

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

Members of the Public Present: B Hall, M Malpas, M Chatterway, J Bateman, W Hewitt, P Hancox (Neighbourhood Watch)
County Councillor G D Collett, Rugby Borough
Councillor R Hazelton

1. Apologies PCSO K Whitfield

2. Declaration of Interest – Councillor T Thomas declared an interest during the discussion on Quotations for the felling of the Chestnut Tree in Main Street.

3. Public Questions

3.1 Yellow Lines – Bus Service (G Amos)

County Councillor G D Collett updated the residents of Lower Street who were present on the meeting with G Amos at which he had attended with Councillor M Thomas, RBC Councillors R Hazelton and R Tuck (WCC).

At present G Amos is costing the viability of re-routing all 22 service buses through the Village and is refusing to re-route only part of the service. However, as yet no final decision by them has been made although the feeling is that they will not comply with any re-routing request irrespective of yellow lines.

The County Council as an alternative are looking into the viability of putting out to contract the idea of “flexi buses” through the Village operated by another Company – a decision on this is expected by the end of November.

Mr Hewitt was told that if flexi buses operated or no buses at all then the yellow lines in Lower Street would not be laid down, however, a limited or full bus service by Amos would involve the introduction of yellow lines, but the reduction from double to single yellow lines on the west side of Lower Street outside “Barrowfield”. Double yellow lines would in any circumstances be laid at the junction of Lower Street/Main Street and Main Street/A45.

The Chairperson stated that at the meeting with Amos several anonymous letters had been read out to them stating that no residents of Lower Street were in favour of yellow lines, this was in fact unfactual, but the real disappointment was that the writers were not committed enough to give their names.

B Hall said that residents of Lower Street were prepared to monitor the parking in this road and if necessary put notices up requesting no parking. The local Hairdresser is to place a notice in the Salon to request sensible parking.

3.2 County Councillor G D Collett informed all present that double yellow lines would be introduced at Daventry Road Dunchurch on 14 November.

Residents of Lower Street, County Councillor G D Collett and RBC Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

4. **Minutes** – On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas, seconded by Councillor A Belgrove the minutes of the meeting on 9 September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

5. **Police Report** – No Police Report for September/October was available for the meeting.

6. **Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton** advised the meeting prior to item3 (waiting for G D Collett to arrive from another meeting) on the following:-

6.1 Replacement signs – Main Street and Longdown Lane signs were available to replace existing damaged ones but as yet this had not been undertaken. R Hazelton to chase.

6.2 The damaged poles at the junction of Lower Street/Main Road still had not been repaired or replaced – R Hazelton to chase.

6.3 RBC R Hazelton to bring to the attention of the Highways Department the debris in the brook at the junction of Lower Street and Moor Lane and request clearance.

6.4 RBC R Hazelton informed that Willoughby Parish Council will support in future the Rugby Borough Council meetings on Parish Council concerns.

7. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr P Hancox of Neighbourhood Watch addressed the meeting and outlined the workings of this organisation.

He stated that Neighbourhood Watch will not cut out crime, but will deter it, signs were required at each entrance to the Village (4 required) and if we join the scheme these would be provided free of charge.

He said that PCSO K Whitfield would hold a Public Meeting in the Village after circulating everyone. A working body of around 10 people was required to support Neighbourhood Watch and that their meetings would be held about 3-4 times per year.

Once operational CAPS crime update would be available and smart water could be supplied to residents (minimum of 20 residents required to take up option @ £15.50 each). The Willoughby Monthly Website would be an ideal vehicle for reporting and receiving information.

Chairperson M Thomas thanked Mr Hancox for his attendance and advice and it was agreed that the Chairperson liaise with Mr Jackson to discuss further actions or options.

8. **Planning** – Clerk was requested to write to RBC regarding the development at Cottage Farm as to if it required Planning permission.

Council had been advised of Planning permission for the sign at the "Rose Inn", developments at The Olde School House and Marlin (Pye Court). The Parish Council has raised no objections to these requests.

9.CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 College Road – Sycamore tree – The Parish Council had acted on behalf of a resident in College Road as to assurances regarding financial implications of damage to their drain system on their property from a Sycamore tree in College Road.

