

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: County Councillor R Hazelton

1. **Apologies** – Councillor R Heckford
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Councillor B Hallam declared an interest on a Bea Meadow in the Village.
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of 23 March 2010 approved as a true record on the proposition of Councillor A Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas.
5. **Police Report** – Not available for meeting – Clerk asked to contact Police as to lack of reports since September 2009.
6. **County Councillor R Hazelton**
 - 6.1 **Abattoir** – Meeting advised that whilst Planning Permission had been refused by Rugby Borough Council the applicants could still appeal (up to 6 months from refusal) to the Secretary of State against the refusal.
 - 6.2 **Fire Service** – Still awaiting a decision by Chief Fire Officer as to what will happen after consultation period claimed to be due to response from public during the consultation period.
 - 6.3 **Brooks Close/Lower Street** – Councillor Hazelton to chase Highways Engineer as to progress on examination of the drain from the pond with a camera.
 - 6.4 **Woolscott Lane/Moor lane** – Councillor Hazelton to chase Highways Engineer as to progress on any actions proposed to rectify the breaking up of this road from the Sewage Works down to the first bend towards Woolscott. He will also take up the issue of the poor state of the verge edges and road in Moor Lane particularly at points opposite “Fox Covert” and the approach to the Willoughby House entrance.
 - 6.5 **High Speed Train Proposal** – County Councillor R Hazelton advised the Parish Council to continuously monitor the proposed route of the new High Speed Train route from London to Birmingham, as the route could change at any time and the Parish Council would need to be aware if the route changed into this area.
 - 6.6 **30 mph Signs** – The proposals to extend the speed limit further out of the Village will be discussed and a decision made at the Rugby Area Committee Meeting on 15 July at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall. Willoughby Parish Council will be in attendance.
 - 6.7 **Inappropriate Planning** – Councillor Hazelton to obtain information as to what actions the Parish Council and Rugby Borough Council can take in an emergency should a site be taken over for development by “Gypsy’s” and “travellers”.

6.8 Longdown Lane/A45 Junction – The Highways Department have advised that they will not be taking any steps to improve the visibility or markings when turning into Brickfield Lane from the A45 at this junction. The Parish Council are however to contact the Highways Department with a request to improve the turning into Longdown Lane from the A45 and to the land owner to have the hedge trimmed back to improve visibility on the right and side when approaching the turning into Barby.

6.9 Siting of Storage Container – Moor Lane – County Councillor R Hazelton requested to establish if an appeal to the planning refusal for this Container and if not had any action been taken by the Enforcement Officer to have the container removed from site.

7. Planning Applications

The Council are to follow up with the Planning Authorities as to if any Planning Applications have been made for a Stable in the field adjacent to the pond in Lower Street.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Willoughby Charity – on the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove it was agreed that Councillor M Thomas should replace Mrs A M Hubbard as the Parish Council's representative on the Willoughby Charity.

9. **9.1 – Village Pond** – A working party of Councillor was arranged for 18 May at 6.30 pm. Councillor T Thomas agreed to contact Mr R Bubb of Barby in regard to his recommendations for the pond outlet.

9.2 – Playing Field – Clerk requested to follow up with the adjacent landowner as to additional land for Playing Field. Councillor T Thomas to order bark for laying under swings – delivery to be to Manor Farm.

9.3 – Village Leader Project – Council had been advised that their application for a grant towards the Village Hall Car Park did not meet the criteria for Village Leader Grants. Councillor decided against a proposal for the converting of the land behind the Village Pond into a Bea Meadow, preferring to work with the Woodland Trust on planting trees.

9.4 – Affordable Housing – ongoing nothing further to report.

9.5 – Brook – Council to follow up with the Environmental Agency as to any actions taken to identify the source of contamination in the brook. They will also be requested to investigate the discharge pipe recently installed into the brook from a property in Main Street.

9.6 – Flooding – Longdown Lane – Drains cleaned out by Highways Department but still some evidence of flooding.

9.7 – Best Kept Village – ongoing – entries to be completed by 31 May 2010.

9.8 – Quality Council – Council are to request information as to the time scale and cost of training for the Parish Clerk as the first step in a possible move towards becoming Quality Council.

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 F L Mitchell for undertaking the internal audit.

10.2 On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor Belgrove the Council Insurance with AON was accepted (cost £592.92)

10.3 On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Council Belgrove the following payments were approved:

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| S Hartwell – Mowing | £193.88 |
| E.ON – Electricity | £110.05 |
| AON – Insurance | £592.92 |
| WALC – Subscriptions | £108.00 |
| Village Hall - Hire Fees | £ 16.00 |
| S Hartwell – Mowing | £387.75 |

11. Urgent Business

Footbridge – Haywards Lodge Field – Council are to investigate the building of a gate on the Footbridge leading from Haywards Lodge to the Shrubbery Footpath.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting will be 6 July 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk Chairperson

Date