

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (ANNUAL) TUESDAY 13TH MAY, 2014.

PRESENT Cllrs.. Barber, Leake, Stebbing, Belson, Roberts & District Councillor Derek Osborne.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Cllr. Barber the retiring Chairman called for nominations for the election of Chairman.

Cllr. Barber was proposed by Cllr. Leake and seconded by Cllr. Stebbing, there was no amendment and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Cllr. Barber took the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Belson was proposed by Cllr. Stebbing and seconded by Cllr. Roberts, there was no amendment and the proposal was carried unanimously. A declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES.

Cllr. Bloomfield, Cllr. Gorzelak & PCSO Faulkner.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th April, 2014 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS. None

TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION. None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

At this point Sunila Osborne, Community Development Officer – Rural Affordable Housing was to speak regarding Affordable Housing within our village but unfortunately had to postpone due to ill health. The Clerk reported that another date will be arranged.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1276/14.

Proposal: Conversion of rear part of garage to form utility room and shower room.

Location: 11, Staple Close, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0740/14.

Proposal: Demolition of existing modern conservatory and construction of new conservatory. Associated includes widening an existing internal door opening, increasing headroom over an existing internal opening, alterations to existing windows and inserting a rooflight into the rear.

Location: Riverside, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING OUTCOMES

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.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0854/14.

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension with balcony to true bungalow with living accommodation in the roof to north west elevation. Erection of single storey extension to form new entrance to south east 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.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

Cllr. Stebbing queried the wall that is being built alongside Cygnet House and whether it complies with planning permission.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING. Not in attendance.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Cllr. Osborne gave revised figures regarding planning targets in reply to Cllr. Stebbing's query at the Annual Parish Meeting. The Enforcement Team at Mid Suffolk District Council is now at full strength. The next Parish Liaison Meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June, 2014 in the Mid Suffolk District Council Chamber.

POLICE. A report from PCSO Faulkner was read in his absence.

Crime Statistics

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

Crime Prevention Event

In the middle of May there will be a crime prevention weekend being hosted by PCSO 3240 Faulkner. This will include visits to a number of parishes over the course of a weekend, whereby members of the public can come along to have their property marked for free. There will also be the opportunity to purchase crime prevention products and Officers will be offering general advice.

This will be held in Walsham-le-Willows Village Hall from 10.00 a.m. – 12.noon on Saturday 17th May.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

1 x Speed Watch has been held in Summer Road when 12 people were recorded in excess of the speed limit.

The Variable Speed Equipment is in operation in the Badwell Road.

PLAY AREA. Cllr. Stebbing had nothing to report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Cllr. Belson had nothing to report.

A complaint was received concerning the condition of the Avenue with regard to dog and horse fouling and the overgrown state of vegetation. The Chairman explained that the Avenue is privately owned and is not covered by the rules effecting other pavements or footpaths and is outside the jurisdiction of the Parish Council.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 30th April, 2014 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed. The Clerk report that the internal audit had been completed by S.A.L.C.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH APRIL, 2014.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

The Community Pay Back Team have returned to re-instate the poor workmanship carried out on the Highways Dept. street furniture along Swan Path.

FOOTWAYS AT ELMSIDE.

The Clerk reported that she has had no notification of a start date to complete the footways through to Grove Park and Townhouse Road. Cllr. Stebbing requested that District Councillor Osborne follow this up.

PARISH WORK PARTY.

The next date for the work party to meet is Saturday 19th July at 9.00 a.m. They will be working on dead and dying trees on the stream bank near the Jubilee Tree.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

In the absence of Cllr. Gorzelak there was nothing to report.

TREES ON STREAM BANK. No further progress.

LITTER BIN AT JUNCTION OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD. Still ongoing.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS.

Cllr. Roberts volunteered to make a map showing the listed buildings within the village.

Cllr. Belson is to contact Cllr. Gorzelak to offer help with compiling the listed buildings map.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE. No further progress.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

ANNUAL DONATIONS REVIEW.

It was unanimously agreed that the annual donations remain the same as last year.

LETTERING ON WAR MEMORIAL.

This was discussed and the Parish Council are supportive of any plans to refurbish the Memorial.

MOLES IN CHURCHYARD.

The Clerk reported that there is a problem with moles in the Churchyard. It was agreed that these need to be dealt with and the Clerk was instructed to contact a pest controller.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

OVERHANGING TREES AT THE BUS SHELTER IN PALMER STREET.

The Clerk reported that there is a problem with overhanging trees at the bus shelter.

It was agreed to contact Brown's Tree Services to cut these back.

ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH.

The Clerk reported that this has been arranged for Friday 4th July, 2014.

WALSHAM WILD WOOD – TREE SPONSORSHIP FOR 2014.

It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £122. 50p. (Street cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £316. 20p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

A.D.Clancy £48 (Travel expenses).

Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils £178. 80p. (Internal Audit).

Mid Suffolk District Council £504. 00p. (Dog & litter bin emptying)

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.