

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 November 2011 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: Mr R Jackson, Dr J Stocker and County
Councillor R Hazelton

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Questions from the Public** – Dr Stocker enquired as to if the Old Vicarage was included in the list of properties that the Council were considering for applying Preservation listings on. He advised the Parish Council that eventual listing could lead to inappropriate alterations or changes carried out prior to any listing can be difficult to change or revert back to original status. The Chairperson advised Dr Stocker that the Old Vicarage was not under consideration by the Parish Council. Dr Stocker left the meeting.

Mr R Jackson outlined to the meeting the proposed format of “The Willoughby Society Willoughby 2012” in which the series of events to take place in June 2012 with funding from the Central Warwickshire Villages Leader Programme were detailed. The Chairperson thanked Mr Jackson for his presentation and Mr Jackson left the meeting.

3. **Declaration of Interests** – County Councillor R Hazelton declared an interest in the Leader Project prior to Mr Jackson’s presentation.
4. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas the minutes of the meeting on 6 September 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – these were covered by the Agenda.
6. **County Councillor R Hazelton – update on Issues**
 - 6.1 **A45 – Car Wash** – Planning permission had been granted for this commercial venture. County Councillor R Hazelton agreed to raise again with the Highways Department the amount of standing water under the Old Railway Bridge from what appeared to be a blocked drain.
 - 6.2. **Woolscott Lane- Hedges** – The Highways Department and the Riparian owner of the hedge are at present in dispute as to who is responsible for cutting back the hedge on the A45 side of the road on the stretch between the Pumping Station and the Grandborough Border. Councillor Hazelton agreed to follow this up.
 - 6.3 **Woolscott Lane Surface Splits** – County Councillor R Hazelton to follow up the remedial work required to repair the splits in the road along Woolscott Lane. In the opinion of the Parish Council these have become dangerous and need urgent attention.

6.4 **Moor Lane Brook**- Parish Council advised that Rugby Borough Council will be sending out a team to clear the brooks in all Villages, expected that this will include Moor Lane Willoughby.

6.5 **Sub-Station A45** – Councillor R Hazelton to follow up with the Enforcement Officer at Rugby Borough Council the occupancy of the Sub-Station.

6.6 **7.5 Tonne Restriction** – Councillor R Hazelton to follow up the continuing use of the Village as a short cut by lorries which are clearly over 7.5 Tonnes.

6.7 **Gritting Routes** – Parish Council advised that primary routes in and out of Villages will be the only ones gritted during this winter.

6.8 **Snow Wardens** – Volunteers are being sought to act as Snow Wardens (voluntary) during the winter and advice Rugby Borough Council Highways Department of difficulties.

6.9 **A426** – County Councillor R Hazelton advised that the A426 from Southam to Kites Hardwick will now be subject to a 50 mph speed limit.

6.10 **St Cross Hospital** – County Councillor R Hazelton to update the Parish Council when necessary as to any changes at St Cross Hospital and advise any action the Parish Council can undertake.

6.11 **Daventry Road Dunchurch** – Double Yellow Lines are to be extended on Daventry Road Dunchurch from Guys Common down to the dual carriageway. Additional parking spaces will be provided for residents on both sides of the road to compensate.

County Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

7.1 **Navigation Bungalow** – A Planning Application has been made for the erection of single storey side extension and demolition of existing Garage and link wall and the erection of single storey front extension to form new double garage. Clerk to circulate plans received today for Councillors comments.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk to circulate new correspondence received – no matters arising from correspondence already circulated.

9. 9.1 **Village Pond** – Thanks were recorded to Councillor T Thomas & Councillor B Hallam who had carried out remedial work at the Village Pond. The Parish Council is to investigate the possible capture and relocation of a number of Drakes from the Pond to another site. This is because of concerns as to drowning of female ducks during the mating season due to an imbalance of ducks to drakes.

9.2 **Playing Field** – The Council has received possibly its best ROSPA Safety Report for over 25 years as to the condition of the Playing Field and its equipment – this supports the excellent remedial work and new equipment during the last year.

On the proposition of Councillor R Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove the Quotation from G Rigby for repairs to the Village Seats was approved. Councillor T Thomas to liase with Mr Rigby regarding the repairs and also

clarify the extent of the damage detailed on the Quotation for the new Bus Shelter.

9.3 Affordable Housing The Parish Council has been advised that regretfully the Brooks Close Land Owner is no longer willing to sell his land to Warwickshire Rural Housing Association. This of course means that much needed affordable housing for WILLOUGHBY PEOPLE cannot now be undertaken on this site. This is a very disappointing outcome particularly at this late stage as a tremendous amount of effort was put into this project by both Warwickshire Rural Housing Association and Willoughby Parish Council trying to provide housing for villagers who may have wished to remain in the village either as a young couple or elderly villagers wishing the down-size but not loose their roots.

9.4 Over 60's Christmas Lunch – The Over 60's Christmas Lunch will take place on Saturday 3 December at the Rose Inn.

9.5 VACC Report – The Parish Council has sent a further objection letter to the Planning Department of RBC and this is among 620 letters which have been sent in total. The application is scheduled to go to Planning on 30 November but this is expected to be delayed until early in the New Year.

9.6 Walnut Trees – Rose Inn – ongoing.

9.7 Hedges – 9.7.1 Clerk was asked to write again to the owner of 70 Main Street regarding the cutting back of the hedge fronting this property.

9.8 Street Lighting – The Street Light which was knocked off the telegraph pole outside the Rose Inn by a lorry has been replaced and connection is expected shortly.

9.9 Neighbourhood Watch – A number of villagers have now come forward as being interest in running the Neighbourhood Watch organisation in the Village – they include Councillor Settle, Mrs Gasser and Mr Rigby. The Parish Council supports this initiative and would welcome any additional volunteers to approach one of the three named above.

10. **Quality Council** – The Parish Council is to circulate a Questionnaire around the Village once the final draft is approved by Councillors.

11. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Clerks ½ year Salary & Expenses	£1093.21
T J Thomas – Playground Maintenance & Materials	£281.91
E.ON Street Lighting & Maintenance	£120.90
S Hartwell – Mowing – September	£396.00
S Hartwell – Mowing – October	£198.00
ROSPA – Playground Inspection	£ 90.00
Western Power – Street Light installation	£361.20
E.ON – Street Light replacement	£534.00
Village Hall hire	£ 24.00

11.2 – On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas the Precept for 2012/2013 was set for £12,000 – no increase on this year's Precept.

12. **Urgent Business**

12.1 **Lighting Junction A45 – Longdown Lane** – The Parish Council is again to approach the Highways Department with a view to providing Street Lighting at this dangerous junction.

12.2 **Water Burst – Woolscott Lane** – The Parish Council is to bring to the attention of Severn Trent the water pipe burst in Woolscott Lane between Pye Court and the Sewage Works.

13. **Date of Next Meeting** – Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10 January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk.....



Chairperson.....



Date

10/1/12