

WOODHOUSE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held virtually via Zoom on **Monday 5th October 2020** at **18:45**

Present:

Mr P Searancke, Chair
Mr L Pole, Vice-Chair
Mr J Horne
Mrs R Barrington

Mr T Sault
Mr R Thomas

In attendance:
Mrs E Crowe, Clerk to the Council
Mrs E Rowley, Responsible Finance Officer
Mr G Watson, Premises Manager

20/51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr R Simpson & Mrs J Taylor due to work commitments. Mr C Bennett due to personal reasons

20/52 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & PERSONAL INTERESTS & ANY DISPENSATIONS

20/53 POLICE AND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MATTERS

The Police have issued their October report. Youths causing Anti-Social Behaviour in the park near to Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall, creating graffiti and criminal damage in the park.

20/54 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Snartt reported that the application refusal is now on the website for 11 Windmill Rise and that he has 'called in' the planning application for 1 Main Street.

Cllr Snartt also reported that Charnwood Community Action have delivered 12,000 food parcels during the pandemic; A Covid-19 test station has opened in Loughborough and the police are setting up Rural Watch Scheme for the farming community and like organisations in the area.

20/55 REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Taylor has been supporting schools who have seen some cases of Coronavirus. These are mixed cases, with both children and teachers affected. All affected schools have taken all the necessary action as per the guidance from Public Health England and the Department for Education.

Leicestershire County Council Museums and Heritage Sites are back open.

The process for applications for Secondary is now open, and parents and carers are required to apply for their preferred schools by Saturday 31st October 2020.

The Wildflower Verge Scheme will be continuing for 2021/22 and applications are now welcome.

20/56 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were asked.

20/57 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2020

The Minutes were confirmed and signed as a true record.

20/58 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RESOLVED:

[a] To note payment of the following accounts for previously approved or delegated expenditure:

DCK Accounting – Monthly payroll charge	25.87
NEST pensions – monthly	89.26
Charnwood BC – monthly public toilets council tax	54.00
CPRE - Annual subs	36.00
Bluefish – Office supplies incl. face masks, filing cabinet, files, printer cartridge, coffee	219.85
Sloane & Sons – 50% payment for 2 benches	324.17
KGV Charity – Monthly PC Office Rent	500.00
HMRC – PAYE Quarterly	2752.24
Charnwood Mayor Annual Charity Appeal Donation	100.00
Dusters Cleaners – Daily cleaning of public toilets – 1hr per day @ £16/hr = £112.00 per week	468.00

Waterplus – quarterly water supply to public toilets	157.50
St.Paul's Church – 50% repair costs for parish clock	75.00
Fiona Gregson – Agora Newsagents – daily opening of public toilets = £5.95 per week	23.80
BHIB – Annual Insurance	4396.50
Salaries	2630.47

[b] To receive Financial reports:

- The monthly bank reconciliation at 22 September
- The monthly reconciliation of accounts at 22 September

[c] To note Council income for September 2020:

£0

[d] The Finance Committee meeting on 14th September was not quorate. Those present discussed the items on the agenda and felt the budget review indicated that the items noted by the Clerk for improvements to the Council property will be affordable. Individual items will be brought to the Council as and when quotes are received.

20/59 PROPERTY RESOLVED

[a] To consider a memorial bench for Gordon Ambler MBE on Main Street, Church Hill or Maplewell Road. The Clerk to propose a few new spots for a bench and distribute photos of locations for the Councillors to consider.

[b] To approve payment to Tundra Property Development Ltd for the Parish Council office. The Council agreed to pay the invoice of £8,456.40 including VAT once the outstanding works have been completed.

[c] To consider and approve repairs to the Parish clock of 50% of the total cost of £4,500. The Council agreed to pay £2,250 for the hammer repairs and night silencing.

20/60 CORRESPONDENCE AND PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED RESOLVED

To note the correspondence received:

[a] Highways Parish & Community Fund – The Council agreed to apply for temporary 20mph speed signs to be put up along Maplewell Road and Main Street to support temporary distancing measures during these times.

