

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 March 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Members Present: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), B Hallam, R Settle and the Clerk

Members of the Public Present: None

1. **Apologies:** Councillors A Ray & A Belgrove
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None declared
3. **Questions from the Public** – None
4. **Minutes** on the proposition of Councillor Hallam seconded by Councillor Thomas the minutes of the meeting on 14 February 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.
5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
 - 5.1 **Village Pond** the examination of the crumbling away of the shuttering at the “allotment gate side” of the Pond is ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Playing Field**
 - 5.2.1. **Fencing** – materials purchased to fill the gaps between the new and old fencing – installation imminent
 - 5.2.2. **Hedging** - Quicks supplied by the Woodland Trust planted by Councillors Thomas, Hallam and Belgrove. Council to see what grows this season to ascertain any further hedging.
 - 5.2.3. **Equipment** – Council is to purchase some bark and put under existing Igloo (Climbing Frame). Catalogues to be obtained to replace the existing Wooden Swing/Climbing Unit with alternative safety surfaces to bark considered.
 - 5.3. **Local Council Award Scheme** - ongoing
 - 5.4. **Website** – the Willoughby Parish Documents which have been “personalised” are now on the Website. The documents are:
 - Standing Orders
 - Emergency Plan
 - Village Design Statement
 - Parish Plan
 - Flood Emergency
 - Code of Conduct
 - Complaints procedureA vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor R Settle who has painstakingly worked through these documents to bring them in line with Local Council Standards.
 - 5.5. **RBC Local Plan** – The Parish Council is still awaiting the minutes of the meeting held between the Parish Council and Rugby Borough Council regarding the above Local Plan.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - None received

7. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

7.1. **Wifi** – The Parish Council is not prepared to fund the additional cost of High Speed Broadband for the Village unless a need is established in which case the decision would be re-considered.

7.2. - **Telephone Box** – Council agreed to allow the Telephone Box to be used for the Micro Museum and second-hand book exchange centre. Clerk to contact proposers. A notice to be placed on the Notice Board requesting ideas/shelving etc to fulfil these proposals.

8. 8.1 – **Village Pond** – the grill at the triangle end has been cleared again by Councillor Thomas and the drain rodded.

8.2 - **Playing Field** – covered by 5.2.

8.3 - **Conservation Issues** – the brook culverts at the junction of Lower Street/Moor Lane have been cleared of silt. A vote of thanks to Mr Settle for his contribution.

8.4 - **Mowing** – An additional cut for the Village verges will be requested from W S Gardens, this is due to excessive growth prior to the normal cutting calendar.

8.5 **Dog Fouling** – This nuisance is still evident around the Village and the Council is to look at the idea of spraying the offending “dog dirt” with Fluorescent Spray as used by Daventry District Council.

8.6 **Highways Issues** – The Chairperson has written to the Highways Location Officer requesting that:

- the signs left in Longdown Lane and Brickhill Lane be collected as they have been on the verges for some weeks after the resurfacing
- advising him that the Contractors clearing the ditches on the A45 have left heaps of spoil on the verges which could affect any mowing in the future

8.7 **Neighbourhood Watch** – A vote of thanks was passed to Mrs L Belgrove who held the “fort” for Neighbourhood Watch during Councillor Settle’s absence.

20 – 24 Villagers attended the Support Village Scheme event which was held in the Village Hall. It was also attended by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Training is to be given to Councillor Settle to enable her to attend Village premises to mark items or valuables and hold seminars in the Village.

9. **FINANCIAL**

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

Parochial Church Council – Clock Illumination	£ 150.00
- Church Maintenance (2017)	£1500.00
CAB donation	£ 100.00
Air Ambulance donation	£ 100.00
Village Hall (Hall Maintenance)	£ 450.00
Clerks Salary & Expenses ½ year	£1045.91
Village Hall hire	£ 35.00
E.ON (Electricity)	£ 131.70
W S Gardens Mowing	£ 180.00

The Council is to raise with the Village Hall the hiring charges for the Hall to the Parish Council for meeting etc

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

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

Date