

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4 November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present: Councillors M Thomas (Chairperson), B Hallam, A Belgrove, T Thomas R Heckford and the Clerk

Members of the Public Present: B Hall, M Malpas, M Chatterway, J Bateman, W Hewitt, P Hancox (Neighbourhood Watch)
County Councillor G D Collett, Rugby Borough
Councillor R Hazelton

1. Apologies PCSO K Whitfield

2. Declaration of Interest – Councillor T Thomas declared an interest during the discussion on Quotations for the felling of the Chestnut Tree in Main Street.

3. Public Questions

3.1 Yellow Lines – Bus Service (G Amos)

County Councillor G D Collett updated the residents of Lower Street who were present on the meeting with G Amos at which he had attended with Councillor M Thomas, RBC Councillors R Hazelton and R Tuck (WCC).

At present G Amos is costing the viability of re-routing all 22 service buses through the Village and is refusing to re-route only part of the service. However, as yet no final decision by them has been made although the feeling is that they will not comply with any re-routing request irrespective of yellow lines.

The County Council as an alternative are looking into the viability of putting out to contract the idea of “flexi buses” through the Village operated by another Company – a decision on this is expected by the end of November.

Mr Hewitt was told that if flexi buses operated or no buses at all then the yellow lines in Lower Street would not be laid down, however, a limited or full bus service by Amos would involve the introduction of yellow lines, but the reduction from double to single yellow lines on the west side of Lower Street outside “Barrowfield”. Double yellow lines would in any circumstances be laid at the junction of Lower Street/Main Street and Main Street/A45.

The Chairperson stated that at the meeting with Amos several anonymous letters had been read out to them stating that no residents of Lower Street were in favour of yellow lines, this was in fact unfactual, but the real disappointment was that the writers were not committed enough to give their names.

B Hall said that residents of Lower Street were prepared to monitor the parking in this road and if necessary put notices up requesting no parking. The local Hairdresser is to place a notice in the Salon to request sensible parking.

3.2 County Councillor G D Collett informed all present that double yellow lines would be introduced at Daventry Road Dunchurch on 14 November.

Residents of Lower Street, County Councillor G D Collett and RBC Councillor R Hazelton left the meeting.

4. **Minutes** – On the proposition of Councillor T Thomas, seconded by Councillor A Belgrove the minutes of the meeting on 9 September were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairperson.

5. **Police Report** – No Police Report for September/October was available for the meeting.

6. **Rugby Borough Councillor R Hazelton** advised the meeting prior to item 3 (waiting for G D Collett to arrive from another meeting) on the following:-

6.1 Replacement signs – Main Street and Longdown Lane signs were available to replace existing damaged ones but as yet this had not been undertaken. R Hazelton to chase.

6.2 The damaged poles at the junction of Lower Street/Main Road still had not been repaired or replaced – R Hazelton to chase.

6.3 RBC R Hazelton to bring to the attention of the Highways Department the debris in the brook at the junction of Lower Street and Moor Lane and request clearance.

6.4 RBC R Hazelton informed that Willoughby Parish Council will support in future the Rugby Borough Council meetings on Parish Council concerns.

7. **Neighbourhood Watch**

Mr P Hancox of Neighbourhood Watch addressed the meeting and outlined the workings of this organisation.

He stated that Neighbourhood Watch will not cut out crime, but will deter it, signs were required at each entrance to the Village (4 required) and if we join the scheme these would be provided free of charge.

He said that PCSO K Whitfield would hold a Public Meeting in the Village after circulating everyone. A working body of around 10 people was required to support Neighbourhood Watch and that their meetings would be held about 3-4 times per year.

Once operational CAPS crime update would be available and smart water could be supplied to residents (minimum of 20 residents required to take up option @ £15.50 each). The Willoughby Monthly Website would be an ideal vehicle for reporting and receiving information.

Chairperson M Thomas thanked Mr Hancox for his attendance and advice and it was agreed that the Chairperson liaise with Mr Jackson to discuss further actions or options.

8. **Planning** – Clerk was requested to write to RBC regarding the development at Cottage Farm as to if it required Planning permission.

