

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 January 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: WCC Councillor H Roberts

1. Apologies: None received
2. Declaration of Interests – None declared
3. Questions from the Public
3.1 WCC Councillor H Roberts informed the Council that WCC Locality Officer was leaving the area and as yet had not been replaced. H Roberts to keep Council informed.

WCC Councillor H Roberts left the meeting.

4. Minutes – on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 December 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - 5.1. Playing Field Equipment – Due to the bad weather the meeting with Sovereign planned earlier had not taken place. Sovereign now due to visit on 16 January 2018. Councillors Thomas and Hallam to meet on site. The ASDA Foundation has informed the Council that they are not able to give a grant towards the proposed new equipment. Clerk asked to request from HAGS a Quotation for an alternative metal swing as detailed in “Clerk & Councils Direct” (page 7).
 - 5.2. Telephone Box – As yet no reply has been received from the Willoughby Society or the Allotment Association on the Council’s request to be involved in the fund raising for the refurbishment of the Telephone Box. Councillor Settle informed the meeting that Sam Green was to make enquiries to establish if any monies from the grant money allocated for the Micro Museum could be used towards the Telephone Box refurbishment.
 - 5.3 Pub Fence – The Rose Inn has undertaken to make good the poor condition of the Pub Fence adjoining the Playing Field.
 - 5.4 Highways – The Highways Department has yet to respond to the repairs required to the potholes outside Leam View and concerns over the cracks in the surface along a stretch of Brickhill Lane near to its junction with Shar Lane.
 - 5.5 Hedges A45 – Broken branches and trees on the right hand side of the A45 leaving the Village in the Daventry direction have been cut up and removed.
 - 5.6 Fish Selling Site – As yet no feedback from the Planning Department on

the change of use requirement from a Garage to a Fish Selling Site on the A45 just past Main Street or the need to control the parking of vehicles on the site when in use.

Clerk asked to raise with the Planning Department the high illumination of the Shop Sign outside the shop.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Bath Farm Cottage – Garage – Council has raised no objections to this application.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 HM Revenue & Customs – Council informed of change of procedure for VAT refunds.

7.2 Register of Electors – December amendments received.

7.3 Over 60's Meal – Donation of £600 towards the Over 60's Christmas Lunch from Willoughby Charity.

8. 8.1 Playing Field

8.1.1. Hedge Cutting – the hedge cutting of the Playing Field hedge has been delayed due to weather conditions but will be carried out prior to the “Birds Nesting Season”.

8.1.2. Rope Climber – Inspection of the Rope Climber still to be carried out.

8.2 Village Pond – A Quotation is awaited from the Contractor for the trimming of the trees around the Village Pond and the side of the brook along Moor Lane.

8.3 Highways

8.3.1. Council has decided not to install “Village Gateway” structures at entrances to the village.

8.3.2. Council has agreed to replace the broken fence at Haywards Lodge on the A45 perimeter. Councillor Hallam to investigate and report work/costs involved.

8.3.3. Council has been made aware that fines are now being issued around the County for vehicles which are parked wholly or partially parked on the pavements – the offence warrants a fine of £100 and 2 penalty points on the vehicle's licence.

8.4 Neighbourhood Watch – Councillor Settle to prepare and circulate a flyer independent of the Willoughby Monthly to ensure that villagers are aware of events and incidents, facilities available connected with the Neighbourhood Watch.

8.5 Neighbourhood Plan – On the proposition of Councillor Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove the Council has agreed in principle to contribute to the costs of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan should the cost exceed the £9000 grant available.

9. FINANCIAL

On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle the following payments were approved:

SLCC – Subs	£ 59.00
E.ON – Maintenance	£131.70

Village Hall - Hall Hire
E.ON – Electricity

£ 65.00
£259.91

10. URGENT BUSINESS

10.1 Shrubbery Footpath – Council is to raise with Warwickshire County Council the need to raise the level of the footpath of both ends of the Shrubbery Footpath and make good surrounding areas.

10.2 Data Protection Chairperson to establish if the Council need to appoint a Data Protection Officer for the needs of the Council

10.3 Future Minutes Bold high-lighting to be avoided if possible on future minutes as this makes it difficult to scan the minutes and put on to Parish Website.

Date of Next Meeting – 20 February 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk..... Chairperson.....

Date