

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm**

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

**Members of the Public Present:** None

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of 11 May 2010 approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson on the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove.
5. **Police Report** – Police have advised that PCSO 6092 J Haydon was starting work, but that a new PCSO 6250 C Wright would be covering the Leam Valley from June 2010. PCSO J Haydon to update the Parish Council with back Police Reports.

6. **County Councillor R Hazelton**

Councillor M Thomas to contact County Councillor R Hazelton on the various items raised at the last meeting – they are:

- 6.1 **Abattoir** – Still no knowledge of an appeal to the Secretary of State against the Planning refusal by Rugby Borough Council for this development.
- 6.2 **Fire Service** – Decision still awaited from the Chief Fire Officer as to any decisions made following the consultation period.
- 6.3 **Brooks Close/Lower Street** – Examination of the drain from the pond under Lower Street
- 6.4 **Woolscott Lane/Moor Lane** – Follow up as to any actions proposed by the Highways Department on these Lanes. Councillors had been advised of markings on Woolscott Lane in the Grandborough Parish which indicated work to be carried out.
- 6.5 **Storage Container- Moor Lane** – Update on the removal of the Storage Container on this site.
- 6.6 **Inappropriate Planning** – The Parish Council have been advised as to Emergency numbers to ring should any site be taken over by “Gypsy’s and ‘Travellers’”.
- 6.7 **Longdown Lane/A45 Junction** – Response awaited from the Highways

Department as to the improvement to visibility or markings at this junction.

7. **Planning Applications**

7.1 **Stable – Lower Street** – Council have been advised that no Planning application was required for the Stable in the field adjacent to the pond in Lower Street.

7.2 **37 Main Street** – The Council are to follow up with the Planning Authorities as to if Planning permission is required for a Fabricated building at the rear of this property.

7.3 **3 White Barn Close** – Planning permission has been granted for the erection of a rear Conservatory at this address.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **Community Orchard** – The Parish Council had received an offer to provide land for a Community Orchard – this was rejected.

9. 9.1 **Village Pond** – On the proposition of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor Hallam it was agreed that £1000 could be spent in providing alterations to the pond outlet. Councillor T Thomas to contact Mr M Board and discuss suitable alterations. Parish Council are to provide warning signs for “Deep Water” and “No Swimming” at the site together with a suitable litter bin.

9.2 **Playing Field** – The bark had now been laid under the swings thanks to Councillors Heckford and T Thomas. Two suitable litter bins to be purchased for the Playing Field.

Agreed to arrange a meeting with the adjacent landowner as to the purchase of additional land for the Playing Field and also to meet with Mr S Marks of Rugby Borough Council to discuss grant applications etc.

Councillor M Thomas to approach the Landlady of “The Rose Inn” regarding repairs to field entrance from the “Rose Inn”

9.3 **Affordable Housing** – ongoing nothing further to report.

9.4 **Brook**

9.4.1 – **Contamination of Brook** – Source of contamination earlier in the year still not known, confirmed, however, that it had come upstream from a point past the canal and Barby Garden Centre. Council to keep Environmental Agency advised if contamination re-occurs.

9.4.2 – **Discharge into Brook – Main Street** – Confirmed that this was storm water and as such was acceptable to Environmental Agency.

9.5 **Best Kept Village** – Willoughby has been entered in the Best Kept Village

Competition under Community Projects. Results will be known at the Award Ceremony on 22 September in Wolston Community Centre

9.6 **Quality Council** – On a majority vote of 4 to 1 the Parish Council have agreed to apply for Quality Council Status. The first step will involve the Clerk working towards “The Certificate in Local Council Administration”.

9.7 **Footbridge – Hayward’s Lodge Field** – The footbridge on the Public Footpath leading from Hayward’s Lodge to the Old Vicarage is clear, however one of the Kissing Gates has been fenced off. Councillor Heckford to contact landowner.

## 10. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove, seconded by Councillor Heckford the following payments were approved:

S Hartwell – Mowing	£387.75
T J Thomas – Aquatics & Bark	£687.25
E.ON – Maintenance	£118.38
E.ON - Electricity	£110.05
S Harwell – Mowing	£387.75

## 11. **Urgent Business**

11.1 **White Barn Close/Lower Street** – The owners of No:1 White Barn Close to be approached regarding the cutting back of the hedge in Lower Street.

11.2 **Shrubbery Footpath** – The Council are grateful to the person/persons who cut back the foliage along the Shrubbery Footpath at Lower Street end.

11.3 **Horse Chestnut Trees** – Councillor T Thomas to advise on the cutting back of the Horse Chestnuts outside the Amenity Garden in Main Street

11.4 **70 Main Street** – Council are to advise the Highways Department of the roots of the tree at this address lifting the tarmac on the pavement.

## 12. **Date of Next Meeting**

Next Parish Council Meeting will be 7 September 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

**Date** .....