twice and considered

it a health and safety risk to other users. Opinion was divided as to whether action was necessary. Cllr Hough proposed that he and Cllr Sharp should assess whether it was a risk under Health and Safety for discussion at March's PC meeting.

2116. PLAYING FIELD

There was nothing to report.

2117. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 15 payments totalling £5154.68 net were approved for payment. Gross payments over £500: Woodborough Community Association £1995 under S137 for purchase of defibrillators.

2118. RIGHTS OF WAY

There was nothing to report.

2119. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to include the minutes.

2120. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as March 10th 2014 at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.