

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Rose Inn

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

Members of the Public Present: C Dowse – Warwickshire Rural Community Council

1. **Apologies** – Councillor R Heckford & County Councillor R Hazelton
2. **Declaration of Interest** – None declared.
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** – Minutes of 3 November 2009 approved as a true record on the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor A Belgrove.
5. **Police Report** – Not available for meeting.
6. **Village Agents** – C Dowse of Warwickshire Rural Community Council gave a presentation of the role of Village Agents in the community. This role has been created to offer support to people who have little access to services or feel isolated due to a range of reasons from suffering a disability to struggling financially. One aim is to find volunteers to assist older people around the house, giving advice on debt problems and provide information about groups or clubs for people to join in.

Parish Council agreed to provide contact information to Carole regarding Willoughby Village Organisations and display Posters when available.

C Dowse left the meeting.

7. **County Councillor R Hazelton** – Unfortunately County Councillor R Hazelton was unable to attend the meeting, but Councillor M Thomas agreed to follow up with him the following day issues relating to:

Proposed New Abattoir, Fire Station Closures, Heavy Goods traffic, Woolscott Lane and A45 Signs

8. **Planning Applications**
 - 8.1 Proposed development at Field to the north of A45 Willoughby – use of land for bird of prey conservation and rehabilitation centre, siting of aviaries and timber structures and erection of 4 timber buildings and associated works.
Planning permission approved – no objections had been raised by Parish Council.
 - 8.2 Application for erection of single storey front and rear extensions at The Stables Manor Farm Barns – no objections have been raised by Parish Council
 - 8.3 Application for Conservatory to the rear at 5A Magdalen Road – no objections have been raised by Parish Council.

- 8.4 Creation of a pond at Plot 8D Land at Willoughby Sawbridge Road – Planning permission approved – no objections had been raised by Parish Council.
- 8.5 Parish Council are to continue to monitor what appears to be commercial activity behind the café on the A45. The Planning Enforcement Officer to be advised.
- 8.6 Confirmed that Planning permission was granted on 17:12:04 for the erection of a triple garage at Old Pastures, Moor Lane.
- 8.7 Confirmed that Planning permission was granted on 31:07:07 for a temporary static caravan at Willoughby Fields Farm London Road. No permission granted for a permanent caravan on site.

9. Correspondence

- 9.1 Best Kept Village Competition – agreed to enter Willoughby 2010 competition.
- 9.2 Dunchurch (Foundation) Infant School – proposed increase in admission numbers – consultation paper to be circulated to Councillors for comment and feedback to School Governors.
- 9.3 Local Development Framework – submission of the Rugby Borough Core Strategy – CD to be circulated to Councillors for perusal.
- 9.4 Dunchurch Division Community Forum – Minutes of 02:12:09. Clerk to attend next meeting on 03:03:10 at Thurlaston Village Hall.

10. Village Pond

- 10.1C Fuller is to add more ballast to the Island so as to raise its height above current water level.
Councillor M Thomas and T Thomas to liase with C Fuller as to suitable exit grids to prevent debris from blocking aggress drain.
Agreed that an educational display board outlining the type of vegetation, trees, wild life, fish (when restocked) surrounding in/on the pond to be purchased.
Councillor Belgrove to liase with Willoughby Society as to source.
Councillor T Thomas to prepare a list of plants for planning around the pond.
Councillor M Thomas to approach O Marlow regarding use of land and planting of wild flowers at the rear of the pond.
The Parish Council had received a most generous donation of £1800 from the Willoughby Educational Foundation towards the improvements to the Village Pond provided that the educational Display Board mentioned earlier was erected.

10.2 Playing Field Refurbishment –

The Installation Contractor has agreed to resolve the safety issues high-lighted by the ROSPA report. On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor T Thomas the Parish Council agreed to pay the Contractor £10,000 towards the Invoice of £14,883.30 from them. The remaining £4,883.30 to be paid on satisfactory resolvment of the safety issues.

The Parish Council had received a grant of £4,842.60 from Willoughby Educational Foundation towards the refurbishment of the Playing Field Equipment. Councillor M Thomas stated that without the support of the W.E.F. projects such as the Playing Field Equipment and Village Pond could not be undertaken unless other fund raising projects were organised.

- 10.3 Village Leader – A decision on the grant application is expected in 2 – 3 months.

- 10.4 **Affordable Housing** – response from Rural Community Council still awaited.
- 10.5 **Quality Council** – Agreed to progress in 2010.
- 10.6 **Grant Application – Memorial Garden** – The application to Rugby Borough Council for a grant towards this project had been unsuccessful. Other grant avenues to be pursued.
- 10.7 **Pumping Station Gate** – Repairs had now been completed.
- 10.8 **30 mph Signs** – WCC have agreed to move the Village boundaries out at a cost of £180. Parish Council has forwarded this amount to WCC and consultation papers are on display around the Village.

11. **FINANCIAL**

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

ROSPA – Safety Inspections	£ 82.80
	£ 227.70
WCC – 30 mph Signs	£ 180.00
Calvin Fuller – Pond	£9043.05
WPCC – Church Illumination	£ 150.00
SLCC – Subs	£ 61.00
E-ON – Electricity Repair	£ 117.59
Village Hall Hire	£ 8.00
M Nicholls – Over 60's	£ 512.00
E-ON – Electricity Supply	£ 126.05
T J Thomas – White House Triangle	£ 143.75

12. **URGENT BUSINESS**

- 12.1 **Brook** – Councillor M Thomas raised the issue of froth in the Brook from a point behind the Village Hall up to the Box Bridge. Clerk asked to raise concern with Environmental Agency for comment.
- 12.2 **Flooding/Longdown Lane** – Councillor B Hallam raised the issue of flooding at the junction of Longdown Lane/A45 and under the Old Railway Bridge on A45. Clerk asked to raise concern with Highways Department.
13. **Date of Next Meeting** - Date of next Parish Council Meeting to be 23 February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk **Chairperson**

Date