

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2012 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: County Councillor R Hazelton

1. **Apologies** – None received
2. **Chairperson** – on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor T Thomas, Councillor M Thomas was elected Chairperson for the coming year.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – None
4. **Questions from the Public** - None
5. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor R Settle seconded by Councillor T Thomas the minutes of the meeting on 20 May 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
6. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** – covered by the Agenda
7. **County Councillor R Hazelton – update on Issues**
 - 7.1 **Crematorium Planning Application** – The Planning application for this development would not be presented to the Planning Committee on 23 May as it had been returned to the applicant for comment and action on issues raised.
 - 7.2 **Pye Court** – County Councillor R Hazelton to follow up the issues raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in regard to flooding and drain cleaning in Pye Court.
 - 7.3 **Longdown Lane Lighting** – A price is awaited from Contractors before a final decision is made by Warwickshire County Council.
 - 7.4 **A45 Café** – The use of the area behind the Café by “Hydro Fans Direct” was now in the hands of the Enforcement Officer of Rugby Planning Department.
 - 7.5 **Community Bus** – County Councillor R Hazelton advised the Council of a new service which was available to Villagers to travel into Daventry. Details of the service will be posted on the Parish Notice Board when available.
 - 7.6 **Moor Lane** – County Councillor R Hazelton was advised of the dangerous condition of the verges along Moor Lane with instances of large and deep pot holes inside the marked white lines – he will take up with Highways Department.

County Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

8. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

8.1 **Navigation House** – Retention of Two Free Standing Non-illuminated signs – Parish Council is to object to this application on the grounds of restriction to view for traffic using Longdown Lane and the size of the signs in question and their location on the verge.

8.2 **Navigation House** Change of use of existing out-building and swimming pool for a mixed use for residential purposes and for commercial coaching of swimmers. The Parish Council will raise no objections to this proposal provided that adequate parking facilities are made available.

9. 9.1 **Glasdon** – Clerk requested to order from Glasdon a Dog Waste Bin for installation by the Cricket Club entrance and a Salt Bin to replace the damaged one at the junction of Main Street and Lower Street. This had been raised by Mr T Settle at the Annual Parish Meeting.

9.2 **Village Pond** – Clerk requested to order signs stating “No Unauthorised Fishing or Swimming”

9.3 **Allotments** – The Council continues to look for suitable land within the Village for an allotment site. Clerk to raise with the Leader Project if funds could be made available for the development of a site if and when found.

9.4 **Playing Field**

9.4.1. The Willoughby Society had provided additional information on the use of the Playing Field during the Willoughby 2012 celebrations.

9.4.2 On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle the purchase of a new gate at the entrance was approved.

9.4.3. The Barrier (recently purchased) to prevent unauthorised vehicles entering the Playing Field had been installed.

9.5 **Conservation Issues**

9.5.1. **Mud on Verge in Moor Lane** – the Parish Council is to raise with the local landowner the dumping of mud on the verges in Moor Lane.

9.5.2. **Shrubbery Footpath** – The Parish Council have raised with the Highways Department the issue of the poor condition of the footpath between Lower Street and Main Street. The problem being mud and leaves on the tarmaced surface, the need to trim the verges and a hole in the footpath itself. Feedback is awaited from the Highways Department as to when it can be fitted into their programme of work provided finances permit.

9.5.3. **Road Signs** – the Parish Council has been made aware of damage to the road and village signs around the village by pellets being fired at them Councillor Settle to raise with Police this issue through the Neighbourhood Watch.

9.6 **VACC Update** – See 7.1 above

9.7 **Scarecrow/Village Fete**

9.7.1 The Scarecrow Sunday had taken place on 22 April with funds raised distributed to the Church (£400), Cricket Club (£250) and the Village Hall (£250). A vote of thanks was recorded to all who helped the event to be a success.

9.7.2 The Willoughby Fete will take place on 23 June and plans are well in hand by the organising committee.

9.8 **Diamond Jubilee** Costs are to be obtained for a suitable established Tree and a circular bench to surround it. As yet no site has been decided.

9.9 **Neighbourhood Watch** – All Councillors are now members of the

Neighbourhood Watch and in total 14 members of the village are active with 4 of them being co-ordinators.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor R Settle for the organising of the Neighbourhood Watch in Willoughby, but problems still exist with liaison with the Rugby Area Co-ordinator.

10. **Quality Council** – The Parish Council has received back over 50% of the Parish Survey which was circulated around the Village – these will be analysed shortly.

11. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

S Hartwell – Mowing	£198.00
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Just Stoves (J R Press)	£189.60
Village Hall	£ 60.00
T J Thomas – (Playing Field Gate)	£123.69
S Hartwell – Mowing	£396.00
Zurich Insurance	£850.17

12. **Urgent Business**

On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Belgrove the following were approved as Contractors to the Council:

E.ON	Bright Bros
Stephen Hartwell	Arbolution Tree Services
Husson	
Signzone	
Western Power Distribution	
British Red Cross	
Allan Board Builder	
Glasdon	
G Rigby	
Clement Keys	
T J Thomas	
Play Safety Limited	
Smiths of Derby	
Barriers Direct	
R Vessey	
Calvin Fuller	

13. **Date of Next Meeting** – Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 12 June 2012, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

Date