

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2014.

**PRESENT** Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Belson, Bloomfield, Roberts, Stebbing, County Councillor Jessica Fleming & District Councillor Derek Osborne.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the meetings held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 and the 25<sup>th</sup> November, 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 public in attendance.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED.**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION NOS. 3575 & 3576/14/**

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement with single storey rear extensions including internal alterations. Demolition of existing shed and garage. New garden wall., New porch on southern elevation. Replacement dormer window on northern elevation. Enlargement of pond. Reconfiguration of driveway.

**Location:** Sunnyside House, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

**PLANNING OUTCOMES.** None.

### **REPORTS,**

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.**

##### **Transport to Hospital.**

Criteria covering patients access to non-emergency transport to local hospitals have recently been reviewed. Patients who request non-emergency transport will now find they are asked a series of questions on their medical needs when they ring to book. Have to hand: Your NHS number Name and address of your GP practice. Details of your appointment at the hospital clinic.

How to book: For transport to either Ipswich, West Suffolk, Norfolk and Norwich, Addenbrooks or Papworth hospitals, call 08458 500 77

For transport to James Paget Hospital, call 01493 453 777.

##### **Consultation on Council Budget.**

The County Council is asking people what their priorities are ahead of decisions being taken on spending plans for the coming year. The consultation runs from 17<sup>th</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2015. All views received will be fed into the budget setting process. The online survey is available on [www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations)

The report also included **Creating the Greenest County Awards 2015, Council Apprenticeships – Information Session and Progress Power Eye Power Plant, Eye.**

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORBE.**

##### **UPDATE ON INSTALLATION OF CYCLE BARRIERS AT ELMSIDE.**

These will be fitted by the end of December or January. A diagram of the work intended was shown to Parish Councillors.

**POLICE.** Not in attendance,  
**COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.** Nothing to report.

**PLAY AREA.**

The Play Council have informed the Parish Council that they have formed a full committee and have requested funds of £2,699 from the Parish Council for the coming year to cover revenue expenditure:-

- £850 - grounds maintenance including grass cutting.
- £728 - weekly routine maintenance 2 hours a week (T.Hunter).
- £442 - annual insurance.
- £174 - annual ROSPA inspection.
- £500 - equipment repairs/renewals.
- £5 - annual rent to Old Town Trust.

This was approved by the Parish Council and a cheque for this amount was passed for payment.

**FOOTPATH WARDEN.**

Cllr. Belson raised concerns regarding the footpath leading to Betty's Bridge. The Clerk is aware of the poor state of the footpath and is trying to raise this issue with the Rights of Way Officer.

**CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.**

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 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> NOVEMBER, 2014.**

**COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.** Nothing more to report.

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.**

Following the resignation of James Gorzelak Cllr. Sue Leake has agreed to be co-ordinator for this role and will contact James regarding this.

**TREES ON STREAM BANK.** The Chairman has been assured that the work will be carried out before Christmas.

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

**LISTED BUILDING STATUS.**

The Chairman agreed to contact Leigh Alston a highly respected Architectural Historian for guidance as to how we proceed further.

**FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE.** Still ongoing.

**BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM.**

The Chairman has received an e-mail update from Jonathan Chown which reads as follows:-

We have now signed a second contract with BT which includes the Walsham area (you will remember the first contract excluded Hasketon as BT had claimed they would upgrade it at their own cost). So we have now got EU permission to target Hasketon, and also got funding and a contract in place to do so. This contract moves our 85% coverage target by 2015 to at least 95% by 2017/18. This second contract will begin deployment in early 2018 once the first contract completes. I can confirm that Walsham will benefit from this contract. I would hope and expect this to be at the start, as I know fibre is already nearby (subject to receiving the final rollout plan next year).

What BT are currently doing is turning their tender response for the second contract into a fully engineered rollout plan, and they will be including new technology per the above within this contract. This plan will be ready in around 6-8 months' time, at which point I will be able to give you a firm date for superfast fibre in Walsham. We will of course push BT has hard as possible to bring all this forward as much as we can, as we do appreciate that you are a fairly sizable village which has had the Hopkins development too.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING.** Ongoing.

## **TELEPHONE KIOSK.**

The Clerk reported interest has been shown by the Community Council to purchase this. Concern was raised as to who will be responsible for the refurbishment and maintenance to this and it was agreed to read the small print carefully before taking action.

## **CORRESPONDENCE.**

A letter was read from Dr. R. West from Woolpit Health Centre inviting members of the Parish Council to a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 to help us formulate our Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk was instructed to reply stating that no one would attend as Walsham are not making a Neighbourhood Plan.

## **ROAD CLOSURE – WATTISFIELD ROAD. NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER**

### **Road closure.**

U5923 Wattisfield Road – Walsham-le-Willows – At the junction with Rookery Lane and Wattisfield Road.

### **Reason for closure.**

New water connection.

### **Date of closure.**

12/01/15 to 14/01/15 (09.30 to 15.30 hours)

### **Alternative route**

C655 The Street, C541 Summer Road, A143, U5920 The Street, U5923 Walsham Road and vice versa.

## **OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

### **CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.**

There were two applications for this post, one from Mr. Andrew Dunn and one from Mr. Brian Kinnair. After discussion Mr. Dunn was proposed by Cllr. Stebbing and seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield, there was no amendment and the proposal was carried unanimously.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.**

Concerns were raised regarding the water which runs down the Wattisfield Road from the allotments to the Street. It is feared that this could be icy during cold weather and could cause an accident. The Clerk was instructed to write to Highways regarding this.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £98 (Street cleaning).  
A.Clancy £315. 91p. (Clerks wages/expenses).  
Clarks of Walsham £161. 10p. (New grit bin & grit).  
Ladywell Accountancy Services £37 (Clerks PAYE.)  
H.Reeve £171. 37p. (Footpath cutting).  
R.Martineau £153. 95p. (Footpath cutting).  
M.Hawes £62. 25p. (Footpath cutting).  
P.Dryden £40 (Footpath cutting).  
G.Pollard £38. 65p. (Footpath cutting).  
Walsham Play Council £2699 (Grant to Play Area).

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

