

WILLOUGHBY PARISH COUNCIL **ANNUAL REPORT 2010/2011**

Your Council has pleasure in presenting its report for the year 2010/2011. The Council held 8 meetings during the year and it is from the minutes of these meetings that this report has been compiled.

The Parish Council meetings were well attended by the Councillors with County Councillor R Hazelton attending 7 meetings. The Police attended one meeting in July and have not attended since – they have now confirmed that they will not attend any Parish Council meetings unless a request for attendance is made to the Chief Superintendent who will then consider attendance, additionally no Police Reports will be made available to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council also held a Public Meeting in regard to the proposed Crematorium & Cemetery off Moor Lane – this was extremely well attended by villagers.

A presentation was made to the Council by Warwickshire County Council Flood Risk Manager who outlined the ways that residents could protect their homes from flooding if living in the Flood Plain and asked for assistance in compiling an accurate Flood Plain for Willoughby rather than a computer generated one.

It was again disappointing that villagers attended only one meeting during the year – the dates of the Parish Council Meetings are well advertised on both the Parish Notice Board and in the Willoughby Monthly.

Year 2010/2011 will perhaps be best remembered by the proposal for a Crematorium & Cemetery off Moor Lane and a report to the Annual Meeting will be made by a representative of the VACC Committee.

ROADS, VERGES, FOOTPATHS & STREET LIGHTING

Verge Mowing – Again a tremendous effort by the Contractor in keeping the verges of the village mown, the cutting for 2011 will be extended to include the right-hand side of Brooks Close leading down to the Church. The Council will receive a grant of £639 towards the verge cutting from Rugby Borough Council.

Brooks Close/Lower Street – The Council has been unable to have any work carried out by Warwickshire County Council on the pipe under the road leading from the pond to outside No: 13 Brooks Close, indeed Warwickshire County Council have indicated that responsibility for maintaining this pipe lies with the Parish Council as it has now taken ownership of the pond.

Woolscott Lane – Grandborough Parish Council has added their weight to the requests to Warwickshire County Council for repairs to the cracks in Woolscott Lane from the Sewage Works down to the first bend towards Woolscott.

Moor Lane – The Council has raised with Warwickshire County Council the poor condition of the verges in Moor Lane and potholes outside New Pastures and Manor Farm Barns.

30 mph Signs – the 30 mph sign in Moor Lane has been moved further down towards Manor Farm Barns and the 30 mph sign in Shar Lane to the other side of the pond.

A45/Longdown Lane Junction – The Highways Department has advised that they will not respond to a request to improve the visibility or markings when turning into Bricklefield Lane from the A45. Warwickshire County Council have been asked to request the Land-owners to trim back the hedges to improve visibility on the right-hand side when approaching the turning into Barby

Public Footpath (Big Ground) – Replacement of the three stiles crossing Big Ground have been requested from the Warwickshire County Council.

Main Street Sign – The Highways Department were thanked for removing the damaged sign at the entrance to Main Street from the A45 – a replacement has been ordered.

Potholes – County Councillor R Hazelton on behalf of the Parish Council has brought to the attention of the Highways Department Potholes at sites in Moor Lane, Main Street and on the A45. The Highways Department have also repaired a broken kerb in Lower Street and organised the cleaning of the drains in Willoughby and on the A45.

Public Footpath – The stile in the field adjacent to Haywards Lodge has been replaced and the area cleared. The Shrubbery footpath has been fenced on the left hand side leaving Lower Street and it was cleared of overgrowing foliage earlier in the year.

The field ditch between Pye Court and Brooks Close has been cleared along its length but raised issues regarding the culverts at both ends. Rugby Borough Council is to investigate these concerns.

Longdown Lane – The drains at the junction of Longdown Lane and the A45 have been cleaned by the Highways Department, but some issues of flooding still remain.

70 Main Street – The Council has brought to the attention of Warwickshire County Council the roots of the tree at this address lifting the tarmac on the pavement.

Lower Street – The Parish Council requested the owners of Ivy Barn Farm to bring to the attention of their Contractors the mud on the road and the verge destruction due to Contractors lorries turning into Ivy Barn Farm and arrange remedial work.

Salt Bins – The Parish Council has raised with the Warwickshire County Council the need to keep the Salt Bins around the village topped up during cold weather.

