

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 November 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), B Hallam, A Belgrove, R Honess, M Beech and the Clerk

Apologies: None received

Members of the Public Present: Mr & Mrs J Rowley, Mr M Lewis & Mr A Palmer

Declaration of Interest – None declared

Co-opted Councillor – Mrs M Beech confirmed that she was willing to be co-opted as a Councillor on the Parish Council and had signed the Declaration of Acceptance Form. The Chairperson welcomed her to the Council.

Questions from the Public - Mr & Mrs Rowley enquired if it possible to plant a hedge outside of their boundary hedge along the A45 behind the Bus Shelter to nullify the noise from passing traffic. The Chairperson stated that the Highways (WCC) would be unlikely to grant such a request and the meeting suggested that one possible solution was to plant another hedge inside the existing hedge on their property (i.e. a double hedge).

1. Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 October 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - 2.1 Boundary Stones – Councillor Hallam reported that one of the Boundary Stones was in need of restoration and he had obtained an estimate of £300 for its restoration. Council agreed to approach Grandborough Parish Council and establish if they would be prepared to cover half of the cost.
 - 2.2 Gel Bags – Council had now paid the Invoice for the Gel Bags and arranged for delivery to The Old Pastures (Mrs J Edger).
 - 2.3 Playing Field Equipment – Grant of £3000 from Willoughby Educational Foundation now received. Councillor Belgrove finalising a request from the National Lottery for £5035 the shortfall on purchase price after Parish Council contribution. Councillor Honess expressed his concern on the delay involved in the purchase of this equipment and warned of a possible increase in cost due to this delay.
 - 2.4 Adult Equipment/Activities – ongoing.
 - 2.5 Street Lighting – The removal of the light outside B Beautiful is scheduled for 15 November by Western Power.
 - 2.6 Goal Nets – Still to be fitted.
3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - None received.
4. CORRESPONDENCE. – None except as covered in other detailed minutes.

5. 5.1 Playing Field
- 5.1.1. Hedge Cutting – Chairperson to arrange with Mr D Thomas.
- 5.1.2 Equipment Inspection.
- 5.1.2.1. ROSPA report received and circulated.
- 5.1.2.2. Inspections (regular during year) Councillors Honess and Belgrove to liaise in order to establish up to date inspection frequency, methods of recording following the recent attendance by Councillor Honess on a Playground Inspection Course, this is felt would enable the Parish Council to be better able to defend itself should an unfortunate accident occur. Review to cover equipment and grounds.
- 5.2. Footpaths – Clerk asked to chase response from the Rights of Way Team at WCC regarding outstanding issues brought to their attention.
- 5.3. Neighbourhood Watch – Parish Council still seeking a Villager to take on as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator - position to be placed in the Willoughby Monthly.
- 5.4. Neighbourhood Plan – Modified Plan has been forwarded to Rugby Borough Council – no problems are envisaged and RBC will be putting a report to a full Meeting on 15 December, they will also publicise this Plan to all interested parties Who were originally contacted when the Neighbourhood Plan was undergoing Formal consultation.
- 5.5. Highways – The Chairperson is to contact Highways regarding the flooding of garages at Nos. 46 and 48 Main Street
- 5.6. Brooks Close – The Street Light in Brooks Close opposite the Church gate has been reported as failing to light up.
- 5.7. Triangle opposite Village Hall – The Street light on this triangle has been repaired.
- 5.8. Rough Land behind Vale House – The Chairperson advised Councillor Honess that the land was owned by the Church and leased to the resident of the Old Vicarage.
- 5.9. Moor Lane – The vegetation of the land opposite to Barberry Cottage on the Braunston side of Moor Lane has been trimmed back following a complaint of visibility by a Villager.
- 5.10. Mowing – A quotation of £190 + VAT from W S Gardens for 2022 mowing of the Village verges has been received. Councillors felt this was reasonable but first asked if an alternative Quotation could be obtained.
- 5.11. Street Light (Little Shaws) – Councillor Hallam to approach the owner of Little Shaws to see if the Ivy could be cleared from the Street Light Pole as it was restricting illumination at the junction of College Road/Main Street.
- 5.12. IT Support/Website – With the present support for these functions ceasing in April 2022 the Parish Council is looking for a person to take on this role of keeping the Web page up to date and supporting IT knowledge for the Council.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

6.1. The following payments were approved:

RBC Play Rangers	£ 360.00
Furza Nets	£ 67.92
Defib	£ 54.00
Property Repair – Gel Bags	£ 222.00
ROSPA Playground Inspection	£ 99.00

W S Gardens	£ 702.00
Kirkwells	£ 324.00
Village Hall	£ 72.00
E.ON	£ 107.28
Western Power	£ 364.16

6.2. Precept – on the proposition of Councillor Honess seconded by Councillor Belgrove the Parish Council agreed to increase the Precept for 2022/2023 to £15,000


7. URGENT BUSINESS

7.1. Queens Platinum Celebration – The Parish Council has left to the next meeting any ideas on celebrating this event and providing the Village children with a momento.

7.2. Update Street Lighting The Parish Council is to look into Quotations for updating the Street Lighting.

7.3. Willoughby Sign – Barby Lane – Highways are to be notified of the damaged sign in Barby Lane.

Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Clerk Chairperson.....

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