

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 October 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: County Councillor H Roberts (part meeting)

1. **Apologies:** Councillor R Settle

2. **Declaration of Interests** – None declared

3. **Questions from the Public**

3.1 **Duck Issues** – WC Councillor H Roberts informed the meeting that the issue of Duck safety at the Village Pond had been raised at Warwickshire County Council level and it is hoped that ideas will be forthcoming to keep the wild life safe.

3.2 **WCC Minerals Plan** – This had been voted down at the WCC meeting and the Plan was now being revised due to the revised forecast for new housing in the County.

3.3 **Fire Service** – The Fire Brigade are looking into providing home checks for vulnerable people in the area and give advice on safety, smoke detection, trip hazards and other issues.

County Councillor Roberts left the meeting.

4. **Minutes** – on the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 September 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson, and Clerk.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5.1. **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Parish Council is still awaiting formal confirmation from RBC that the Neighbourhood Plan for the area within the Parish Boundaries is acceptable. Councillor Thomas has pressed RBC for this confirmation.

5.2. **Playing Field Equipment** – Councillors have agreed on a 2.4m high Olympic Swing 4 seat frame from “HAGS”. Clerk requested to confirm price of equipment and safe surfacing underneath.

5.3. **Dog Fouling** – Biodegradable orange spraying now being undertaken around the Village – this spray highlights dog dirt which has not been picked up and disposed of by dog owners.

5.4. **Telephone Box** – The approach to the Willoughby Society, Allotment Association and S Green as to if they wish to be involved in the refurbishment of the Telephone Box has as yet not been made.

5.5 **SALFV** – Councillor Thomas attended the meeting of SALFV at which the Professional team representing SALFV at the Public Examination of the Draft Local Plan were present. The team included the Solicitor and a Traffic Consultant.

5.6 **Extension Fence** – Mrs Brailsford had visited the Playing Field extension and felt that the fencing on the left hand side of the gate was more solid than that on the right hand side. Parish Council to advise Mrs Brailsford that they

believe that the responsibility for the fence lies not with the Parish Council but with the tenant. The Parish Council agreed however to fill in the gap between the bottom of the gate and the ground to prevent any young lambs escaping under the gate.

5.7 **Knotweed** – Mr Geddes of Magdalen Road has brought to the attention of the Parish Council Japanese Knotweed growing in the field (between his fence and stock fence) adjacent to the rear of his property. The Parish Council has brought this to the attention of Mrs Brailsford and she has agreed to take remedial action to destroy the Knotweed. Mr Geddes has been informed of this.

5.8. **Village Pond** – Councillor Hallam has made arrangements for a local Tree Surgeon to visit and establish if any work is required on the Willow Trees around the Pond.

Councillor Hallam kindly agreed to replace the dead trees alongside the brook on Moor Lane.

Meeting agreed that the County Council Localities Officer should be asked to look at the overhanging trees in Brickhill Lane as to what action is required

5.9 Triangle (**opposite Village Hall**) – W. S. Gardens are to be asked for a Quotation for carrying out any work required on the triangle opposite the Village Hall. This will include pruning and tidy up as necessary.

5.10 **Footpath Magdalen Road/Main Street** – Cutting back of vegetation and tidy up carried out.

5.11 **Moor Lane Brook** – The Bulrushes from the brook at its junction with Lower Street have as yet not been removed. Highways have inspected the vegetation along the stretch of the brook from Lower Street to the Pumping Station Bridge and advised that it will not be a problem. They believe that it is only summer growth and will go when the brook's water flow increases in the winter.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – None received

7. 7.1. **Playing Field/Haywards Lodge** – Parish Council is to request Mr D Thomas to cut back the Playing field hedge and the hedge on the Village side of the A45 at Haywards Lodge as in previous years.

7.2 **Emergency Plan & Flood Plan** – Now updated thanks to Councillors Settle and Thomas

8. **FINANCIAL**

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

WS Gardens	£492.00
Clerks ½ yr Salary/Expenses	£1206.46
E.ON	£259.91

8.2 The setting of the precept to be added to the Agenda for the November Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 14 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Date 14/11/17