

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 March 2018 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: - None

1. Apologies: None received
2. Declaration of Interests – None declared
3. Questions from the Public - None
4. Minutes – on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 February 2018 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
 - 5.1 Playing Field Grants – Councillor Belgrove had attended a meeting at Rugby Borough Council regarding possible grants available and on recommendation the Councillors agreed to the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle to apply for the following grants.
 - 5.1.1 Equipment – A grant from the Rural Development Fund where grants of up to £10,000 were available. Grants of up to 75% of cost would be considered, applications for the grant to be made by 12 April 2018.
 - 5.1.2. Summer Play Group – A grant from the Youth & Play Group where grants of up to £1000 were available for such events as the Summer Play Group run by Willoughby Parish Council in 2017. Applications to be made by 12 April 2018.Councillor Belgrove agreed to prepare and present applications for both 5.1.1. and 5.1.2. to Rugby Borough Council.
 - 5.2. Telephone Box – Councillor Settle has now prepared a more detailed costing for the refurbishment of the Telephone Box and these will now be forwarded to the Willoughby Society and Willoughby Jubilee Allotments Association.
 - 5.3 Highways – The Council has still received no response to requests concerning potholes outside Leam View and the cracks in the surface along a stretch of Brickhill Lane. Chairperson to contact WCC Councillor H Roberts for following up with Highways. .
 - 5.4 Fish Selling Site – R17/2087 – Change of Use of former Service Station to Class A1 (retail). Planning permission has been granted for this development, however, the concerns raised by the Parish Council on the impact of car parking on site frontage have been rejected. The concerns regarding the signage will be considered at a later point as part of the advertisement consent application.
 - 5.5 Haywards Lodge – Due to the inclement weather the repairs to the Haywards Lodge fence fronting the A45 have not been carried out.
 - 5.6 Village Pond – Arbolution Tree Services have agreed to carry out the

maintenance and re-pollarding of the trees around the pond at a future date which will be advised by them to the Council.

5.7 Footpaths – The outstanding issues with three footpaths in the Village have been followed up by the Clerk with the WCC Footpaths Division but as yet no firm dates have been given for the work to be carried out.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

The Council is to consider the provision of a Radar Speed Sign (as illustrated in a circular from Élan City) when funds are available.

7. 7.1 Playing Field – Councillor Hallam is to “price” the cost of replacement timbers and spindles to repair the Timber Climbing Frame.

7.2 Conservation Issues – The Willoughby Society has arranged for “Warwickshire Rangers” to clean out Haywards Lodge again.

7.3 Neighbourhood Watch – A quantity of power tools to the value of £2000 were taken from a vehicle parked in Lower Street.

7.4 Neighbourhood Plan – ongoing – a meeting has been arranged in the Village Hall for 10 April at 7.30 pm and is open to all villagers to attend.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Thomas of Flecknoe – Hedge cutting	£38.40
C W Chapman – fence repairs	£96.00

8.2 On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam it was agreed to support the following:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 100.00
Air Ambulance	£ 100.00
Village Hall	£ 450.00
Churchyard Maintenance	£1500.00
Parish Clock Maintenance	£ 150.00

8.3 On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam the Clerks Salary and Expenses were approved:

Clerk's ½ yr Salary	£ 907.00
Clerk's ½ yr typing	£ 75.00
Clerk's ½ yr use of facilities	£ 75.00
Clerk's ½ yr Expenses	£ 108.14

9. URGENT BUSINESS

9.1 Village pond – A vote of thanks was recorded to the Chairperson for cleaning out the drain at the Village pond. Councillors agreed to bag the rubbish which had been cleared out and dispose of it.

9.2 Councillor A Ray – Councillor Ray announced his resignation from the Parish Council due to pressure of work commitments. The Chairperson stated that Councillor Ray had been a valuable member of the Parish Council and

thanked him for the work which he had undertaken on behalf of the Council.
The Council will consider replacing Councillor Ray at the May Meeting either by election or co-option.

9.3 Data Protection Officer – The Council will discuss at the next meeting the need to appoint a Data Protection Officer.

10. Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 24 April 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

Date of Next Meeting – 8 May 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room

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

Date