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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 23 March 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:** Mr M Glasworthy (Stretton-on-Dunsmore Parish Council and WALC)

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Councillor R Heckford declared an interest in any pending discussions on Affordable Housing – Brooks Close.  
Councillor T Thomas declared an interest in discussions on strengthening pond edges and plant selection and obtainment.
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of 23 February 2010 approved as a true record on the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor M Thomas.
5. **Police Report** – Not available for meeting – Clerk asked to contact Police and enquire as to lack of reports lately.
6. **Mr M Glasworthy – Parish Councillors representative (WALC) on Standards Board**

Advised meeting that correspondence from Dunchurch Parish Council (R Aird) to other Parish Councils regarding Car Parking at Dunchurch had not included a Declaration of Interest in relation to Mr R Aird being a Governor of Dunchurch School.

Chairperson stated that Willoughby Parish Council had not received the correspondence relating to Car Parking in Dunchurch hence no comments have been forwarded on the proposals contained in the correspondence.

- 6.1 **Village Plan & Design Statement** – Councillor M Thomas to meet with RBC (Forward Planning) on 7 April.
- 6.2 **Fire Service** – ongoing - results on consultation still not known.
- 6.3 **Brooks Close/Lower Street** – Follow up with County Councillor R Hazelton as to any progress in having the overflow pipe from the pond examined by a Camera and pressure cleaned.
- 6.4 **Woolscott Lane** – Grandborough Parish Council have requested County Councillor R Hazelton to follow up the cracks in Woolscott Lane on behalf of both Grandborough and Willoughby Parish Councils.  
County Councillor R Hazelton also be asked to raise with the Highways Department the unacceptable state of the edges of Moor Lane particularly at the bend opposite the entrance to the Fox Covert.
7. **Planning Applications**
- 7.1 **R10/0016/DET** – Olde Farm Woolscott Lane – RBC have given approval for the discharge of conditions contained in the original Planning permission.

- 7.2 R09/0122/PLN – Abattoir – Planning permission refused on this development Parish Council had objected to the application. An appeal against Planning refusal is expected.
- 7.3 R10/0052/PLN – Siting of Storage Container Moor Lane –Planning permission refused by RBC – Parish Council had objected to the application.
- 7.4 Councillor Heckford advised the meeting of a covenant against buildings on the Top Field (Willoughby House) Moor Lane.
  
- 8. **Village Pond**
- 8.1 Councillor A Belgrove advised the meeting that the Willoughby Society had generously agreed to donate £650 towards the cost of an educational display board at the Village Pond and that Mr B ogle had kindly agreed to assist in the design of the display board.
- 8.1.2. Councillor T Thomas outlined sketches detailing proposals for strengthening the pond edges by the seat and the type of plants which would be appropriate for putting into the pond.  
On the proposition of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor Hallam, Councillor T Thomas was asked to order the materials and plants required to fulfil the proposals. A working party of Councillors was to be arranged for the planting etc at a later date.
- 8.2 **Playing Field**
- 8.2.1. Contractor had visited site to attend to safety issues highlighted by the ROSPA report. Councillors Hallam and M Thomas to inspect work carried out and if satisfactory then Clerk to pay outstanding invoice of £4883.30 before end of Financial year.
- 8.2.2. Approach to adjacent landowner for additional land on going.
  
- 8.3 **Brook Pollution** – ongoing – no further reports received from Environment Agency.
  
- 8.4 **Village Leader** – Application for grant refused, however, a new revised application to be made.
  
- 8.5 **Affordable Housing** – Draft layout for proposed site in Brooks Close received – feedback from the Rural Community Council/RBC Planning Department awaited.
  
- 8.6 **Quality Council** – See minute 6.1
- 8.7 **30 mph Signs** - 2 objections to proposals to extend speed limit signs further out of Village have been received. Chairperson to meet with objectors/WCC Highways on 1 April.
- 8.8 **Best Kept Village Competition** – ongoing
- 8.9 **Village Spring Clean** – Councillors to raise with Willoughby Society at next meeting – all volunteers welcome. Information had been put into the Willoughby Monthly.
- 8.10 **Drains on A45** – WCC Highways have added the cleaning of the drains on the A45 from Longdown Lane to the Northamptonshire Border on their schedule of work.

8. **FINANCIAL** – On the proposition of Councillor A Belgrove seconded by Councillor Heckford the following payments were approved:

E.ON Street Lighting	£ 120.14
Clerks ½ yr Salary/Expenses etc.	£1027.86
Air Ambulance Donation	£ 100.00
Village Hall Donation	£ 450.00
Willoughby Challenge	£ 80.00
Parochial Church Council (Mowing & Clock Maintenance)	£1150.00
Playing Field Hedge	£ 80.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 100.00

9. **Dates of Next Meetings**

Annual Parish Meeting to be 20 April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Next Parish Council Meeting to be 11 May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

**Date** .....