

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: County Councillor R Hazelton, Mr N Gilliver (Affordable Housing), Mrs D Ogle & Mrs D MacKnight

1. Apologies – None received
2. Acceptance Forms – In the presence of the Clerk Councillors M Thomas, T Thomas, B Hallam and A Belgrove signed the "Declaration of Acceptance of Office" for Parish and Town Councillors.
3. Chairperson on the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor B Hallam, Councillor M Thomas was elected Chairperson for the coming year.
4. Declaration in Interest – None
5. Minutes on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam the minutes of the meeting on 24 March were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
6. Affordable Housing – Mr N Gilliver of Warwickshire Rural Housing Association gave an informal talk on the proposed Affordable Housing in Brooks Close. He also showed a layout of the scheme for 2 Bungalows and 1 House (all 2 Bedrooms) on the Site and requested that he could hold a Public Consultation on the scheme to enable Villagers to make comments and ask questions. The Clerk was asked to arrange suitable date with publication in the Willoughby Monthly in time for feedback at the next Council Meeting. Mr N Gilliver left the meeting.
7. Questions from the Public – none except those related to Affordable Homes addressed to Mr N Gilliver.

Mrs Ogle and Mrs MacKnight left the meeting.

8. County Councillor R Hazelton
 - 8.1 A45 – Car Wash – As yet no Planning Application has been received for this activity. County Councillor R Hazelton to check with Enforcement Officer the current situation.
 - 8.2 Sub Station A45 – The Planning Department have failed to make contact with the owner of this property in order to ascertain if they are living inside instead of the Mobile Home which is on site. County Councillor R Hazelton to take up with Enforcement Officer.
 - 8.3 Library – Dunchurch – County Councillor R Hazelton advised that the

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Library service at Dunchurch is under threat. However, Dunchurch Parish Council is considering taking over the service with voluntary workers who would be responsible to a Sub Committee of Dunchurch Parish Council.

8.4 Bus Route GA01 – The Parish Council has been advised that this service is not under threat from the cut-backs. A rural Bus Service may be maintained to assist the elderly to shop etc.

8.5 Pye Court – County Councillor R Hazelton advised of the concerns of Pye Court residents in regard to the flooding problems and the badly sited “No Through Road” sign – County Councillor R Hazelton to raise the matter with the Highways Agency.

County Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

9.1 Willoughby House – Permission granted for the provision of new field access. The Parish Council had raised no objections.

9.2 Land Adjacent to Manor Farm Works Unit – Permission granted for the erection of an agricultural workers dwelling. The Parish Council had raised objections to this development and the Council agreed to establish if an appeal could be lodged against this development.

9.3 The Parlour – Manor Farm Barns – an application has been made for replacement of outbuildings with garage extension, external alterations and provision of roof lights. The Parish Council has raised no objections to this application.

9.4 Land Adjacent – Daventry Road Woolscott – An appeal has been received against Planning refusal for the erection of a grain store. The Parish Council original objections to this development remain.

9.5 Planning Application for Crematorium & Cemetery In Moor Lane Chairperson advised the Council that the applicant had withdrawn for the present the application for a Cemetery. However, the Crematorium application remains in place. The Chairperson also updated the Council on the present position of this application.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 Village Clock – the Council has been advised that substantial repair work is required on the Village Clock (Church). It was agreed that the Chairperson contact “Smiths of Derby” to establish details of the remedial work.

10.2 Speed Aware – The Council has been advised of the measures and likely costs of the community dealing with speeding traffic. As yet the Parish Council is not to undertake any of the proposals details. The Council will however attempt to establish the cost of permanent Speed Aware signs similar to those at Barby.

10.3 Dunchurch Community Forum – This will take place in Willoughby Village Hall on 15 June at 7.00 pm. Parish Council to provide refreshments.

11. **11.1 Village Pond** – Educational sign donated by Willoughby Society still to be erected on site. The field at the rear of the pond has been cleared and seeded. The Parish Council has received a generous grant from Willoughby Educational Foundation of £625.86 covering the shortfall from Rugby Borough Council. Clerk asked to write and thank both the Willoughby

Society and Willoughby Educational Foundation for their grants.

11.2. **Playing Field** – Rugby Borough Council are now satisfied with the safety and maintenance schedule for the existing and new equipment in the Playing Field. A grant of £2805.25 has been received from the Willoughby Educational Foundation covering the shortfall in funding from Rugby Borough Council. Clerk asked to write to thank the Willoughby Educational Foundation for this grant.

Working parties for both the pond and playing field will take place prior to the next meeting.

The Clerk was asked to request from Husson ideas for replacing the existing swings in the near future.

11.3 **Scarecrow Weekend** – This had taken place on 8 May and was again a tremendous success with around 35 Scarecrows erected around the Village. Proceeds of the event had been forwarded to the Church and VACC funds.

11.4 **Willoughby Weekend** – This is now in the process of being organised by the Sub Committee.

12. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Russell Vessey – Playing Field repairs	£ 135.60
ROSPA – Playing Field Inspection	£ 243.60
R Heckford – Hedge cutting & Clearance of Field Behind Pond	£ 384.00
Willoughby Challenge (WEF Payment)	£ 80.00
E.ON Street Lighting	£ 126.32
S Hartwell – Verge Mowing	£ 198.00
Husson – Playing Field Equipment	£11564.04
S Hartwell – Verge Mowing	£ 396.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 36.00

12.2 **Insurance** – on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas the Quote of £798.78 for Insurance from A.ON was approved.

13. **URGENT BUSINESS**

Councillors are to look into the co-opting of an additional Parish Councillor prior to the 24 June in order to make up the Parish Council to 5 Councillors.

14. **Date of Next Meeting** – Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 5 July 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Date