

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24 July 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: None

1. **Apologies** – County Councillor R Hazelton
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Questions from the Public** - None
4. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor T Thomas seconded by Councillor A Belgrove the minutes of the meeting on 19 June 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **County Councillor R Hazelton – update on Issues**
The Chairman Councillor M Thomas updated the meeting on issues involving County Councillor Hazelton.
 - 5.1 **Moor Lane** – verges are to be dug out by the Highways Department and firmed up.
 - 5.2 **Flooding in Pye Court** – Councillor M Thomas is to meet with Mr E C Palmer, Mark Widdows (Highways Agency) to address the problems of Flooding in Pye Court.
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1 **Car Wash A45** – Planning permission granted for change of use of former Petrol Station to Car Wash & Valet.
 - 6.2 **B.T. Telephone Sub Station A45** – Application to be made for permission to change into a dwelling with extension. Plans awaited for comment.
 - 6.3 **Land at Onley Fields Prison Farm & Onley Park Entrance Road**
Construction of Marina comprising 550 non-residential berths, Marina services and amenities buildings and boat repair facility. Parish Council has commented that in order for the proposed development the residents of Onley Park will need to be in agreement, adequate alterations will need to be made to satisfy the Highways Department as to access to and exit from the development. The non-residential status of the moorings must be maintained and the development should not be extended further along the Canal towards Willoughby.
 - 6.4 **Longdown Lane Signs** – Action is still awaited from the Enforcement Officer as to the removal of Advertising Signs at Navigation House.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 7.1 **Dunchurch Division Locality Plan** – the Parish Council has completed and returned the survey on the “Locality Plan” for the Dunchurch Division.
 - 7.2 **Willoughby Weekend** – The Parish Council is to add to the Agenda for the Annual Meeting any feedback on including other events in the

“Willoughby Weekend” as mentioned in July’s edition of the Willoughby Monthly.

7.2 **Police Report** – The June Police Report for the Leam Valley indicated a theft from a motor vehicle in College Road Willoughby

8. 8.1 **Village Pond/Shrubbery Footpath** – a vote of thanks was recorded to Councillors M Thomas, T Thomas and B Hallam for the strimming back and clearing up at the Village Pond and Shrubbery Footpath.
 - 8.2. **Dog Bin – Pye Court** – a vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor Hallam for the siting of the new dog bin in Pye Court at the Cricket Club entrance.
 - 3.0 **Playing Field** – The Council believe that the fir tree in the hedge at the entrance to the Playing Field needs felling and the Ash Tree also in the hedge needs to be reduced by at least 50% with any dead branches removed. Councillor M Thomas will discuss the Ash Tree reduction with Mr M Widdows at their forthcoming meeting.
The Playing Field small entrance gate has been removed, sand-blasted and repainted.
The Parish Council’s Solicitor has taken up again the obtainment of the land on the Dunchurch side of the Playing Field in order to provide additional playing space and enable the possibility of an extension to the Village Hall Car Park.
 - 8.4 **Trees** – Councillors have agreed to meet to discuss the condition of the trees in Brickhill Lane (Dunchurch side) and the trees on the field side of Moor Lane brook.
 - 8.5 **Footpath – Magdalen Road/Main Street** – Councillor T Thomas has sprayed the edges of the footpath with weed killer – a vote of thanks was recorded for this work.
 - 8.6 **Walnut Trees – Rose Inn** – The Parish Council on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle has agreed to offer a sum of £100 towards the cutting back and pruning of the Walnut Trees at the Rose Inn. This of course will need permission from RBC for any such action.
 - 8.7 **Footpaths** – The Clerk has been asked to provide for each Councillor copies of any maps which may be in the Council’s possession regarding footpath routes in the Village. A rota is also to be set up for the walking of the footpaths and reporting back on their condition to the Parish Council.
 - 8.8 **VACC Report**- nothing to add
 - 8.9 **Allotments** - ongoing
 - 8.10 **Diamond Jubilee** – ongoing
 - 8.11 **Neighbourhood Watch** –a meeting had taken place with our Police Community Support Officer when home security was discussed and ideas shared. Smart Water has been ordered and will be handed out when available. A vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor Settle for her efforts on Neighbourhood Watch set up.
9. **Quality Council**
 - 9.1 **Village Survey** – a vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor Settle and her daughter for the organisation of and excellent report feed back to the Parish Council on the interim results. The Council is now considering the best way to present the results of the survey to the Village.

9.2 **Emergency Plan/Flood Plan** – Clerk was asked to establish what details we have available in our existing plans.

10. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Glasdon – Salt Bin/Dog Bin	£329.74
G Rigby – Playing Field Maintenance	£258.12
Village Hall – Hire	£ 51.00
S Hartwell – Mowing	£396.00
Red Cross	£216.00
Prime & Co – Legal Fees	£1200.00

11. **Urgent Business**

11.1 **Grit Bin – Lower Street** – Mr T Settle has replaced the existing broken bin with the recently purchased new grit bin.

11.2 **Marquee** – Councillor M Thomas to write to the Willoughby Educational Foundation regarding the recent purchase of the Marquee.

11.3 **Brook Vegetation** – The Council had received a request from a Villager as to the responsibility for clearing out the brook and banks alongside their property – this responsibility lies with the riparian owner and not the Parish Council.

11.4 **Dog Bin siting Pye Court** – The Council had been advised by RBC of a complaint regarding the siting of the new Dog Bin in Woolscott Lane on the verge by the Cricket Club entrance. Both RBC and Parish Council agree that the positioning is suitable and no danger to vision of approaching traffic or vehicles leaving the Cricket Club.

12 **Date of Next Meeting** – Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday
11 September 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

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

Date