

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH JANUARY, 2014.

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Bloomfield, Stebbing, Gorzelak, Belson, Roberts, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne, PCSO Dave Faulkner and 1 member of the public.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th December, 2013 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS.

None.

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.

None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

A member of the public raised the question re Better Broadband in Walsham. He had been on the website and discovered that we could be part of the 10% not covered by this initiative and requested that the Parish Council asked for clarification.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

None.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2685/13.

Proposal: Erection of agricultural grain storage building.

Location: Brook Farm, Ixworth Road. Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2084/13.

Proposal: Replacement dwelling (following demolition of existing sub-standard dwelling). conversion of former agricultural barn and associated buildings (including demolition) to create single dwelling unit, erection of detached garaging outbuilding, extension of existing accessway and associated works.

Location: Solcotts and Solcotts Barn, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been refused by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

In her report she covered the following:-

1. Information concerning a Planning Inspectorate (PINS) Outreach event to be held on the 22nd January, 2014.
2. **PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACE APPLICATION DEADLINES**

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Parents and carers who need to be applying after the 15th January deadline will be considered on a first come first served basis. Anyone with children born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August, 2010 can apply for up to three schools either online (recommended) or using the paper application form. An application must be made, even if the child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or children's centre.

Apply online – download an application form at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions/schools or contact Suffolk County Council on 0845 6000981.

3. A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING EVENT (SALC).

To be held on 3rd February, 2014, 10.00 – 3.00 at Lavenham Village Hall.

4. INTERNSHIPS FOR SUMMER 2014 & PAID ARTS APPRENTICESHIPS AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOL LEAVERS.

Obtain information from your local Job Centre Plus Advisor or by visiting www.suffolkartlink.org.uk/ccp

5. NEW WASTE TRANSPORT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT.

Businesses across Suffolk could be faced with a fine of £300 fixed penalty up to £5,000 if they do not register as a waste carrier, broker or dealer from January, 2014. Businesses that normally transport their own waste must register as a lower-tier waste carrier to comply with recent changes to the England and Wales Waste Regulations. Registering costs nothing and lasts indefinitely. Businesses will not have to renew their registration unless their situation changes. For more information on how to register visit www.gov.uk/waste-carrier-or-broker-registration

6. FLOOD MAP UPDATE.

Updated flood information is available on:-

www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/flood/default.aspx

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Cllr. Osborne reported that he has made several attempts to gain information concerning the Community Switch Scheme from Jonathan Free at Mid Suffolk District Council but to date has not received a reply.

POLICE.

The following report was received from PCSO Faulkner.

Crime Statistic

Since your last report there have been 0 crimes reported to the police.

Upcoming events

25th January, 2014 – CAT (Catalytic Converter) Marking Event at Barley Green Garage in Stradbroke between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Is hoped to stage another event nearer to Walsham (possibly Rickinghall) in the near future.

Priority Tasking Meeting.

The Tasking Meeting was held in Mellis on 7th January, 2014. After discussing the priorities with the attendees it was decided that we would continue with the same priorities as last quarter, cycle safety and heating oil prevention.

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The Safer Neighbourhood Team will soon be approaching schools in order to arrange dates for the Bike Safety Road Show and we hope to increase awareness of cycle safety and security.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

Paul Leake has written a letter to Jessica Fleming requesting her support in obtaining a traffic assessment in the Causeway.

Cllr. Bloomfield reported that security for the variable speed indicator is being sorted.

TREE WARDEN

Not in attendance.

PLAY AREA.

Nothing to report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

Nothing to report

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st December, 2013 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

The precept request form for £18,750 was duly signed.

The Clerk reported that the mower was at Tripp Batt for its yearly service.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2013.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Work on the footpath at the Sports Club is now complete.

FOOTWAYS AT ELMSIDE.

No further progress.

PARISH WORK PARTY.

Cllr. Leake reported that the work party had met on the 11th January, 2014 and had carried out work clearing vegetation etc. from behind the Church. It is hoped to meet again sometime during March (date to be arranged).

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

Cllr. James Gorzelak reported that "Walsham-le-Willow fared much better than some parts of the country with regard to disruption caused by the recent storms.

Following the St. Jude storm roads were quickly cleared of falling trees and the coffee shop was held as an alternative venue. This showed the community spirit is alive and well in Walsham and I would like to thank you all for that.

I have not received notice of any significant issues due to flooding in the village as a result of recent heavy rains although the level of the stream rose significantly for a while. The flood meadows did their job and the continued efforts of keeping the stream clear also helped considerably, and finally, new developments in the village do not appear to have contributed significantly to either drainage requirements or surface water run-off. However, we cannot become complacent.

Regarding the roads, I am not aware of any significant flood issues in our parish. The repairs done to the Ixworth road have significantly reduced the formation of large puddles and flooding across the road. The Badwell road copes fairly well however continued flooding of the section between Badwell Ash and Hunston is of concern.

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The continued preventative maintenance of the stream is vital to the village to prevent flooding we much continue to be vigilant. In addition, a regular Autumn inspection of the condition of trees close to the main routes in and out of the village. It should be noted that responsibility for both these areas fall to the landowners/riparian owners and not the Parish Council".

We continue to work on, and update our Village Emergency Response plan if anyone would like to contribute, please contact James on 258529 or e-mail willowtreefarm@talktalk.net

TREES ON STREAM BANK.

Nothing further to report.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

No further progress.

LITTER BIN AT JUNCTION OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD.

Still ongoing.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS.

No further progress.

BIG COMMUNITY SWITCH SCHEME.

Cllr. Osborne has made several attempts to gain information concerning this without any success. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Jonathan Free at Mid Suffolk District Council enquiring if the Council are going to be involved in this Scheme.

FREE MICROCHIPPING FOR DOGS.

The Clerk reported that she had arranged for the Memorial Hall car park to be used as a venue for this campaign on the 16th August, 2014 and will advertise before the event.

NAMES ON WAR MEMORIAL.

The Clerk reported that she had met with Herbert Frost and a representative from Saxon Monumental Craft and obtained a quotation of £291.00 plus VAT. The Parish Council will give the order for the work to be carried out.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter has been received relating to vehicular damage to the Four Ash triangle. The Chairman agreed to contact Cllr. Jessica Fleming to see if one of her budgets would cover any remedial work required.

OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

REPORT ON PLANNING SEMINAR 9TH JANUARY, 2014.

Cllr. Belson had attended this Seminar and found this to be a very useful and informative Session.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM.

Following the query raised in Public Open Forum the Chairman agreed to contact Broadband at Suffolk to find out whether a representative from the County Business Development Team can come to a Parish Council meeting to answer our concerns

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

FOOTWAY IN CAUSEWAY.

It was reported that this is in need of sweeping. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Tom Hunter to sweep this and the Parish Council would reimburse him accordingly.

- Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-
- T.Hunter £98. 00p. (street cleaning)
- A.D.Clancy £298. 00p. (Clerks wages/expenses).
- Walsham-le-Willows PCC. £175. 00p. (hire of hall).
- Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils £30. 00p. (Planning Seminar).

The meeting closed at 9. 00 p.m.

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