

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 May 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: Mrs R Settle

1. **Apologies:** None received
2. **Chairperson** – on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam, Councillor M Thomas was elected Chairperson for the coming year.
3. **Co-opted Member** – on the proposition of Councillor Thomas seconded by Councillor Belgrove under Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act 1985, Mrs R Settle was elected as a Parish Councillor in order to fill the outstanding vacancy left from the Parish Council Elections. Clerk to inform the Rugby Borough Council Returning Officer as required.
4. **Declaration of Acceptance of Office Forms** – Councillors Thomas, Belgrove, Hallam, Ray and Settle all signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007. Duplicates of these will be forwarded to the Rugby Borough Council Returning Officer as required.
5. **Declaration of Interests** - None
6. **Questions from the Public** - None
7. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor Settle seconded by Councillor Belgrove the minutes of the meeting on 10 March 2015 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 29 April 2015 were approved as true records and signed by the Chairperson and Clerk.
8. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 8.1 **Parish Notice Board** – Quotation still awaited from “Greenbarries” – Clerk to seek alternative quotations
 - 8.2 **WALC – Local Councils Explained Document** – Clerk to obtain.
9. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
 - 9.1 – 1 Magdalen Road (R15/0180) erection of a single storey side and rear extensions – Parish Council has raised on objections.
 - 9.2 – Sundown R15/0181 retention of a metal Storage Container – planning permission granted – the Parish Council had raised objections as to the type of storage.
 - 9.3 – Stonewell R15/0578 – erection of a Garage – planning permission granted – the Parish Council had raised no objections.
 - 9.4 – Land adjacent to 3 Tattle Bank Cottage R14/2311 – erection of 2 No. semi-detached dwellings and associated works. Planning permission

refused – the Parish Council had raised objections re access onto A45.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE**

10.1 **Laptop** – The Willoughby Charity has kindly agreed to a grant for the purchase of a Laptop (up to £400) for use by the Parish Council – Clerk to acknowledge thanks.

10.2 **Lengthman Scheme** in operation. Council received an Invoice for £1833.34 to be paid to Warwickshire County Council for this project. Willoughby Parish Council will receive a grant of £1833.34 from Rugby Borough Council to offset this payment.

10.3 **Village pond** – Tree works by Arbolution Tree Services now carried out at the Pond and Shrubbery footpath.

10.4 **Bins – Lower Street** – Clerk is to approach the resident of No: 2 White Barn Close to see if they would take in empty Wheelie Bins which were often left out in Lower Street for days after the visit of the Refuse Collecting vehicle.

10.5 **E.ON** – E.ON have advised that the Electricity price for Street Lighting will increase on 1 May from 8.2p per KWh to 12.4p per KWh a rise of 50.48%. Clerk has contacted a number of alternative suppliers without success.

10.6 **Willoughby Educational Foundation** – The Educational Foundation has made a most generous grant of £1000 towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Playing Field and its equipment. Clerk to acknowledge.

11. 11.1 **Playing Field** – Additional quotation had been received from Farm Services for the drainage of the Playing Field extension. A grant from the Rural Development Fund (RBC) had been applied for and the Chairperson to follow up a possible grant from WREN.
Owner of the Rose Inn to be approached as to the prop which is supporting the fence between the Pub and the Playing Field – Councillors feel that the prop could give rise to a tripping hazard for children using the field.

The HM Land Registry in Coventry is still to be visited re the Playing Field Deeds.

11.2 **Conservation Issues**

11.2.1. **Haywards Lodge** – Council to ascertain if Rugby Borough Council can declare Haywards Lodge a Nature Reserve.

11.2.2. **Highways** – The flooding on the A45 under the Railway Bridge has been brought again to the attention of the Highways Department of Warwickshire County Council and promises have been made to jet the drains.

11.2.3. **Footpaths** – Clerk to investigate the map reference of the footpath from the Cricket Field across Big Field onto the A45 this is so that representation can be made to the WCC regarding the reinstatement of its line which has at present been ploughed over again.

11.2.4. **Fox Covert** – Councillor Hallam reported that he had found another Boundary Stone at Fox Covert but it had been damaged.

12. **Neighbourhood Watch** – Councillor Settle reported a number of thefts in the Village and advised villagers to ensure that outbuildings and sheds were locked with valuable equipment inside.

13. **Speeding in Village**- Chairperson to raise at the Community Forum on 3 January the availability of Speeding Aware signs evident in a local Village (Dunchurch). If a speed aware campaign was to be undertaken by villagers it would require 10 volunteers to be trained in the use of speed guns.

14. 14.1 **Village Plan** – Action Plan will be complete by the end of May.
14.2 **Village Design Statement** – Councillors are aiming to complete by the end of September.
14.3 **Emergency Plan** – ongoing

15. **Financial**

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

Arbolution Tree Services	£929.00
Ben Day – Website	£350.00
W S Gardens – Mowing	£360.00
Village Hall Hire	£ 30.00
WALC Subs	£120.00
E.ON – Maintenance	£ 26.40
Maintenance	£132.02
Electricity	£131.70

15.2 **Future Spending** (Improvements around Village)

Council is to consider possible future spending and its financing of projects which would improve the Village amenities or projects.

16. **URGENT BUSINESS**

16.1 **Rails Opposite Barberry Cottage** – Council is to raise with Warwickshire County Council the possible repair of the railings opposite Barberry Cottage which front the brook.

16.2 **Verge Cutting** – Councillors raised comments from Villagers as to the length of the grass left on the verges by the new Contractor. Chairperson to raise with Contractor and request a lower cut.

17. **Date of the Next Meeting** - Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Date

