

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th March 2013 at 7pm
The Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, Nottingham

PRESENT: Cllr Richard Whincup (Chairman), Cllr Paul Berrisford, Cllr Alison Blinston, Cllr John Boot, Cllr John Charles-Jones, Cllr Paul Hough, Cllr Geoff Parkinson, Cllr Dan Sharp, Cllr Jan Turton, Cllr Charles Wardle

IN ATTENDANCE: Averil Marczak (Clerk)

1809. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND ACCEPTANCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Andrew Gough (holiday).

1810. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal interests were declared: Cllr Berrisford: allotments; Cllr Blinston: WCA and allotments; Cllr Hough: Woods School; Cllr Wardle: WCA; Cllr Turton, Woodborough in Bloom, Cancer Research.

1811. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the meeting held on February 11th were approved.

1812. MATTERS ARISING

The repair to the dyke had been delayed due to waterlogged ground. Some progress had been made in scoping the work required on the car park wall. The Christmas wreaths and flower arrangements had yet to be removed from the cemetery.

1813. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr Whincup reported that he had attended NCC's Local Improvement Scheme event; Cllr Wardle had received an award for work on the pinfold. There was potential for future applications for grant funding for eg a lychgate at the cemetery, village signage. At the cemetery, some 30 sunken graves had been topped up and Cllr Charles-Jones had installed several posts to stop vehicles damaging the grass.

1814. COUNTY & DISTRICT REPORT

It was agreed to raise the erosion of the road edge on Foxwood Lane with NCC Highways once again as repairs had only been made to a small area. It was noted with gratitude that NCC had carried out the works to the pavements on Bank Hill and the Meadows that had been requested by WPC.

Cllr Boot reported that GBC's precept would increase by 1.8% in 2013/14 (not 1.9% as forecast in February). Severe challenges lay ahead due to the scheduled cuts in funding from central government.

Ibstock were planning to extend the brick works at Dorket Head to prolong production viability. There was a proposal to install a PV array at the former Gedling colliery site.

1815. BUS SERVICES

Following distribution of the flyer Cllr Sharp had received some 70 responses from parishioners raising concerns about the reduced services, and was collating a response. The most frequent concern was the withdrawal of the Doverbeck section of the route. NCT did not appear to be

providing the hail and ride service that had been customary on the country lanes. Access to healthcare and shopping had become difficult for those who did not own cars. It was agreed to publicise the Gedling CVS car scheme in the newsletter.

1816. HEALTH & SAFETY

There was nothing to report.

1817. SPEEDWATCH & LORRYWATCH

Cllr Blinston reported that for personal reasons Sue Walker was stepping down from her role as deputy coordinator for Speedwatch; the Parish Council recorded its thanks to Sue for her hard work and commitment to the programme.

The interactive sign was now operational. Cllr Blinston had forwarded the request to lower the speed limit to 50mph on Lowdham Lane to Mark Spencer and NCC; Mark Spencer had been supportive but the idea had been rebuffed as impractical by Paula Johnson of NCC Highways. Cllr Blinston had called on Mark Spencer to take up the matter with the Highways team.

1818. CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

A request from the Horticultural Society to display their show banner on the Governors' Field railings was agreed. A letter from NALC had been received regarding the localisation of council tax support. NAVACH's "Hall Talk" had been received. A newsletter from the PC's insurance brokers contained details of upgrades in cover. HMRC had sent details regarding PAYE Real Time. Various minutes and agendas from GBC were noted

1819. CHURCHYARD

There was a brief discussion regarding the procedure and implications for transferring responsibility for the maintenance of the church yard to GBC in the light of information circulated by Cllr Boot. The PC reaffirmed its intention to make a decision on the matter once the outcome of the grant application for work to the wall was known.

1820. WOODBOROUGH CHARITIES

Cllr Parkinson reported that the trustees supported his ideas for change; the next step was to write a proposal for the consideration of the Charities Commission.

1821. PLANNING

There were no objections to PC ref 858, GBC 2012/1522, an application for a side extension at 22 Sunningdale Drive; PC ref 859, GBC 2013/0080, an application for a new gable extension and other alterations at 20 Lowdham Lane; PC ref 860, GBC 2013/0084, an application for demolition of outhouses and part of boundary wall, a single storey extension at 42 Main Street; PC ref 861, GBC 2013/0022, an application for a single storey front extension and second storey side extension at 49B Main Street.

1822. ALLOTMENTS

A further potential tenant had come forward; two plots were currently available. Half of the renewal notices had been sent out. Cllr Whincup agreed to respond to a query regarding payment in arrears.

1823. CEMETERY

It was agreed that further work up to the value of £200 should be carried out before Easter to cut back trees growing within the hedge; it was agreed that 2 quotes should be obtained to determine the contractor. Work on the gate had not progressed due to poor weather. The gate continued to be left open and it was also reported that dogs were being walked in the cemetery; it was agreed that the front and side gates should be marked with signs saying “Shut the gate” and “No dogs allowed”.

The registers would be digitised on March 18th. Five further plots had been reserved by villagers and it was noted that limited spaces remained in the consecrated extension ground. The Clerk requested that the PC purchase 2 registers for the unconsecrated extension ground (£330 + VAT) as this would increasingly be used; this was agreed.

A memorial application was considered and it was agreed to ask for two further lines of copy to be removed. Cllr Blinston reported that the PCC were ready to proceed with the Notts Wildlife Trust report on encouraging wildlife within the cemetery and churchyard. Cllr Whincup agreed to join their visit.

1824. GOVERNORS’ FIELD

A letter had been received from Woodborough in Bloom asking that money from the Best kept Village prize pot be made available for pruning the trees in the Governors’ Field along Main Street. This was agreed and £780 (the lowest of 3 quotes) was donated to Woodborough in Bloom under S137 for these purposes. Cllr Wardle asked that Woodborough in Bloom consult Annette Williamson at GBC regarding the TPO before taking action. It was agreed that the Governors’ Field should be closed for one day during the works.

Woodborough in Bloom also proposed the planting of a cherry tree to mark the centenary of World War I; the exact location had to be determined. Cllr Charles-Jones was optimistic that grant funding could assist. It was noted with appreciation that Timmermans had agreed to replant the rose bed with ground cover roses.

1825. PLAYING FIELD

There was no objection to a request to start and finish a charity fun run on the field. It was agreed to carry out vertidrainage on the field. A further reminder from a householder had been received regarding the damaged fence; Cllr Parkinson had taken further steps to locate the deeds to the playing field.

1826. FINANCE

The Clerk presented the financial statement and 14 payments totalling £3819.20 including £167.29 VAT were approved for payment.

1827. CLERK’S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was agreed that the Clerk should attend a Cemetery Legal Compliance course in July at a cost of £125.

1828. VILLAGE HALL

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

It was agreed to decline a possible booking for dog training. Cllr Wardle agreed to replace the bulbs in the emergency lighting. It was agreed to give 24 of the old chairs to Mansfield Citizens Advice Bureau.

1829. RIGHTS OF WAY

There was nothing reported.

1830. NEWSLETTER

It was agreed to announce the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish and the Annual Parish Council Meeting and to publicise the Gedling CVS car scheme.

1831. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The date of the next PC meeting was confirmed as April 8th 2013. The meeting finished at 9.30pm.