

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2009 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, V Whitworth, B Troman, B Walton  
J Walton, W Hewitt, J Edgar, County Councillor  
G D Collet & RBC Councillor R Hazelton

1. **Apologies** PCSO K Whitfield
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Councillor B Hallam declared an interest on Quotations for the fencing around the Village Pond.
3. **Public Questions**

**3.1 Yellow Lines**

In response to a question from Mr J Walton, County Councillor G D Collett informed the meeting that Double Yellow lines would be laid down as soon as possible at the corner of Main Street/Lower Street. With regard to them being laid the whole length of Lower Street as agreed by Rugby Borough Council this depended on the re-introduction of G A Amos Service buses through the Village the viability of alternative “Flexi Buses” through the Village or the continued improvement of parking in Lower Street. The improvements are as a result of monitoring by residents and the businesses in Lower Street.

The Yellow Lines in Daventry Road Dunchurch would be completed once the development work there was finished.

- 3.2 30 mph signs – County Councillor G D Collett to raise again with the Highways Department the moving of the 30 mph sign in Lower Street to a point past the pond.
- 3.3 **Heavy Lorries** – Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton to approach Highways Department regarding the updating or refurbishment of the 7.5 Tonne Sign at the entrances to the Village. Villagers have again indicated that Heavy Lorries are using Willoughby as a short cut to the A45 and DIRFT.
- 3.4 **Speeding on A45** – County Councillor G D Collett reported that the recently introduced safety measures on the A45 had reduced the average speed by 10% (Police Survey).
- 3.5 **Longdown Lane** – both the signs at Main Street and Longdown Lane had been replaced, but the one at Longdown Lane had been damaged again. Highways Department to be informed.

County Councillor G D Collett left the meeting.

- 3.6 Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton informed the meeting that Speed Camera’s would be in action at the junction of Main Street and the A45 in the immediate future.

- 3.7 **46/48 Main Street Drains** – the problem of flooding in the garages of 46/48 Main Street was again raised with RBC R Hazelton and he said that at present a stalemate existed between the Engineers and residents, but that P Byrne the Highways Engineer was investigating.
- 3.8 **Flooding in Main Street** – Villagers stated that during the recent flooding the situation was made worse by 4x4 vehicles ploughing through the flood causing a wash which was entering homes. RBC R Hazelton said that Highways Engineers could only post Flood Notices as only the Police could close the road.

Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

- 3.9 J Edgar supported by V Whitworth raised concerns regarding the Planning Application for the erection of a Barn on land off Moor Lane (Bath Farm).

The Parish Council had formally objected to this application on the grounds that the Barn was too large and not necessary for a piece of land of only four and half acres. Objections were also raised in that this development if passed could lead to similar applications on each of the remaining small plots giving the development a “Shanty Town” appearance.

Councillor R Heckford said that permission for one would mean permission for all other plots. The meeting was informed that an Article 4 had been placed on the land such that no Containers could be put on the land, no fencing erected or any other alterations made without planning permission.

Councillor M Thomas agreed to take up with the Planning Department the access road which had been laid in the development.

Meeting agreed that Councillor Heckford should raise with the Planning Authorities the Council’s concerns regarding this development, its impact on the Village and report back at the next meeting as to any recommended Parish Council actions.

V Whitworth, J Edgar, J Walton, B Walton, B Troman, W Hewitt left the meeting.

4. **Minutes** – On the proposition of Councillor Heckford, seconded by Councillor Belgrove the minutes of the meeting on 4 November were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Police Report** – A burglary in Pye Court and a break in to a Car in College Road had taken place.
6. County Councillor G D Collett and Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton issues had taken place during item 3 Questions from the Public.
7. **Planning Applications** – see item 3.9
- 7.1 Cottage Farm – Council are to request information on the number of properties at Cottage Farm listed on the Council Tax Return. The Council have been advised that the development at Cottage Farm did not require Planning permission.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Map forwarded to Willoughby Society (Agenda 9.2)

### 9. 9.1 Moor Lane Seat – in hand

#### 9.2 **Grant Applications** (Agenda 9.3)

9.2.1. **Village Pond** – Tree Pruning by T Bright commenced today 13:01:09, wood cut down to be disposed of by Contractor (Villagers to contact them direct as to availability). On the proposal of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor T Thomas the Quotation from Kelvin Fuller was accepted. Soil to be disposed of off site and an island built in the middle of the pond. Councillor M Thomas agreed to contact O Marlow regarding access to the land on the north side of the Pond.

A quotation for fencing around the Pond has been received from B Hallam, agreed that other Contractors be contacted for alternative quotations before a final decision was made.

A meeting was arranged for Saturday 17 January at 12.00 pm by the Pond for all Councillors.

9.2.2. **Playing Field** – revised quotation received from Husson – agreed to hold until next meeting on 24:02:09. Councillor Thomas to obtain quotation for suitable bark chippings under existing swings. Councillor Hallam to obtain quotation for Shelter to replace existing one. Councillor Heckford to raise with Planning Authorities any requirements re planning permission for new Shelter.

9.2.3. **Village Leader Project** – ongoing – Clerk to chase progress.

9.3 **Village Fete (Agenda 9.4)** – Parish Council agreed to undertake the overseeing of organising the Village Fete. Clerk asked to contact the Willoughby Football Challenge so as to agree a date for the event, also to arrange a meeting in the first two weeks of February for representatives of Village organisations to meet and agree format.

Councillors Heckford and M Thomas to attend as representatives of Parish Council.

9.4 (Agenda 9.7) S Hartwell (2008 Contractor) to be contracted for 2009 – expected quotation to be as 2008 + inflation.

9.5 (Agenda 9.8) **Chestnut Tree** – felled 11:01:09 agreed payment should be made.

9.6 (Agenda 9.9) – **Neighbourhood Watch** – agreed Councillor M Thomas to place article in Willoughby Monthly.

9.7 (Agenda 9.10) **Playing Field Hedge** – cut back

## 10. FINANCIAL

On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor Heckford the following payments were approved:

S Hartwell (Mowing)

193.88

Play safety (Safety Inspection)	104.58
R Jackson (Willoughby Monthly)	44.48
S.L.C.C. (Subs)	61.00
Over 60's D E Neville	13.72
R Binder	316.37
M Thomas	125.20
	445.29
Village Hall – Over 60's	24.00
Other	8.00
E.ON (Street Lighting)	110.05
E.ON (Maintenance)	113.56
D J Dunkley (Tree felling)	

# 11. **URGENT BUSINESS**

11.1. **Playing Field Safety Inspection** – meeting agreed to remain with ROSPA for the 2009 Safety Inspection.

Councillor <sup>HOLLAM</sup> agreed to remove barbed wire from Playing Field (2008 report)

11.2 **Affordable Housing** – Warwickshire Rural Housing Association looked around the Village for alternative housing sites on 18:12:08 their report is awaited.

11.3 **Land on Braunston side of A45 past old Railway Bridge** – Parish Council are to check if planning permission is required for a second Caravan on the site and a small shed to hold a generator.

# 12. **Date of Next Meeting**

Dates for the remaining meetings in 2009 were agreed at follows:

Parish Council Meetings

24 February 2009

24 March 2009

12 May 2009

7 July 2009

8 September 2009

3 November 2009

Annual Parish Meeting

21 April 2009

All meetings at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

**Date** .....