9.2 Dog Bin – Lower Street – The Parish Council have agreed to the replacement to another site of the dog litter bin at the junction of Lower Street/Main Street following a complaint from the owner of the verge on which it was originally sited.

9.3 Travel Tokens – Council discussed the proposed alternatives from RBC on the issue of Travel Tokens instead of Bus Passes and agreed to advise RBC that the Parish Council believed the present scheme should remain – a decision is expected by the end of the year.

9.4 New 3 Bin Recycling Service – Parish Council has been advised that RBC propose to hold a "drop in" event on Thursday 15 January 2009 between 5.00 pm and 7.00 pm to explain the new system.

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10.2 (Agenda 10.3) Moor Lane seat – cutting back of the tree foliage awaited.

10.3 (Agenda 10.4) Grant Applications – a magnificent grant of £20995 from the Parish Capital Spending Fund (RBC) had been awarded for the modernisation of Playground equipment.

Parish Councillors to meet on 17 November to discuss implementation of both pond and Playing Field grants.

10.4 (Agenda 10.5) Affordable Housing – no sites available in Village.

10.5 (Agenda 10.6) Village Car Park – ongoing, application to Leader Project to be made for possible grant.

10.6 (Agenda 10.8) A village fete will be held in 2009 and ideas from other organisations in the village are still welcome.

10.7 (Agenda 10.11) Chestnut Tree - three quotations received and on the proposition of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor Belgrove the quotation from D & D Tree Surgery was accepted.

11. FINANCIAL

11.1 Parish Precept – Councillors approved a precept for 2009/2010 of £11,000 on the proposition of Councillor R Heckford seconded by Councillor T Thomas

11.2 Clerks Salary – On the proposition of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor T Thomas the Clerks Salary was increased in line with National Salary award for Local Council Clerks (2.48%)

11.3 On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove the following payments were approved:

E.ON – Street Lighting repairs	116.03
Clement Keys	141.00
S Hartwell Mowing (Sept)	387.76
E.ON – Street Lighting repairs	110.05
Village Hall Hiring	24.00
WPCC – Church Illumination	150.00
E.ON – Street Lighting repair	41.71

The Clerk outlined a financial update to the meeting and detailed expected expenditure until the end of the current financial year.

12 URGENT BUSINESS

12.1 Ramblers Association – Council are to request help from Ramblers Association as to the present condition and requirements of local footpaths.

12.2.1 Hedges - On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor T Thomas agreed that Councillor Heckford arrange for the annual cut back of the hedges in Playing Field and Brooks Close.

12.2.2 Lower Street – agreed that the Parish Council should request the owner of No: 1 Whitebarn Close to cut back the hedge fronting Lower Street.

12.2.3 Shrubbery Footpath – Agreed that Councillor Heckford approach the owner of Vale House to have the hedge backing on the shrubbery footpath cut back

13. **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk **Chairperson**

Date

PARISH OF WILLOUGHBY

I hereby give notice of a Parish Council Meeting to be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13 January 2009 at 7.30 pm.



Clerk
Willoughby Parish Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Declaration of interests Personal or Prejudicial
3. Questions from the Public
4. To approve and sign minutes of meeting held on 4 November
5. Police Report
6. County Councillor G D Collett & Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton – issues arising since last meeting and update
7. Planning Applications as received
8. Correspondence as received
9. 9.1 Yellow lines/Bus Route – update
- 9.2 Moor Lane seat – update
- 9.3 Grant applications – Village Pond, Playing Field equipment and Village Leader project – update
- 9.4 Village Car Park – update
- 9.5 Village Fete – update
- 9.6 Replacement signs – Main Street & Longdown Lane
- 9.7 Grass Cutting (2009)
- 9.8 Chestnut Tree – Main Street – update
- 9.9 Neighbourhood Watch – update
- 9.10 Playing Field, Lower Street, Brooks Close Hedges - update
- 9.11 Public Footpaths – update
10. Financial Report
11. Urgent Business – any advised raised
12. Date of Next Meeting