

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

Apologies: Mr M Lewis

Members of the Public Present: Mrs M Beech

Declaration of Interest – None declared

Questions from the Public – See item “Neighbourhood Plan” in Any Other Matters.

1. Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 August 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.
 - 2.1 Boundary Stones – Now completed and stones resited, however, Council believe one stone is still unaccounted for. Parish Council to continue trying to locate this stone – Grandborough Parish Council to be advised on this and completion.
 - 2.2 Gel Bags – Councillor Settle has now sourced a Supplier for Gel Bags (The Damp Shop). On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove, Councillor Settle was requested to order 25 bags and arrange distribution to households identified as in need.
 - 2.3 Playing Field Equipment – The grant of £3000 from WEF is still awaited – Parish Council agreed to hold decision on purchase over until the next meeting. Councillor Honess requested to forward two quotations to Councillor Belgrove to enable him to apply for a grant from Rugby Borough Council for this equipment.
 - 2.4 Adult Equipment – Councillor Settle had identified a number of activities which could be held in the Village Hall. On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam the Parish Council agreed to fund any activity for a period of 4 weeks as taster sessions up to a maximum of £500 for a combination of activities. Councillor Settle was asked to prepare a programme for any activities which are to be undertaken.
 - 2.5 Longdown Lane/A45 Junction
 - 2.5.1. Visibility – at present the offending hedge has been cut down to improve visibility.
 - 2.5.2. Lighting – ongoing but no definite date for installation established.
 - 2.6 Play Sessions – The programme for the Play Sessions has been completed, however, the attendance of children was down on previous years. The Village Hall had been used for one session due to the weather.
 - 2.7 Street Lighting
 - 2.7.1. BBeautiful - This Street Light is to be removed and a quotation for its removal from Western Power expected. The Light is not to be replaced as Councillors believe there is sufficient lighting in this area.
 - 2.7.2. Magdalen Road – Councillor Belgrove to check to see if the repairs to the Street Light in Magdalen Road have been carried out.

- 2.7.3. Moor Lane – Repair to Street Light opposite “Old Pastures” complete.
- 2.8 Playing Field Signs – Signs now in place. Thanks to Councillor Hallam.
- 2.9 Goal Nets – On the proposition of Councillor Settle seconded by Councillor Honess the Chairperson agreed to purchase a new set of Goal Nets for the Playing Field posts.
- 2.10. Minutes – A decision as to if the Parish Council should adopt a different form of reporting the Minutes of the meetings was held over until the next Parish Council Meeting.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

R21/0544 – 50 Main Street – First floor side extension, installation of external render/timber cladding and front entrance canopy. Planning permission has been granted.

4. CORRESPONDENCE. – to be circulated.

5. 5.1 Village Pond – The establishing if the Willow trees at the pond need pollarding is outstanding.

5.2 PLAYING FIELD

5.2.1. Lease Agreement – The Village Hall Committee have requested if a contract has been made to enable the purchase of the additional land from the Parish Council for the Car Park. Parish Council agreed that as yet only a verbal agreement of a Lease of 100 years at a cost of £1 per year has been agreed. The Parish Council agreed that formal and legal lease should be made via Solicitors, but would expect the Village Hall Committee to pick up the Parish Council’s legal costs. Clerk asked to write to the Village Hall Committee and request confirmation of the Village Hall Committee covering the legal costs and would then appoint a Solicitor to conduct this Lease agreement.

5.2.2. Playground Inspection – expected in September to cover equipment etc. Councillor Belgrove was asked if he could attend the WALC Playground Inspection Training Session on 8 October.

5.3. Highways

5.3.1. Brickhill Lane – The Localities Officer is to be contacted regarding the overhanging tree branches along this lane up to the A45.

5.3.2. Footpaths – The Rights of Way Team of WCC are to be contacted regarding outstanding issues of accessing and using a number of Public Footpaths brought to their attention this year.

5.3.5. Brooks Close Hedge – The Localities Officer is to be asked to confirm the status of the adopted highway in Brooks Close and who is responsible for the maintenance of the verges.

5.4. Neighbourhood Watch - ongoing

6. FINANCIAL

The following payment was approved:

N Dilks

£1760.00

7. ANY OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Neighbourhood Plan – Mrs Beech brought to the attention of the Parish

Council the need to revisit the Neighbourhood Plan and establish if it still holds good or if any amendments needed to be made and agreed. Mrs Beech kindly agreed to look into this and report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting – 12 October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Clerk Chairperson.....

Date