

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 January 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: County Councillor R Hazelton

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Declaration in Interest** – Councillor T Thomas on Agenda item 9.4 – cutting back of trees.
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** of Tuesday 2 November 2010 approved as a true record on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas.
5. **Police Report** – Not received.
6. **County Councillor R Hazelton**
 - 6.1 **Crematorium & Cemetery off Moor Lane** – County Councillor R Hazelton advised the Council that neighbouring Parish Councils had sent letters of objections regarding this planning application to Rugby Borough Council.
 - 6.2 **Fields Farm A45** – County Councillor R Hazelton advised that an Enforcement Order had been placed at this address regarding the number of Lorries and trailers being stored – an appeal by the owner had however been made.
 - 6.3 **Leam Valley** – The boundaries of Leam Valley will change to possibly include Marton.
 - 6.4 **Hedges, Verges & Trees** – Warwickshire County Council are looking at local landowners to advise them when verges, hedges and trees need attention by them and that Mr P Bones had been appointed to take charge of flooding issues. Councillor R Hazelton was advised that the Parish Council had not been informed of these changes.
 - 6.5 **Daventry Road – Dunchurch** – Double yellow lines are under consideration for a length of Daventry Road (left hand side) from the existing point down past the new houses to improve traffic movement towards Daventry.
 - 6.6 **Agricultural Grain Store R10/2307** – Councillor Hazelton advised that Prior Approval for an Agricultural Grain Store had been made on land previously considered for an Abattoir at Onley Park. Council agreed that a letter be sent to the Planning Department stating that whilst this was not a planning application, but a prior approval and an objection could not be lodged against the building being constructed, the Parish Council would ask that the size of the building be questioned. Additionally, could a restriction be placed on the building to ensure that it remains as a Grain Store or similar for agricultural use and not be converted into an Abattoir.

6.7 **Main Street** – County Councillor R Hazelton agreed to follow up with Highways Department the filling of a pothole in Main Street (opposite the old Chapel) as this had already caused a broken spring on a resident's car. He also agreed to raise with them the unsatisfactory way in which the manholes had been replaced when cleaning the drains.

6.8 **A45 – Car Wash** – County Councillor R Hazelton to raise with Rugby Borough Council the mud running down the gutter on the A45 from the Car Wash location.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

7.1 **Barberry Cottage** – Planning permission had been granted for the demolition of existing Conservatory and single storey rear extension and erection of two-storey rear extension and a replacement garage and porch at Barberry Cottage Lower Street. The Parish Council had raised no objections.

7.2 **Crematorium & Cemetery off Moor Lane** – Chairperson updated the meeting on the work which had been carried out by himself and the VACC Committee. He advised the meeting that he would be meeting with the Environmental Agency in the next two weeks, feedback would be at the next Parish Council Meeting.

On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor Heckford a vote of thanks was recorded for the exceptional work which Councillor M Thomas has already undertaken on this contentious issue.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 **Willoughby Charity & Willoughby Educational Foundation**

On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor T Thomas Councillor R Heckford was confirmed as the Parish Council's representative On the Willoughby Charity and D Neville as the Parish Council's Representative on the Willoughby Educational Foundation.

8.2 **Over 60's Christmas Meal** – The Council had received kind confirmation that the Willoughby Charity had agreed a grant of up to £10 per head for this event. Councillor M Thomas stated that this would take place in the "Rose Inn" on 22 January and to date 58 villagers were likely to attend.

8.3 **D & D Tree Surgery** – A letter had been received from D & D Tree Surgery stating that they no longer wished to be considered for future work within the Village – agreed that the Clerk respond to this disappointing news.

9. 9.1 **Village Pond** – Councillors agreed to meet at the pond on 22 January at 9.30 am to discuss the following issues:

9.1.1. Instalment of the Glasdon Jubilee Litter Bin

9.1.2. Clearance and seeding of the areas at the back of the pond

9.1.3. Examine and agree replacement of the dead lilies and other plantings at the pond

9.1.4. Follow up with Willoughby Society the Educational Display Board.

On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas agreed that a sum of up to £750 could be spent on clearing and seeding the area at the rear of the pond. Councillor T Thomas to cost up seeding with wild flower mix prior to 22:01:11

9.2 Playing Field – The Council's Solicitors have been contacted by Mr & Mrs Brailsford's Solicitors and raised several questions regarding the access via the left hand side of the Village Hall. Clerk was asked to reply to these questions as agreed.

On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor B Hallam the Council agreed to repair/replace the existing "animal springers" with additions before the end of the Financial Year. Clerk asked to contact Husson and arrange visit with their representative.

9.3 (Agenda Item 9.4) Cutting back of Trees – Three quotations had been received however as stated in correspondence 8.3 D & D Tree Surgery had withdrawn their quotation.

On the proposition of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor Belgrove, Arbolution Tree Services will be asked to carry out this work at a cost of £330. In addition they will be requested to cut back by one third the Cherry Tree outside Mr Marsdens in College Road and cut back the remaining two Horse Chestnuts outside the WEF Garden in Main Street.

9.4 Playing Field Hedge & Mowing – Councillor R Heckford was asked to arrange for the cutting back of the Playing Field hedge as in previous years.

Quotations are to be requested for the mowing of the Playing Field and Village verges.

9.5 Quality Council – ongoing

9.6 Affordable Housing – Parish Council have been advised that RBC Planners and the Tree Officer are very close to finalising a layout and access for this Scheme. It is expected that a presentation will be available at the next Parish Council Meeting.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

10.1 The Clerk outlined an updated financial report on expected expenditure to the end of the Financial Year.

10.2 On the proposition of Councillor Heckford seconded by Councillor Belgrove the following payments were approved:

S Hartwell – Mowing	£193.88
Village Hall Hire	£ 16.00
Image IT – Display etc	£ 82.25
E.ON – Maintenance	£118.38
E.ON – Electricity	£110.05
Village Hall Hire	£ 24.00
Society of Local Clerks – Subs	£ 61.00

11. URGENT BUSINESS

11.1 Boundary Stone – Fox Covert – Clerk was asked to report the theft of the Boundary Stone at Fox Covert which took place sometime last year.

11.2 **Old Telephone Sub-Station A45** – Parish Council are to bring to the attention of the Enforcement Office RBC the use of this Sub-Station as a residence instead of the Mobile Home at this location.

11.3 **Salt Bins** – Parish Council are to request the refilling of the Salt Bins at the junction of Magdalen Road/Main Street.

11.4 **Mud on Lower Street outside Barn Conversion** – Councillor M Thomas to raise with the owner of Ivy Barn Farm the mud on the road and the destruction of the verge at the rear entrance to their property due to the building work.

11.5 **Village Plan** – Mr R Jackson has kindly offered to assist the Council in the preparation of the "Village Plan".

11.6 All the Parish Councillors have indicated that they are willing to stand for re-election in the forthcoming Parish Council Elections in May.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** – Next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 3 March 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This is due to the Clerk being on holiday on the scheduled date of 22:02:11

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

Date