[b] Charnwood Borough Council – BT Payphone on Main Street, Consultation on removal. The Councillors agreed to object to the removal of the payphone as the mobile phone signal is very poor in the village and the payphone box may be used in an emergency.

20/61 PLANNING MATTERS RESOLVED

To note responses to new applications:

P/20/1371/2 Formation of replacement vehicular and pedestrian access to surgery and extension to car park to side/rear at 37 Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RY

No objection

P/20/1522/2 Erection of a single-storey rear extension to dwelling following the demolition of an existing single-storey conservatory, and the erection of a single-storey shed outbuilding at 4 Briscoe Lane, Woodhouse, LE12 8UF

The Parish Council would like to make the following comments:

With regards to the removal of the hedgerow along the boundary of the property and Briscoe Lane. It should be retained, as otherwise there will be a net loss of biodiversity and the street scene will be adversely affected in this part of the conservation area. Hedgerows are important corridors for wildlife

	and provide feeding, roosting and nesting areas for many species.
<u>P/20/1553/2</u>	Discharge of conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 of P/20/0908/2 relating to materials, window design and construction, eaves, verges, chimney stack and rainwater goods design details and proposed boundary wall at 1 Vicary Lane, Woodhouse, Leicestershire, LE12 8UL No objection
<u>P/20/1107/2</u>	Installation of swimming pool to the rear of dwelling at 5 Lady Martin Drive, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, LE12 8WX No objection
CERDA	Revised scheme of 36 houses at Land west of Maplewell Road, Woodhouse Eaves The Clerk to reply to Cerda stating that the pre application doesn't overcome the vast majority of the issues which resulted in the original application being refused. As things stand the Parish Council strongly object.
<u>P/20/1584/2</u>	Demolish and rebuild existing chimney stack and installation of log burning stove (Listed Building consent) at 115 Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, LE12 8RY No Objection
<u>P/20/1597/2</u>	Proposed part 2-storey and part single storey extensions to side of existing dwelling including demolition of detached garage at 7 Perry Close, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, LE12 8SB No objection
<u>P/20/1543/2</u>	Demolition of the existing dwelling on-site, and the erection of a replacement dwelling at 1 Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, LE12 8RY Woodhouse Parish Council would like to object to the planning application with the following comments: The proposed plans for such a large house would create an overpowering building on such a dominant site in the centre of the village and conservation area, impacting directly on the listed Village Pump. We do not have a formal demand within the village for 6 bedroom homes and the Slate cottages will be looked down on by such a large and high building. The ground floor accommodation does not appear to be large enough to accommodate the 6 bedrooms. With the existing elevated position and ridge 9.8m above ground level, it will be towering over the adjacent alms-houses and number 3. The D&A statement is a mess, refers to the "High Street" in some places, also refers to "dwellings" plural, "plots 1 and 2", "solar panels on the south facing roof of each dwelling" not drawn, access from "Woodhouse Road". The Council would like the house to stay in keeping with the scale of adjacent properties overlooking Main street.
<u>P/20/1656/2</u>	Variation of Condition 2 (relating to the Approved Plans) of Full Planning Permission P/17/2408/2 at The Elms, 112 Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire, LE12 8RZ

**20/62 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
RESOLVED**

To receive an update, if available

Cllr Searancke informed the Councillors that the feedback comments from Charnwood Borough Council were useful and the NHP Committee have accepted their recommendations. The next step is to complete the Section 14 Regulation process.

20/63 ITEMS OF INTEREST OR FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

[a] The Clerk reminded the Councillors to complete the individual Risk Assessments for the Council's assets.

- [b] The Clerk reported that there will not be Remembrance Sunday Parade this year. Reverend Lisa is organising prayers and wreath laying at the war memorials in Old Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves. Mr Searancke and Mr Pole to lay wreaths on behalf of the Parish Council.
- [c] The Clerk has attended a Website Accessibility Course commissioned by LRALC.
- [d] Charnwood Borough Council have contracted for the Village Hall car park to be resurfaced week commencing 19th October.
- [e] The Tree and Heritage wardens to give a small presentation to the Councillors at the November meeting of what they have been and are doing on behalf of the Parish Council.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm

CHAIR