

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11 September 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: County Councillor R Hazelton, James Plaskitt - Candidate Police Commission and Mr A Wheeler

1. **Apologies** – Councillor T Thomas
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None declared, however, as the New Register of Interests forms are changing – Clerk asked to obtain appropriate forms for the next meeting.
3. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor A Belgrove the minutes of the meeting on 24 July 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
4. **Questions from the Public**
 - 4.1 **James Plaskitt** (Candidate Police Commission)
Mr Plaskitt outlined to the Council the changes which were to take place in the near future in Warwickshire regarding future policies.
The elected Commissioner will be responsible for obtaining the best available resources leaving the Chief Constable and all the staff of Warwickshire Police to concentrate on their job of protecting our communities and dealing with criminality.
Mr Plaskitt outlined the reasons why he believed that he was the best Candidate to be made Commissioner.
 - 4.2 Mr A Wheeler raised the issue of the siting of the new Dog Bin in Woolscott Lane – Councillors agreed to resite this bin at the junction of Brickhill Lane and Shar Lane by the entrance to Baker's field.

Mr Wheeler left the meeting.
5. **County Councillor R Hazelton – update on Issues**
 - 5.1 **Verges in Moor Lane** – the digging out of the verges and firming up by the Highways Department is still awaited as yet no response can be obtained for a commitment on a date.
 - 5.2 **BT Telephone Sub Station A45** – the Highways Department has objected again to the Planning Application for a change of use from a store to a dwelling.
 - 5.3 **Navigation House** – the Advertising signs at this address have been removed from the verges and placed on the walls/gates awaiting the Planning decision.
 - 5.4 **Barn – Sawbridge Road** – A Planning application in Grandborough Parish for the conversion of a Barn (opposite Leam Farm) into a dwelling has been made. County Councillor R Hazelton has raised his own personal objections and called for the application to go before the Planning Committee.

Willoughby Parish Council is to object to this application for whilst it is not in the Parish the entrance to the proposed property will exit onto Moor Lane at a dangerous spot which is actually just inside Willoughby Parish boundary.

5.5 Rogue Trader Zone – County Councillor R Hazelton has advised the Parish Council to follow the lead of Birdingbury Parish Council in making the Parish a ‘No Trade’ caller area. Details of the scheme are to be requested from Birdingbury.

5.6 Rural Transport – the latest press release on Rural Transport is to be placed on the Parish Notice Board.

5.7 Rugby Crematorium – the Planning Application for the proposed Crematorium at Onley Lane is to be held on 26 September in the Town Hall.

County Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting at 8.23 pm

6. Planning

6.1 The Banks – Main Street – Planning permission granted for the erection of a detached Garage to the front of the house – Parish Council had raised no objections.

6.2 Filling Station – London Road – Planning permission granted for the change of use of former Petrol Station to Car Wash & Valet – Parish Council had raised no objections.

6.3 BT Repeater Station A45 – see 5.2 also Parish Council has objected to the change of use to a dwelling and erection of single storey extension the rear.

6.4 Willoughby Café – Planning permission granted for the use of part of Café to light industrial.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Police Report – The August Police Report for the Leam Valley indicated no incidents in the Willoughby Parish.

8. **8.1 Playing Field** – Councillor M Thomas to contact Warwickshire County Council Footpath Department regarding the Fir Tree in the hedge at the entrance to the Playing Field and the Ash Tree in the hedge on the opposite side of the footpath. It was also agreed for Councillor Thomas to arrange for a tree survey within the Parish for all trees and particularly in Brickhill and Moor Lanes. Liaison with local landowners would be taken to assist this survey.

Clerk was asked to chase Solicitor regarding the obtainment of land on the Dunchurch side of the Playing Field in order to provide additional playing space and enable the extension to the Village Hall Car Park.

8.2 Village Pond – The ‘No Fishing, No Swimming’ sign as required by the Insurance Company has been obtained – Clerk to erect on site.

The pollarding of the Willow Trees, which overhang the Pond to be included in the ‘tree survey’ as detailed in 8.1.

8.3 Conservation issues – nothing to add.

8.4 Highways – The sign for the Main Street Car Park stating Cars & Light Vans only has been obtained – Clerk to erect on site.

8.5 VACC Report – A new revised Planning application is expected for the

erection of a Crematorium in Moor Lane – once this has been validated by the Planning Officer all those who objected will be notified – it is essential that everyone objects to the new application when advised.

8.6 Allotments ongoing

8.7. Diamond Jubilee – Councillors agreed that once allotments are established in the Village they should be named in recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

8.8 Chestnut Trees – Councillors agreed that the two Horse Chestnut Trees kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Vessey should be planted on the verge outside the Educational Foundation Garden in Main Street to replace the diseased ones which were cut down. Councillor R Settle to contact Mr & Mrs Vessey regarding the planting.

8.9 Neighbourhood Watch – The Smart Water supply available to Villagers has been well received – a further 9 bottles are expected to be available shortly. Councillor R Settle is to look into the supply of Home Security and Safety Packs with PCSO Helena Steadman.

9. Quality Council

9.1 – The Willoughby Parish Council Household Survey 2012 results are now available and will be distributed around the Village on the weekend of 22/23 September.

9.2 Emergency Plan/Flood Plan – ongoing.

10. FINANCIAL REPORT

On the proposition of Councillor R Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove the following payments were approved:

S Hartwell – Mowing	£396.00
Willoughby PCC – Church illumination	£150.00
E.ON – Street Lighting	£131.70
S Harwell – Mowing	£396.00
Clerks ½ year Salary/Expenses and use of Facilities	£1056.28

11. Urgent Business

On the proposition of Councillor Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove any legal documents requiring signatures should be signed by the Chairperson and one other Councillor.

Date of Next Meeting – Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

Date