

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 August 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

**Members Present:** Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), B Hallam, A Belgrove, A Ray, R Settle 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 Settle the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 July were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1. **Neighbourhood Plan** – There were 83 responses to the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire circulated to villagers, this represents a response percentage figure of 43%.

A number of villagers have expressed a wish to serve on a Committee or to offer assistance.

Councillors agreed that the Chairperson should now formally write to Rugby Borough Council informing them that Willoughby Parish Council wish to proceed in formulating a Neighbourhood Plan.

5.2. **Playing Field Equipment** – Councillors are still looking into the options available for replacing the existing swings and safe surfacing in the near future.

5.3. **Dog Fouling** – Biodegradable spray is now available for marking Dog Dirt around the Village. On the proposition of Councillor Ray seconded by Councillor Settle the purchase of this spray at a cost of £32.23 was approved.

5.4. **Telephone Box** – Initial costing of refurbishment of the Telephone Box appears to be in excess of £1000. Councillor Settle to investigate alternative costings.

5.5. **Village Pond** – The cutting back of the stinging nettles around the pond has not as yet taken place.

5.6. **Footpaths** – Warwickshire County Council has added to the work schedule of looking into the change of route on Footpath R244 and the access to Footpath R245 the access to R246 at both ends of the Footpath.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

6.1. **Pig Farm Grandborough** – A letter of objection to this development has been sent to Rugby Borough Council.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

7.1 **Grant Thornton** – The Council has received from Grant Thornton formal notification that the Annual Return for Willoughby Parish Council for the Year ending 31 March 2017 has been approved. A notification to this effect

has been placed on the Council Notice Board and Council Website.

8.1 **Village Pond** – Councillor Hallam is to contact a local Tree Surgeon to establish any work required on the Willow Trees surrounding the Pond.

8.2 **Playing Field** – The additional load of bark authorised at the last meeting will be delivered to site on 10 August and spread under the swings and climbing frame.

8.3. **Shrubbery Footpath** – The verges of the Shrubbery Footpath have been cut back by WS Gardens, but Council felt that more work was required at the Playing Field end. Chairperson agreed to take up with WS Gardens and also to ask the owner of the Old School House to cut back the vegetation on their side of the path.

8.4 **Footpath Magdalen Road/Main Street** – On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove WS Gardens are to be requested to cut back the vegetation and tidy up the footpath between Magdalen Road and Main Street.

8.5 The Chairperson is to request WS Gardens to include the mowing of the Playing Field Extension in his rota for mowing the Playing Field

8.6 **Woolscott Road** - The pothole outside "The Leys" in Woolscott Road has been filled.

8.7. **Playscheme** – The Playscheme run by Rugby Playrangers has made an excellent start and is well attended. The Council is to write to the Willoughby Educational Foundation to see if a grant can be made towards the funding of this scheme.

8.8. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Councillor Settle reported that three vehicles have recently been broken into in Willoughby.

Councillor Settle expressed disappointment in the lack of feedback from the Police on reported issues and the lack of communication to Neighbourhood Watch on incidents that the Police have been aware of and not reported to Neighbourhood Watch. Councillor Settle asked to write to Police with these concerns.

## 9. **FINANCIAL**

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

Dennetts – Bark	£180.00
WS Gardens – Mowing etc	£402.00
Lilbourne Turf – seeding	£480.00
B Hallam – Lock	£ 7.50
Numbers Plus	£118.80
MEON – Paint	£ 32.23

## 10. **URGENT BUSINESS**

**WEF and Willoughby Charity** – The Clerk was asked to contact Mr R Heckford the Chairman of these Charities to see if the Accounts of the Willoughby Educational Foundation and Willoughby Charity (although made public at the Parish Council Annual Meeting) could be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board for a short period to allow villagers to see them.

Date of Next Meeting - 12 September 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk.....*D. White*..... Chairperson.....*[Signature]*.....

Date .....*12/9/17*.....