

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2012 in the Village Hall at 730 pm

Members Present: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), 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. **Declaration of Interests** — None
3. **Questions front the Public** - None
4. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle the minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2012 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 **Affordable Housing**— No areas or possible sites have been identified for Affordable Housing in Willoughby, however, the Council continues to be on the lookout.
5. **County Councillor R Hazelton — update on Issues**
 - 6.1 **A426** — Improvements to this road will include road "re-modeling" and consideration of Speed Safety Cameras with additional improvements at the Broadwell crossroads by widening the "splay" at the entrance.
 - 6.2 **7.5 Tonne Restriction** — New signs have been placed at the entrances to the Village.
 - 6.3. Resurfacing of roads around Flecknoe and Sawbridge will take place during February/March with road closures and alternative routes identified.
 - 6.4 **A45 Cafe** The Enforcement Officer is looking into the use of the area behind this Café by "Hydro Fans Direct".
 - 6.5 **Longdown Lane Lighting** — County Councillor R Hazelton to contact Warwickshire County Council to establish if the refusal to provide lighting at this junction can be reversed.

County Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 - 7.1 **Navigation Bungalow** — Planning Permission granted for the erection of single story side extension and demolition of existing garage and link wall and erection of single story front extension to form double garage no objections had been made by the Parish Council
 - 7.2 **The Mangers — Manor Farm Barns** — Planning application applied for the installation of three new roof lights to the South East roof pitch— the Parish Council has raised no objections.

73 **Former Repeater Station A45** — Planning application applied for a change of use from BT repeater station to storage with associated parking—the Parish Council has objected to this application.

7.4 **Navigation House** — The Enforcement Officer is looking into a number of signs erected outside this property and the use of building with a swimming pool.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

8.1 The Willoughby Society are to be requested for more detailed information on the use of the Playing Field during the events taking place 1 June 2012 to celebrate the "Queens Diamond Jubilee".

8.2 **Willoughby Weekend** — Parish Council is to arrange a meeting in early March so as to commence the arrangements and responsibilities for this event. Clerk to organise.

8.3 **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** — The Parish Council would welcome any ideas for a "permanent feature" in the Village to commemorate this event.

9. 9.1 **Playing Field** — Nothing to add

9.2 **CONSERVATION ISSUES**

9.2.1 **Bath Farm Cottage** — The owners of Bath Farm Cottage have advised the Parish Council that they do not wish Bath Farm Cottage to be listed on a Preservation List.

9.2.2. **Imaging Your Past and Present** The Parish Council has been requested by Warwickshire County Council to identify buildings and landscapes that are currently not protected within the planning process, but that people feel are important to their communities and future generations. The Parish Council would welcome photographs of buildings and landscapes from villagers in order for this request to be met and included in the Willoughby Village Parish Plan

9.2.3. **Hedges** — The hedges at The Red House and 7 Brooks Close have been tied/cut back in response to the Parish Council's requests. The cutting back of the hedge at 70 Main Street has been passed over to Rugby Borough Council.

The Parish Council has received a Parish Hedgerow Map for Willoughby from Rugby Borough Council. It outlines the types and condition of hedges within the parish boundaries.

9.3 **Highways**

9.3.1. The Pot holes in Main Street and some sunken areas in Lower Street have been reported to the Highways Department along with some pavement repairs which have been marked, alongside the brook in Moor Lane and in Lower Street. The protruding manhole cover outside the "Old Smithy" in Main Street has been attended to by the Highways Department. The Parish Council is to request repairs to the trench in Shar Lane (between Brooks Close and Brickhill Lane) which has sunk after work by the Electricity Board last year.

9.4 **VACC Report** — May go to Planning at the next meeting on the 14th March 2012 —details will be available when the date is confirmed. Transport will be available on the day.

9.5 **Scarecrow Sunday**— The date for this event has been arranged for 22 April 2012 commencing at 1.30 pm. Details are being circulated to all villagers.

9.6 **Village Seats** — Mr Rigby has completed the repairs to the Village Seats and these will be put back into place by the end of February.

9.7 **Neighborhood Watch** — Villagers are invited to attend a meeting on re-starting the Willoughby Neighborhood Watch on Monday 27th February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Smart Water is available to all villagers whom attend. Parish Council agreed to finance the hire of the Hall for the event.

9.8 **Allotments** - ongoing

9.9 **Playing Field Extension** — ongoing

9.10 **Footpath R249 & R249A** — Warwickshire County Council has agreed to re-consider their refusal to replace the three stiles on this footpath— the Clerk has been asked to provide details of the Landowners where the stiles are sited.

9.11 **Playing Field Entrance** — On the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor T Thomas it was agreed to purchase from Barris Direct a removable Galvanised Steel Bollard at a cost of £204.02 + VAT and post and package.

9.12 **Village Plan** — Councillors M Thomas, R Settle and A Belgrove are to gather information which can be used towards a Village Design Statement with Councilor Belgrove taking photographs around the Village. This will be used in conjunction with information gained from the Parish Survey.

10. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Village Hall Hire	£ 10.00
Glasdon — Salt Bin	£169.26
Smiths of Derby — Church Clock	£710.40
EON — Light Repairs	£ 42.60

11. **Urgent Business**

11.1 **Village Pond** — The Parish Council is to re-look at the need for any warning notices and safety equipment for the Village Pond.

11.2 **Wolfhamcote Parish Council** — The Chairperson is to contact Wolfhamcote Parish Council to see what support the Willoughby Parish Council can give in fighting the stripping out of hedgerows in that Parish.

12. **Date of Next Meeting** — Next Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 20th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Clerk.....

Chairperson.....

Date.....20/3/12.