

## **Minutes of the parish council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 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:** Rugby Borough Councillor R.Hazelton and eight Residents from Lower Street. (part meeting)

1 **Apologies** Apologies were accepted from County Councillor G.D.Collett, Parish Councillor R.Heckford and PCSO K.Whitfield.

2 **Declaration of interest:** Parish Councillor M Thomas declared an interest regarding proposed Yellow Lines in Lower street an item which had been raised with the Clerk by the Residents of Lower Street prior to the meeting and was to be discussed during Public Questions. Councillor M.Thomas was replaced as Chairperson by Councillor A.Belgrove during the item on yellow lines.( proposition of Councillor T.Thomas seconded by Councillor B.Hallam)

### **3 Public Questions**

3.1 The Residents of Lower Street raised with the Parish Council their disagreement with the proposals by Warwickshire County Council to introduce Double yellow lines down the east side of Lower Street from its junction with Main Street to a point just past the village pond and also to Double yellow lines on both sides of the road at the pinch points in Lower Street (identified by WCC as the stretches of road causing the greatest congestion )

The proposals had been forwarded to the Parish Council by WCC as the best solution to ease congestion in Lower Street and hence provide an opportunity for service buses to be routed back through the village (ceased on 27/9/04)

The Residents raised issues concerning the actual need for buses to be routed back through the village, the potential increase in traffic along Lower Street to the A45 (as this would be an easier alternative than Main Street), a potential increase in speed of traffic ( as parked cars are a calming influence).

Residents were also concerned as to deliveries to houses in Lower Street and to the parking opportunities for themselves and relatives/visitors visiting them. There was also concern as to the viability of the Hairdressers Salon if customers could not park alongside the salon. Meeting agreed that a Public Meeting should be called for on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall to enable all villagers to have an input. Councillor M.Thomas agreed to notify every villager by via a circular regarding the meeting.

Residents of Lower Street left the meeting

4 **Minutes** Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2008 approved as a true record on the proposition of Councillor B.Hallam seconded by Councillor T.Thomas

5 **Police Report** The crime figures for Dunchurch Division - July & August were read to the meeting ,Councillor T.Thomas stated that these figures did not include Commercial premises.

6 **Rugby Borough Councillor R.Hazelton** advised the meeting on the following issues;

6.1 Dunchurch Divisional Panel meeting was at Leamington Hastings the next evening and requested that Parish Councillors attend in support, the Parish Council have already written to him supporting the proposals in Daventry Road Dunchurch regarding Double yellow lines.

6.2 R.Hazelton requested that the point in the Rose Inn car park which leaks should be identified to enable remedial work to be undertaken by the current workforce on site Councillor T.Thomas agreed to identify it with them.

6.3 R.Hazelton advised that resurfacing of the Shubbery footpath alongside the Rose Inn had been included in the 5year plan for resurfacing

6.4 Council advised R.Hazelton of problems in Main Street ie; no 15(Water tap valve) no's 44 & 46 (Water entering garages from road)

6.5 R.Hazelton to follow up Grant application (agenda 9.4)for Village pond from RBC Rural Development Fund as meeting had now taken place. The meeting for the grant on Playing Field equipment has still to be held by RBC.

6.6 R.Hazelton advised that the damaged sign in Main Street had not been replaced by the Highways Department and that the sign at the junction of Longdowne Lane and the A45 was badly damaged.

Rugby Borough Councillor R.Hazelton left the meeting

7 **Planning Applications** Councillors stated that they had not been aware of approved alterations to The Olde School House ,Clerk advised that no correspondence had been received.

## 8 **Correspondence**

8.1 **Dog Bin positions** Parish Council have been requested to resite the dog bin on the corner of Main Street/Lower Street however Councillors felt that it was in its most appropriate position and no change was proposed, Clerk to advise correspondent.

8.2 **Grass Cutting** Council have been invited by RBC to take responsibility for grass cutting (additional areas) in village ,Clerk to follow up

**9.1** Bridge Sides A45- WCC have written to the land owners on both sides in regard to making good the deterioration of the retaining walls, a response is awaited.

**9.2** Moor Lane Seat (agenda 9.3)- The cutting back of the tree foliage overhanging the seat in Moor Lane has been agreed .

**9.3** Affordable Housing (agenda 9.6) -Parish Council informed that the owner of the land to the rear of Vale House has advised Warwickshire Rural Housing Association that he is not interested in making part of this site available for affordable housing this leaves the land at the side of the pond as the only present option.

**9.4** Confirmation was awaited from the Planning Dept of RBC that no planning permission was required for the provision of a car park at the rear of the Village Hall ,however the access road would need approval.

**9.5** Publication of the first Willoughby Monthly had taken place (September 2008) village organizations are requested to let Mr R Jackson aware of any items they wish to have included.

**9.6** Dog Bins - these have now been installed at locations around the village

**9.7** Neighbourhood Watch - A presentation from Mr P Hancox is expected at the next Parish Council Meeting ,Clerk to publish notice on Notice Board when confirmed

**9.8** Tree Preservation- replacement trees have been planted at the rear of the property in White Barn Close

**9.9** Telephone Kiosk cleaning- still outstanding

**9.10** Village Fete - Ideas and feedback to be requested via the Willoughby Monthly

**9.11** Bus Shelter Barby side A45 - on hold until bus route confirmed

**10 Financial Report** On the proposition of Councillor T.Thomas seconded by Councillor Hallam the following payments were approved;

M.D.Henson	Strimming of Shubery footpath	30.00
E.ON	Street Lighting Repair	110.05
S.Hartwell	Mowing (July)	387.76
S.Hartwell	Mowing (August)	387.76
1/2 yr Clerks Salary )		
1/2 yr Expenses )		
1/2 yr Use of Facilities )		
1/2 yr Typing )		998.62

The Clerk presented a financial update to the meeting and detailed expected expenditure until the end of the current financial year, all known commitments would be accommodated with a healthy working balance for 2009/2010.

11 **Urgent Business**

11.1 Horse Chestnut tree Main Street - Councillor T.Thomas reported that the middle Horse Chestnut tree (one of three) outside the telephone kiosk was dying due to Canker disease agreed that two quotations should be obtained for the felling and stump grinding of this tree.

12 **Date of next Meeting** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

**Parish Clerk**

**Chairperson**

Date

