

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 February 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: County Councillor R Hazelton

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None declared.
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of 26 January 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.
6. **County Councillor R Hazelton**
 - 6.1 Advised Council that thought should be given by them in the preparation of a Village Plan and Village Design Statement. Councillor M Thomas to contact Forward Planning at Rugby Borough Council as to what is involved.
 - 6.2 Fire Service – results on consultation of Fire Service in rural areas delayed due to the number of objections.
 - 6.3 Village Bus – this is under review as only 9 people in the Dunchurch Divisional area had used the service in the last year.
 - 6.4 Advised that when applications for planning permission were received which were obviously not financially viable, then whilst these cannot be stopped, the Parish Council should continue to raise objections to these applications.
 - 6.5 Heavy Vehicles – Warwickshire County Council have advised that all heavy vehicles (using Willoughby roads) which had been reported to them by the Parish Council were found to be on delivery of loads to local farms, business etc.
 - 6.6 County Councillor R Hazelton provided the leaflet “Would your Community cope in an Emergency”. This was accepted and our Parish Emergency Plan will be compared with the leaflet.
 - 6.7 Brooks Close/Lower Street – County Councillor R Hazelton was advised that the overflow from the Village pond had been “rodded” three times since Christmas by Councillors in order to free blockages. Requested that County Councillor R Hazelton follow up with the Highways Department to have the drain pressure cleared and examined by a camera.
 - 6.8 Woolscott Lane – Parish Council informed that Grandborough Parish Council had requested County Councillor R Hazelton to leave the breaking up of the stretch of Woolscott Lane from the Sewage Works to the first bend towards Woolscott to them and the Clerk to advise Grandborough Parish Council that this stretch of road was within the Willoughby Parish and as such they would take responsibility for its repair with the Highways Department.

County Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

7. Planning Applications

- 7.1 Application for a rear Conservatory at 5A Magdalen Road had been approved – no objections have been raised by Parish Council.
- 7.2 Application for siting a Storage Container at Plot 5D land at Sawbridge Road Willoughby has been received – the Parish Council have raised objections to this application.
- 7.3 Parish Council are to look into possible covenants on the land alongside Sawbridge Road Willoughby.
- 7.4 Parish Council advised by Planning Department Enforcement Officer that no commercial activity behind the café on the A45 had been seen when visited by them. Parish Council to advise Enforcement Officer if and when any commercial activity occurs for follow up.

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Parish Council have been invited to purchase the Red Telephone Kiosk outside the Amenity Garden. This offer has been taken up and ideas are requested as to its future use once BT disconnects the phone.
- 8.2 Air Ambulance – Parish Council advised of “Run or Walk 5 Km” at Stoneleigh Park on 23:05:10 Notice to be placed on Notice Board.
- 8.3 Road Safety Packs – available from Warwickshire County Council – Road Safety Liaison Officer.

9. 9.1 Village Pond

- 9.1.1 Councillor Belgrove to liaise with Willoughby Society as to the source and supply of an educational display board outlining the type of vegetation, tree and wild life and fish (when restocked) surrounding in/on the Pond.
- 9.1.2 Councillor T Thomas to liaise with Mr W Hewitt as to the best means of securing the Pond edges by the seat where children feed the ducks.
- 9.1.3 Council to check with Insurance Company as to the requirement of a “life belt” at the Pond.
- 9.1.4 Councillor M Thomas and T Thomas to liaise with C Fuller as to suitable exit grids to prevent debris from blocking egress drain but any action to await the pressure clearing/camera investigation of the overflow pipe under the road.

9.2 Playing Field Refurbishment –

- 9.2.1 The outstanding payment of £4883.30 to Contractor remains unpaid until safety issues highlighted by the ROSPA report are resolved. Contractor has promised to rectify before end of Financial Year.
- 9.2.2 Council agreed to approach adjacent landowner to the Playing Field to see if land could be made available to extend Playing Field
- 9.3 Village Leader – a decision on the grant application now expected by 15 March 2010.

- 9.4 Affordable Housing – The Rural Community Council have advised that the owner of the site in Brooks Close has expressed an interest in selling the land at a price the Housing Association can afford. A draft layout of the proposed development is awaited.

- 9.5 Quality Council – Clerk to investigate the possibility of grants for this project.

- 9.6 30 mph Signs - ongoing – consultation period now ended – response awaited.

- 9.7 Best Kept Village Competition - ongoing
- 9.8 Dunchurch (Foundation) Infant School – Parish Council supports the proposed increase in admission numbers and the consultation paper circulated.
- 9.9 Village Spring Clean – arrangements have been made for a Village Spring Clean over the weekend 10th and 11th April. All volunteers are welcome. Councillor Belgrove to liaise with the Willoughby Society.

10. FINANCIAL

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

Husson (Part Playing Field)	£10,000
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- 10.2 On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove the Clerks Salary was increased by 1% in line with National Scales.

- 10.3 On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor Belgrove agreed that £80 be allocated to the Willoughby Six-a-Side Challenge for 2010.

11. Date of Next Meeting - Date of next Parish Council Meeting to be 23 March 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 23 March 2010 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 23 February 2010
5. Police Report
6. County Councillor R Hazelton – issues arising since last meeting and update
7. Planning Applications as received
8. Correspondence as received
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 - 9.1 Village Pond – update
 - 9.2 Playing Field - update
 - 9.3 Village Leader Project – update
 - 9.4 Affordable Housing - update
 - 9.5 Brook - update
 - 9.6 Flooding Longdown Lane - update
 - 9.7 30 mph signs - update
 - 9.8 Woolscott Lane – update
 - 9.9 Best Kept Village
 - 9.10 Quality Council
 - 9.11 Village Spring Clean
10. Financial Report
11. Urgent Business