

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 October 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Meeting was held under the guidelines outlined by the Government.

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

Apologies: WCC Councillor H Roberts

Declaration of Interest – None declared

1. Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 September 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairperson.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - 2.1 Shrubbery Footpath – The edges of this footpath still require attention, Councillor M Thomas to raise again with the Contractor.
 - 2.2 Longdown Lane Junction – The Localities Officer of WCC to write to the owner of Gate Farm requesting the cutting back of some bushes at this junction.
 - 2.3 Boundary Stones – As yet no feedback from Grandborough Parish Council regarding these stones.
 - 2.4 A45 – Willoughby Garage – The pothole at this location has been repaired.
 - 2.5 Magdalen Road – Western Power have been informed of the parking of vehicles on the frontage of the Sub-Station.
 - 2.6 Village Pond – Removal of foliage growing in the grill has been removed.
3. CORRESPONDENCE
 - 3.1 ROSPA Report – on Playing Field safety checks has been received and will be circulated to Councillors for action.
 - 3.2 Willoughby Educational Foundation – a most generous grant of £3000 has been received from the WEF for assistance in the maintenance of the Playing Field and its equipment.
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 - 4.1 Village Pond – Chairperson to liaise with Councillor Hallam regarding the purchase and planting of sapling Willow trees around the pond to replace the existing trees (as recommended by Tree Surgeons).
 - 4.2 Playing Field
 - 4.2.1. Councillor Honess has been in contact with a number of Suppliers (eight) having met with all but two of them with a view to quoting for the supply of playground equipment and safe surfacing
Councillors will consider quotations and suggestions when available taking the views into consideration of Miss C Palmer who had written to the Council on behalf of some Village children with a view to new equipment
 - 4.2.2. Rabbit Holes – A number of rabbit holes at the rear of the Shelter require filling – Councillor Belgrove to arrange.
 - 4.2.3. Igloo – The ROSPA report has indicated that the level of bark in the Igloo needed topping up. Councillor Settle agreed to obtain 4 bags of bark chippings so that this could be carried out by Councillors.
 - 4.2.4. Adult Equipment – Councillor Settle has contacted four Suppliers with the

idea of providing outdoor fitness equipment for Villagers. Quotes ranged from £4000 for one piece of equipment to £15000 for a combination of equipment. Councillors agreed to survey the need for such equipment via the Willoughby Monthly and depending on response consider the location of such equipment and the funding.

4.3. Conservation Issues

4.3.1. Gel Bags – Councillors to agree as to where to distribute the recently acquired Gel Bags to help prevent the flooding of properties during any flood.

4.4. Highways – Chairperson had raised with the Localities Officer again the flooding under the old Railway Bridge on the A45 and the cleaning out of the culverts which had been promised by Highways.

4.5. Longdown Lane Junction – Councillor Roberts has advised the Parish Council that money has been approved for lighting at this junction.

Councillor Roberts is to request from WCC the cost of remarking and layout at this junction.

4.6. Neighbourhood Watch Councillor Settle reported that during Lockdown more people were joining the Neighbourhood Watch team.

5. Financial - The following payments were approved –

ROSPA – Playground Inspection	£ 99.00
W S Gardens	£ 648.00
Clerks Salary & Expenses	£1182.07
E.ON	£ 103.81

6. Urgent Business

Youth Club

Councillor Settle reported that a disappointing response to organising a Youth Club had been forthcoming with only one response in the Village..

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8 December 2020 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Clerk Chairperson.....

Date