

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday the 15th of August 2019 in the Village Hall at 19.30

Members Present: Councillors M.Thomas (Chairperson) A. Belgrove, B. Hallam, R.Honess, R.Settle.

Members of the Public Present: R.B.C. Councillor E. Crane

1. Apologies: None
2. Declaration of Interest: None Declared
3. Questions from the Public: None
4. Minutes: the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of July 2019 were proposed for approval by A. Belgrove and seconded by R.Honess and signed.

5. UPDATE ON ACTIONS AND OTHER ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

5.2 Telephone Box. A breakdown of costs have been provided to The Allotment Association and the Willoughby Society.

5.3 Playing Field Climbing Frame. The surface area under the climbing frame was discussed and costs are to be obtained for replacement of the existing bark with turf mats.

5.4. Summer Play Scheme. This was discussed and Councillor Belgrove reported on the success of the current scheme with between 22 and 32 children in attendance. He also advised that the Play Rangers also run Youth Clubs and he is to obtain costs for future discussions.

5.5 Ridge & Furrow. The protection of ridge and furrow seems to be a grey area and we will try to get further clarification.

5.6 Highways-Gate Farm. The shrubs have been cut back by Councillor Thomas.

5.10 Allotments. The Clerk has spoken to the Secretary of The Allotment Association in connection with the Tenancy and dogs on the Allotment site.

8.1.1 Conservation Issues. The shrubs on the Triangle outside the White House have been trimmed.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS. None received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED. An update to the Electoral Role from RBC and a copy of The Clerk for circulation.

8. 8.1 Village Pond. The area of the Village Pond, the weeds and other growth were discussed and Councillors Thomas, Hallam & Honess are to meet on site to decide on any action to be taken.

8.2 Playing Field Update. Councillor Hallam raised the problem of rabbits and damage to the Playing Field and suggested part of the hedge where the burrows are be removed and netting buried to prevent further burrowing. Councillor Hallam is to investigate costs for future discussions.

8.3 CONSERVATION ISSUES. Councillor Thomas raised the issue of the growth in the brook in Moor Lane which is now obstructing the vision of drivers turning right from Lower Street. Councillor Thomas is to raise the issue with WCC Localities Officer to see if they will deal with the problem.

8.4 Highways Issues. The overhanging trees in Woollescote Lane have been reported to the WCC Localities Officer. Councillor Settle advised on the footpath alongside the A45 between Main Street and Woollescote Lane being very overgrown and difficult to walk along. Councillor Thomas advised that the fir trees on the A45 between the Fish Outlet and the bridge are overhanging the road and preventing the flashing sign from working. Both of these items are to be raised with the Locality Officer by Councillor Thomas. The Parish Council are still waiting for feedback from WCC in connection with proposals for the A45 Longdown Lane junction. This was chased up by Councillor Thomas today.

8.5 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. It has been very quiet locally with the only reported incident of suspicious circumstances being the tree surgeons in Magdalen Road.

8.6 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. This is currently with the Independent Examiner and is awaiting his response.

9. FINANCIAL

9.1 The Clerk had prepared a financial report and the following payments have been made since the last meeting:

Village Hall Hire	£36
Numbers Plus (Defibrillator phone support)	£118.80
Jan Lucas Web Site	£45
WS Gardens Mowing	£996

9.2 Unmetered Electrical Supply the new contract has been signed and is now operational.

10. URGENT BUSINESS.

Sam Green who is running the Micro Museum has emailed Councillor Settle asking there could be a launch for the Museum and Telephone box with WCC Councillor Roberts present whose grant provided part of the funds. Councillor Settle is to obtain suggested dates from Sam Green and it was felt flyers etc could be used to promote the event.

There was a discussion about possible future expenditure and what items could be included for consideration:

- Resetting of the Village boundary stones.
- Additional equipment for the Playing Field.
- Gateways to the Village with flower boxes.
- Speed aware signs.

Costs are to be obtained for future discussions.

Date of the Next Meeting. Tuesday 10th September at 19.30 in the Village Hall.

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Clerk.....Chairperson.....