

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014,  
7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE ROOM**

Present : Cllrs Smith (Chairman), Coates, Eldridge, Eassom, Knott, Moore, Tunkle, C/Cllr Mrs Compton, D/Cllr Mrs Gallagher and the Clerk.

1. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Moore.
2. No public present.

After the meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> May, Cllr Rollins informed the Clerk he wished to retire from the Parish Council and tendered his resignation. Arrangements were made by the Clerk to inform the Electoral Officer at WDC, and to advertise a casual vacancy.

3. The minutes of the Annual Parish and Annual Council meetings on the 13<sup>th</sup> May were approved and will be published on the website.

a) Matters Arising - A letter has been sent by the Clerk acknowledging Cllr Rollins's retirement and thanking him for his contribution as a Councillor.

The Chairman, Cllr Smith submitted a response regarding the Speed Limit Review (item 6, 13/5) attached, page 4.

The new memorial bench donated by the late Mrs Jackson's family is due to be installed on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. A suitable letter of thanks will be sent – action Clerk.

The website is in the process of redesign and will be ready for publication shortly.

4. PLANNING – status report previously circulated, nothing further to add.

a) Local Plan consultation – this was discussed, and it was agreed that the Chairman would submit the necessary response required by 27/06. Cllrs Smith and Coates held a meeting recently with representatives from Warwickshire Police regarding the proposed sale of Woodcote and also ownership of the woodland, and reported progress to Councillors. All the details will be discussed further when more information is available.

There will be no decision on the proposed division to the Parish Boundary until September.

b) Neighbourhood Plan - A meeting will be arranged for the Steering Group for 30<sup>th</sup> June, at 7.30 pm. Official designation will follow on from the definition of the Parish Boundary in September.

5. FINANCE - status report previously circulated.

Balance in account 1 at 1<sup>st</sup> June = £9749. Account 2 the same as previously - £1975, the payment due to the PWLB on 13<sup>TH</sup> May was made and this amount was received from the Village Hall committee.

Arrangements to be made to change bank mandate signatures removing Mr Rollins, and adding the names of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Clerk to action.

Cheques were approved for:

Clerk's sundries £25.52.

Chairman's annual allowance, £100, Training session for the Chairman £30.

Redesign and development of the website Ms Eldridge £920.

Grants to the PCC £600 and Sports Club £300.

In the light of the extra expenses incurred with the website redesign, the Chairman and Clerk will reassess the budget at a suitable date.

#### 6. PLAYGROUND.

Cllrs were disappointed to hear that the application for funding the renewal of the play equipment was unsuccessful. It was agreed to submit a similar application to WREN, which Cllr Coates will prepare, however, there will be no firm decisions until later in the year, probably November. It was agreed that some maintenance of the playground in situ was now necessary and quotations will be obtained on costs, to be discussed at the July meeting, and completed with some urgency. It was noted that this will impact on budgets.

a) Memorial ground maintenance was satisfactory.

#### 7. HIGHWAYS/TRANSPORT

It appears that the weight restrictions recently imposed are being ignored by many lorry drivers, particularly the abattoir lorries. It was agreed this was very unsatisfactory, and attempts are to be made to involve the Police expressing concerns at this breach of regulations, hoping that the offenders can be identified and fined. Action Chairman.

County Highways have repaired a number of potholes in Hill Wootton and Hill Wootton Road.

Water leak in Warwick Road needs reporting to Severn Trent.

a) General Village Maintenance – Weather conditions have caused very rapid growth, many areas being overgrown and needing attention. The tink a tank is scheduled for strimming at a cost to the PC of £75. WDC will be approached about the overgrown slope – main road - to the village hall, and residents will be requested to cut back any overhanging foliage, verges and shrubs. Details will also be included in the next Link.

#### 8. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Response to the proposals for changes to local government boundaries by 23/6 – action Chairman.

b) Meetings attended -

14/5 WALC Cllr Moore – unable to report.

15/5 WRW Forum – Cllr Eassom attended and reported that discussions took place on Health, Environment, Housing Services, Police updates, and Grants. Speedwatch equipment is now available, and new volunteers are needed. Next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> September.

20/5 WCC Flood Resilience Seminar– Cllr Tunkle reported this was poorly attended, but he was provided with an emergency box, contents of which he will add to the emergency plan. This box will be stored in the village hall cupboard for use when needed.

The Chairman will attend the WALC training session on the 28/6.

c) It was agreed to discuss contents and publication of the Annual Bulletin at the July meeting.

d) County Councillor Mrs Compton and District Councillor Mrs Gallagher gave updates on recent activities.

Freedom of the County for the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers was a splendid occasion, Fire Service propose a 24 hour strike end June.

Leamington, August, - men's bowls competition now, as well as the women's, very advantageous to area.

Liaison between all agencies now a priority

9. Casual vacancy – it is hoped to be able to co-opt a new Councillor at the July meeting.

10. Any other business – Cllr Knott – reported a recent theft from a car in the village hall car park.

11. Date of next meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014, 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW RESPONSE sent via email to WCC

The Parish Council unanimously support the intent of your proposals but we all wish that they might be taken further.

We would propose that the speed limit on Rouncil Lane between Kenilworth and the junction with Woodcote Lane be reduced to 40 mph and that Woodcote Lane is likewise restricted to 40 mph up to the point of the village gateway.

Woodcote Lane is very narrow, making it difficult for two vehicles to pass safely in places, and the stretch of Rouncil Lane between the T-junction at the top of Woodcote Lane and Kenilworth has a number of bends and hills which restrict visibility. The access to Woodcote Lodge and Little Woodcote can be dangerous but, more significantly, many pedestrians and cyclists use this as an alternative route between Leek Wootton and Kenilworth. Since there are no footpaths or dedicated cycleways, the risks presented by excessive vehicle speed are a very real concern. It is for this reason that we would propose a greater reduction in the current limits along these stretches of road.

The proposed limit of 50 mph between Woodcote Lane and Beausale is fully supported.