

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11 July 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

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

Members of the Public Present: Mr D Dunkley & Rugby Borough Councillor
E Crane

1. **Apologies:** County Councillor H Roberts
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None declared
3. **Questions from the Public**
 - 3.1. Mr D Dunkley asked if any progress had been made regarding the restrictions to view at Gate Farm and the Four Crosses – Councillor Thomas agreed to chase Warwickshire County Council.
 - 3.2. Rugby Borough Councillor E Crane said that it was disappointing that an amendment put forward to remove Lodge Farm from the Local Plan had been defeated and as such would be included in Rugby Borough Council's Local Plan which would now go to the Secretary of State for approval. Councillor Crane further stated that the Secretary of State could make amendments or send the Plan back to Rugby Borough Council for reconsideration. Councillor Thomas thanked Rugby Borough Councillor E Crane for her efforts in supporting Grandborough and Willoughby residents in trying to have Lodge Farm removed from the Local Plan.
4. **Minutes** – on the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle the amended minutes of 23 May were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Ray the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 June were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 5.1. **Lower Street** – The hedge fronting Lower Street from White Barn Close has been cut back, however, the Ash Tree causing problems to the telephone wires serving residents in Lower Street remains untouched.
 - 5.2. **Neighbourhood Plan** – The Questionnaire regarding the Neighbourhood Plan has been circulated and where possible completed Questionnaires collected. As yet the percentage of returns is unavailable but a request will be made in the Willoughby Monthly for any residents with an uncollected Questionnaire to contact any Councillor for collection.
The Parish Council has as yet not applied for any funding for the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan.
Councillor Settle agreed to collate the responses on the Questionnaire and e-mail them to Councillors in readiness for discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting. The Questionnaires will be retained and kept safe.
A separate meeting will be arranged by the Chairperson to be attended by Councillors Ray and Settle for anyone who has expressed an interest or

offered specialist advice to be invited.

5.3. **Playing Equipment Replacement** – Councillors agreed to replace the existing swings and safe surfacing in the near future.

The Chairperson is to narrow down the range of swings on offer from interested Suppliers and circulate to Councillors for a possible final decision on the type of swings available.

5.4. **Dog Fouling** – The introduction of spraying Dog Dirt around the Village remains outstanding.

5.5. **Footpath R244** – Warwickshire County Council has agreed to look at the change of route of this footpath and also at the access at both ends to the Footpath cutting across the field opposite the Sewage Works in Woolscott Road.

5.6. **Telephone Box** – Cost of refurbishment of the Telephone Box is outstanding.

5.7. **Village Pond** – Councillors Thomas and Belgrove to cut back the stinging nettles around the pond.

5.8. **Replacement Trees** – the replanting of replacement trees along Moor Lane to replace the two dead trees has been put back until the Autumn due to dry weather.

5.9. **White House Triangle** – attention and cutting back of the vegetation on the White House Triangle has been deferred until the Autumn. A quotation for this work to be obtained from WS Gardens.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

6.1. **R17/1084 Home Farm** – Conversion of barns to create 2 dwelling houses including the demolition of modern agricultural buildings. The Parish Council has raised no objections.

6.2. **Pig Farm Grandborough** – a letter of objection to this development to be sent to Rugby Borough Council.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

To be circulated prior to the next meeting.

8. 8.1 **Village Pond** – Councillor Hallam to investigate if the Willow trees surrounding the Pond require pollarding – report to next meeting.

8.2 **Playing Field** – The load of bark agreed to be spread under the existing swings and igloo has been purchased and spread. However, a further load of bark is required to complete the job. On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Settle agreed to purchase a further quantity of bark from Dennetts at a cost of £180. Clerk to liaise with Mr D Dunkley to spread.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr Dunkley for his help in the last spreading and collection.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor Hallam for completing the fencing around the Playing Field extension.

Council agreed to remain with ROSPA for Playground Inspections in the near future.

8.3. **Conservation Issues**

8.3.1. **Shrubbery Footpath** – Council agreed to have the verge on the Playing Field side (Shrubbery Footpath) cut back when the hedge is trimmed in the

Autumn. However, the opposite verge cutting back was the responsibility of the owner on that side, regrettably the Council was not able to offer a green bin to facility in the disposal of the vegetation.

On the proposition of Councillor Settle WS Gardens are to be asked to cut back the remainder of the footpath through to Lower Street.

8.3.2. **Footpath Church/Pye Court** – The owners of the properties at both ends of this footpath are to be requested to clear the approaches.

8.4. **Highways** – The pothole outside “The Leys” in Woolscott Road is to be raised with Warwickshire County Council.

Lorries over 7.5 tonne are still coming through the Village – residents are requested that if they know the lorries are not delivering locally to take number of vehicle or Contractor and report directly to the Police.

8.5. **Neighbourhood Watch** – No further markings on property have been carried out..

9. **FINANCIAL**

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

E.ON – Maintenance	£ 131.70
WS Gardens – Mowing	£ 480.00
E.ON – Electricity Charges	£ 257.08

10. **URGENT BUSINESS**

10.1. **Playscheme** – A Playscheme run by Rugby Playrangers has been arranged. This will be in the form of meetings on 5 separate Mondays in the Playing Field.

On the proposition of Councillor Belgrove seconded by Councillor Hallam the Council agreed to cover the cost of £275 whilst funding could be obtained.

10.2. **Playing Field Gate** – Councillor Hallam to purchase a replacement lock for the Bollard preventing vehicles entering the Playing Field unlawfully.

Date of Next Meeting – 8 August 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Date

