

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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

Members of the Public Present: County Councillor G D Collett (part meeting)
Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton(part meeting) PCSO K Winfield (part meeting)

1 **Apologies** None received

2 **Declaration of interest** Councillor M Thomas declared an interest during the discussion on Affordable housing

3 **Public Questions** None

4 **Minutes** Minutes of 13th May 2008 approved as a true record on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by councillor T Thomas and signed by the chairperson.

5 **Police Report** PCSO Winfield said there were no reportable incidents in the Willoughby area but promised to chase P Hancox regarding contact to the council on Neighbourhood Watch(Agenda 9.15) and also pass on suitable wording (for the Main Street Car Park Notice Board provided by the Parish Council)to the appropriate Police department for comment. PCSO and colleague left the meeting. (Agenda 9.10)

6 **County Councillor G D Collett & Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton** advised the meeting on the following issues;

6.1 Dunchurch Divisional Panel meeting to be held at Leamington Hastings on September 10th at 7.30pm

6.2 (Agenda 9.2) The consultation period for the introduction of yellow lines in Lower Street and Main Street was expected to be underway by the end of July with a formal presentation to the Area Committee Meeting on 25th September for approval.Councillor M Thomas to raise with G Palmer again the movement of the 30mph signs further out of the village in Moor Lane and Lower Street (as already discussed with him) for approval at the Area Committee Meeting.

6.3 (Agenda 9.8)G D Collett advised the meeting that yellow lines were also under investigation at Daventry Road Dunchurch and this was to be raised with Dunchurch Parish Council and local Residents prior to a presentation at the Area Committee Meeting

6.4 Parish Council are to request Weight restriction limits through the village (except for access),Clerk was advised to contact Mr G Fitton at Shire Hall.

County Councillor G D Collett left the meeting

6.5 (Agenda 9.5) R Hazelton advised the meeting of the findings of the report from IDEA (working on behalf of the Government)as to the walk around Willoughby on 21.2.08. He apologised for the delay in feeding back to the council but both himself and

the council had been omitted from the original circulation.

The report highlighted the failure of local farmers to clean out their ditches and drew attention to the parking problems in Willoughby village such as to prevent the local buses coming through.

Councillor M Thomas stated that this report had failed to address all the issues raised by the parish Council last February and with in mind R Hazelton promised to follow up the other issues, Councillor M Thomas to forward a copy of the February list to R Hazelton

6.6 The parish Council were made aware of youth problems in Grandborough and R Hazelton advised Willoughby residents to be vigilant

6.7 R Hazelton asked as to why Willoughby Parish Council did not attend the joint meetings between the Borough Council and Parish Councils and would they be willing to attend in future . Clerk advised that Willoughby councillors had stopped attending several years back due to the unacceptable conduct and treatment by the chairman for which they received an apology from Rugby Borough Councils Chief Executive

6.8 (Agenda 9.7) R Hazelton reported that he had requested the Environmental Officer of Rugby Borough Council to do a feasibility study on making the A45 footpath into a cycle path. this was expected (if agreed) to be at least 5 years away

6.9 R Hazelton agreed to follow up with the Highways Department the replacement of the damaged sign in Main Street ,the removal of foilage around the Longdowne Lane sign at Gateway Farm and the safety of the loose poles at the culvert on Main Street and Lower Street junction

6.10 R Hazelton raised the removal of the Sawbridge Kiosk with the Parish Council
Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting

7 Planning

7.1(Agenda 9.11)Councillor M Thomas reported that planning permission had been granted for an agricultural barn at Pear Tree farm and had been advised by the Planning Department that no consultation with the Parish council was required for this type of development .

Councillor M Thomas to contact the Planning Department and to enquire why then was it necessary for the mobile caravan on the Braunston side of the A45 disused bridge

7.2 Councillor M Thomas has requested a meeting with the Planning Department on site at the Village Hall to discuss the possible siting of a car Park (Agenda 9.10)

7.3 Tree Preservation Order 321 Parish Council have been advised that a tree preservation Order has been placed on two walnut trees at the Rose Inn

7.4 Parish Council are to check to see if Tree Preservation TR4 275 at 2 White Barn Close has been complied with in regard to replanting

8 Correspondence Dealt with under other headings

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9.1 Bridge Sides A45 (retaining walls) Councillor M Thomas to contact Highways Department for follow up on making good the deterioration to the retaining walls.

9.2 (Agenda 9.3) Clerk to follow up with Mr R Edgar as to best solution to deepening ditch as requested

9.3 (Agenda 9.4) A grant for the refurbishment of the Playing Field equipment has been applied for from the Rugby Borough Councils Capital Fund. As yet no progress with Cemex as to any possible grant from them for this project has been achieved

9.4 (Agenda 9.6) Caravan Magdalen Road has been moved back slightly off the pavement .decided to leave off agenda

9.5 (Agenda 9.9) Parish Council advised that only two sites are under consideration for Affordable Housing in the village one adjacent to the pond and one at the rear of Vale House. Clerk asked to advise the Warwickshire Rural Housing Association that the Parish Council would not support any development of any kind at the rear of Vale House

9.6 (Agenda 9.12) Agreement has been reached with the Willoughby Society and The Thursday Club to share the cost of a monthly newsletter and the setting up of a Willoughby Web Site .first publication is expected to be in September. On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by councillor A Belgrove agreed to share one third of cost ,and make an application to The Willoughby Charity for a grant towards the cost of a suitable printer. Once set up other organisations within the village will be welcome to add articles regarding to their own events.

Grateful thanks is recorded to Mr R Jackson for his work to date on this project and for the forthcoming setting up of the Website

9.7 (Agenda 9.13) Meeting agreed to the purchase of 4 Dog Bins from Rugby Borough Council at a total cost of 1020 pounds Councillor M Thomas to arrange

9.8 (Agenda 9.14) The damaged Willoughby Sign in Moor Lane has now been replaced

9.9 (Agenda 9.16) A grant of 10000pounds has been granted by The Lottery fund for the Pond project.An application for 10000pounds has also been made to The Rugby Borough Council Rural Development Fund towards the Village pond project

10 Financial

10.1 On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas the Internally Audited Annual Return for presentation to the Auditors (Clement Keys) was approved and signed by the Chairperson Thanks to Mr F.L.Mitchell for undertaking the internal audit

10.2 A financial update was requested for the next meeting

10.3 On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove the following payments were approved;

Littlethorpe	Supply of Bus Shelter	4970.25
S&L Hartwell	Mowing	387.76
Willoughby Challenge	Football	80.00
E.O.N	Electricity Supply	116.03
Village Hall	Hire	20.00
S&L Hartwell	Mowing	428.89

11 Urgent Business

11.1 Grass cutting Contractor to be asked to include two areas in Magdalen Road to his schedule

- 11.2 Telephone Kiosk in Main Street Clerk to check on cleaning of kiosk
- 11.3 Litter Bin by kiosk Clerk to raise emptying of this with Environmental Health RBC
- 11.4 Village Fete - the feasibility of holding a Village Fete to be considered and Councillors were requested to ask the various village organisations as to their thoughts for feed back at the next council meeting
- 11.5 Clerk was asked to approach Mrs B Troman as to the cutting back of the tree overhanging the seat in Moor Lane
- 11.6 Consideration is to be given as to the provision of a Bus Shelter on the Barby side of the A45 opposite to the recently installed new one

12 Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Parish Clerk

Chairperson

Date