

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2014
7.30 PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM.**

Present: Cllrs Smith (Chairman), Eassom, Eldridge, Ellwood, Knott, Moore, Tunkle, D/Cllr Mrs Gallagher, the Clerk, PCSO Coleman and Ms Lisa Craine.

1. **Apologies** were accepted from C/Cllr Mrs Compton, and Cllr Coates.
2. **P.Q.T.** Two members present see item below
3. **The minutes** of the meeting held on the 9th July were approved.
a) Matters arising – Cllr Mrs Ellwood has completed her Interests form which the Clerk returned to the Monitoring Officer at WDC.

Item 8 c) on the agenda was brought forward to accommodate Ms Craine and PCSO Coleman who were present to discuss Neighbourhood Watch. Ms Craine is willing to organise a Neighbourhood Watch Group via emails, and PCSO Coleman was present to support her. Councillors agreed to support these efforts and assist in obtaining coordinators, the Clerk will also provide the list of residents already receiving the details she receives from the regular newsletters.

The Chairman then requested PCSO Coleman investigate further the matter of the heavy lorries still disregarding the recently imposed weight restrictions as vehicles delivering to the abattoir continue to pass through the village.

Ms Craine and PCSO Coleman were thanked for their input and attending.

4. **Planning** – W14/0936LB now granted.

W14/1276 - Wootton Grange Farm, Hill Wootton discussed, with no objections, however it was felt that a comment should be made to the relevant planning officer regarding the lack of notifications or notices posted in the area.

Meadow Cottage - The appeal against the serving of an enforcement notice will be heard at an informal hearing to be held on 17th September at the Town Hall, commencing at 10 am. The Chairman and D/Cllr Mrs Gallagher will attend, and possibly Cllr Eldridge.

It is anticipated that decisions regarding changes to electoral boundaries will be made shortly. The Chairman will seek clarification.

- a) The register of locally listed historic park and gardens - Wootton Court boundaries were approved at a recent WDC meeting and added to the register,

Discussion on the future of the village shop took place.

Recent heavy rain caused extensive flooding under the motorway bridge and also to the school. It is believed the problems with the school are the responsibility of Severn Trent.

The flooding under the bridge was pumped out by Highways who had to clear a substantial amount of debris from the gulleys.

Refer to item 7a) regarding flooding incidents.

5. Finance. Status report previously circulated. Balance £5418.95. Vat to be claimed.

The Annual Audit Return now approved by the auditors. The necessary notices to be posted for 14 days from 10/09 advising of the rights to inspect the accounts.

a) Payments were approved for
Fairways maintenance invoices, and bark installation £1634.40
Clerk's sundries/IT - £83.77
Grant to the RBL - £50
Fenland Leisure – new swing seat £170.40
H. Eldridge - website maintenance £250.

b) It was agreed to defer any decisions on making contributions to the PCC and Local History Group until the October meeting when there will be a clearer picture of balances once the 2nd precept payment has been received.

It was agreed that the recent publication by the History Group to commemorate WW1 was excellent, circulated to all in the Parish, and greatly appreciated. Thanks to Cllr Eldridge and his history team.

Cllr Eassom reported that the Village Hall committee wish to pay off the loan obtained from the PWLB by November – Clerk will obtain relevant figures and aim for closing this by the next due date.

6. Playground/Memorial Ground

Cllr Coates has now submitted an application for a grant from WREN, who advised that this should be an application jointly from The Parish Council and Friends of the PLAYGROUND with a proviso that the Parish Council would not reclaim any vat. This was agreed by Councillors and further paperwork will be completed and sent to WREN by the end of September.

a) Safety/Maintenance. A working party recently carried out some maintenance in the playground, a swing seat was replaced, and repairs made to a wooden step on the Fireman's Tower unit. Regular safety checks are also carried out.

b) Village maintenance – areas needing attention were discussed including part of "The Elms" bank, overgrown ivy hedges in Warwick Road opposite the village hall slope, and hedges bordering police HQ land on the tink a tank. Clerk will contact Mr Martyn Stacey at WDC for advice.

7. Highways/Transport/Speed Limits

Response discussed to the proposed WCC Traffic Regulation to changes to speed limits in Woodcote Lane which was supported. Clerk to respond.

Recent repairs to lighting near the Warwickshire roundabout by WCC need adjustment being too bright for a local resident. Clerk will action.

The Parish Council's concerns regarding how to impose the new weight restriction will be raised by Cllr Eassom at the WRW Community Forum meeting on 25th September.

a) Flooding incidents – a request from WDC Community Protection, on recording information on local flooding areas will be actioned by Cllr Tunkle who will incorporate this into our Emergency Plan document.

8. Bulletin 2014 – it was agreed to produce the 2014 edition by the end of September, to be circulated with the Link. The Chairman will oversee and liaise with the Clerk and Councillors.

a) Meetings/Dates

Warwick Area AGM meeting, 17th September 7.30 will be attended by Cllr Moore.

WRW Community Forum, 25th September, will be attended by Cllr Eassom.

WALC's AGM 4th November, 7.30 pm Shire Hall. WALC's annual report received.

There was no other correspondence.

b) County and District Councillors

In her absence C/Cllr Mrs Compton submitted this short report

Please accept my apologies as it again clashes with BHH&W PC

WCC has been quiet during August especially as Shire Hall has been rewired so has been a no go area but hopefully back to normal this week.

We have a big event with Lord Heseltine on Thursday pm entitled Warwickshire means Business to showcase the County industries.

Also there are many consultations out at the moment and I urge Cllrs to look at the Web Site.

In view of the concerns re Rotherham I have been assured the WCC has very robust policies in place for dealing with Child Abuse but we can never say it could not happen here so we ask everyone to be vigilant and report any concerns.

In view of the flooding problems we have the officer Michael Green attending the next WRW comm forum so I hope members will come along to hear his report.

If there are any queries please contact me.

D/Cllr Mrs Gallagher reported that the recent Bowls Championships held in Leamington were a tremendous success bringing income and prestige to the area, also the recent food festival was also a great success. She has been appointed Children's Champion along with Cllr Mrs Falp.

10. Any Other Business - for discussion only – Cllr Knott commented on difficulties parking when football matches are being held on the Sports Field.

11. Date of next meeting- 14th October, 2014.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed.....Date.....