

Minuted of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 12 December 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Members of the public present: Mrs M Beech (Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group) (Chairperson), Rugby Borough Councillor E Crane.

- 1 **Apologies** – None declared.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests** - None declared.
- 3
 - 3.1 Mrs M Beech updated the Parish Council on the achievements which the NDPSG had made to date. She announced that it was intended to hold an Open Community Meeting, possibly in April, to collect comments/suggestions to include in a Questionnaire to be circulated to villagers.
 - 3.2 RBC Councillor E Crane updated the Parish Council on the Local Plan and stated that the Public Hearing would take place between 23 January and 1 February 2018 at the Town Hall and that parishioners were able to attend.
- 4 **Minutes**

On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 November 2017 were approved as a true record with the amendment that the approval of the minutes from 10 October were seconded by Councillor Ray and not Councillor Settle. The Chairperson signed the minutes.
- 5 **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - 5.1 **Neighbourhood Plan** – see minute 3.1.
 - 5.2 **Playing Field Equipment** – Alternative quotations from the purchase and installation of replacement swings have been received from Wicksteed (£6,081.34 + VAT) and FLP (£5,379.76) Chairperson is to meet with Sovereign in January who are to visit the site and give an additional quotation. The ASDA Foundation is to be approached by the Parish Council for a possible grant towards the costs of the replacement swings.
 - 5.3 **Telephone Box** – Parish Council have yet to formally approach Willoughby Society and the Allotment Association to establish if they wish to be involved in the fund raising for the refurbishment of the Telephone Box. Councillor Settle had contacted Sam Green and she has confirmed that some funds would be available towards the refurbishment. Councillor Hallam has approached Mr W Truslove and he had kindly agreed to undertake the building of any internal framework free of charge.
 - 5.4 **Hedge Playing Field Extension** – Councillor Hallam has obtained 75 Crataegus Monogyna (60-80 mm) to replace any dead quicks and fill in gaps on the Playing Field Hedge. He has also obtained a Liquidambar Stryaciflu tree for planting.
 - 5.5 **White House Triangle** – W S Gardens have advised that any further cutting back of the central shrubs on this triangle would be detrimental to their well-being.
 - 5.6 **Flood Risk Management Team** – Councillor Ray attended the Flood Group Networking Event on 21 November at Long Itchington and gave the Parish Council an update. Councillor Ray is to contact Rebecca Boulton of the National Flood Forum in the New Year to continue a dialogue with her regarding specific issues involving Willoughby.

- 6 **Planning applications** – none received.
- 7 7.1 **Mowing** – W S Gardens have advised the Parish Council that there will be no increase in the charges for the 2018 mowing season. On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam W S Gardens were appointed as Mowing Contractors for 2018 season.
- 7.2 **Willoughby Educational Foundation** – The Parish Council has received a most generous grant of £2,000 towards the cost of the upkeep of the Playing Field Equipment.
- 8 **Playing Field**
- 8.1.1 **Rope Climber** – Councillors are to inspect the Roper Climber to ascertain if it should be removed as Councillor Hallam has reported some degree of rot in the wooden frame.
- 8.1.2 **Pub Fence** – Chairperson to raise with the Rose Inn the poor condition of the Pub Fence adjoining the Playing Field.
- 8.2 **Highways.**
- 8.2.1 **Pot Holes Leam View** – The Chairperson has raised with the WCC Highways Department several pot holes outside Leave View which require attention.
- 8.2.2 **Cracks Brickhill Lane** – The WCC Highways Department are to be advised of the Parish Council's concern over cracks in the surface along a stretch of Brickhill Lane near to its junction with Shar Lane.
- 8.2.3 **Hedges A45** – The Highways Department are to be advised of several broken branches and trees on the right hand side of A45 having the village in the Daventry direction and just past the old Garage.
- 8.2.4 **The Planning Officer** has confirmed that a change of use is required for the change from a Garage to a Fish Selling Site on the A45 just past Main Street. They will also raise with the Highways the need to control the parking of vehicles on the site when in use.

9 **Financial**

On the proposition of Councillor Hallam the following payments were approved:

Jan Lucas – Website	£ 45.00
Rose Inn – Over 60's lunch	£744.00
Smiths Derby – Clock Repairs	£180.00
B Hallam – Purchase of Shrubs	£147.80

Date of next meeting – 9 January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Date.....