

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2014.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Jonathan Chown, Suffolk County Council Better Broadband for Suffolk had agreed to attend the meeting to speak with regard to concerns about connection of fibre optic cable to Walsham-le-Willows, unfortunately, he was called to a meeting in London at the last minute and was unable to come along. He did, however, send a very detailed explanation of the progress being made concerning Walsham-le-Willows, this was read by the Chairman and the gist of what was said will be outlined in the May Observer.

**PRESENT** Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Stebbing, Bloomfield, District Councillor Derek Osborne & 5 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** Cllrs. Belson, Roberts, Gorzelak & County Councillor Jessica Fleming.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 were confirmed and signed.

**TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS.** None.

**TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.** None.

**PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.** No comments.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

#### PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1647/13.

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing buildings and rebuild of cottage with a two storey side extension (Revised design to that previously approved under planning permission 0806/12. **Location:** Holmwood, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows. The Parish Council supported this application.

#### PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0834/14 & 0835/14.

**Proposal:** Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday let.

**Location:** Cranmer Farm, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows. The Parish Council supported this application with 3 in favour and 1 abstention.

#### PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0793/14.

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side extension to form annexe.

**Location:** Porters House Farm, West Hall Road, Rickinghall Inferior. The Parish Council supported this application.

#### PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0854/14.

**Proposal:** Erection of single storey extension with balcony to true bungalow with living accommodation in the roof to south east elevation. Erection of single storey extension to form new entrance to north west elevation. Insertion of 11no. rooflights. Erection of three bay garage with log store and games room above.

**Location:** Botany Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham-le-Willows. The Parish Council made no comments.

### PLANNING OUTCOMES.

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1036/13** Conversion of unused shop building to provide retail shop, residential apartment and two residential dwellings, together with associated servicing, residential curtilage and car parking facilities. Unused shop building at Elm Drive, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows. Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0212/14.** Retention of repairs to structure and change of use of existing agricultural barn to ancillary accommodation serving the occupants of the host dwelling as playroom/home gym High Hall, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows. Planning permission has been granted by MSDC.

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0314/14.** Erection of replacement dwelling (following demolition of existing sub-standard dwelling). Erection of detached garaging outbuilding, extension of existing access (including removal of collapsed building in area of new garaging and change of use of land to domestic curtilage) and associated works. Solcotts, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows. Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2556/13.** Erection of bungalow with detached garage. Adjacent Old Orchard, Rookery Lane, Walsham-le-Willows. Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

**REPORTS.**

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.** Not in attendance.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.** Nothing to report.

**POLICE.** Not in attendance.

**COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.** Paul Leake reported that there had been a positive feedback from areas where the V.A.S. was recently displayed. One speedwatch was carried out during last month. More volunteers are urgently required. If anyone is interested in joining the team please contact Paul Leake, Tel. 01359 258797.

**PLAY AREA.** Cllr. Stebbing had nothing to report.

**FOOTPATH WARDEN.** An e-mail has been received confirming that the sign will be replaced at the junction of Wattisfield Road and the allotments.

**CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.** A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2014.**

**COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.** No further progress.

**FOOTWAYS AT ELMSIDE.** The Clerk reported that this has now been handed over to Mid Suffolk Council Asset Management Team for an estimate of cost, when this is received the work can commence. A letter had been received from a member of the public pointing out that this matter had been going on for nearly two years and a full reply had been given. In discussion Councillors expressed their total dissatisfaction how this matter had been mishandled by Mid Suffolk District Council. Clerk is to contact John Buckingham and request an e-mail update to forward to members of the Parish Council and District Councillor Derek Osborne.

**PARISH WORK PARTY.** A date for the next work party is to be agreed.

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.** No further progress.

**TREES ON STREAM BANK.** The Chairman to yet again contact U.K. Power Network.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** The Clerk reported that she had arranged for Sunila Osborne, Community Development Officer – Rural Affordable Housing to attend the May meeting.

**LITTER BIN AT JUNCTION OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD.** Work is shortly to be completed.

**LISTED BUILDING STATUS.** No further progress.

**FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE.** Nothing to report.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** None.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

**PLANNING CONSULTATION ON THE NEW DRAFT VALIDATION LIST** The Parish Council had no comments to make.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.** None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £98. 00p. (Street cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £308. 50p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

Clarkes of Walsham Ltd. £32. 58p. (weed killer).

Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils £459. 00p. (Subscription)

D.Goodwin £25. 00p. (Petrol for mower).

Community Action Suffolk. £30. 00p. (Subscription).

Saxon Monumental Craft £349. 20p. (War Memorial engraving)

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

