

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2015.

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Stebbing, Bloomfield, Belson, Roberts, Dunn, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES PCSO Dave Faulkner.

Before commencement of the meeting the Chairman welcomed Mr. Andrew Dunn to the Parish Council.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13th January, 2015 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS

Cllr. Belson declared a non pecuniary interest in Planning Application No. 0188/15.

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.

None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0188/15.

Proposal: Removal of 45 Leylandii trees.

Location: Orchard House, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0195/15

Proposal: Erection of rear orangery (following demolition of existing conservatory).

Erection of single storey side extension (following demolition of existing side porch). Conversion of front porch (conversion of open to closed porch)

Location: Pippin House, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

None.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

Railway Crossings and GEML Upgrades.

In Suffolk, Network Rail's Anglia route asset management team is starting to review the safety of all level crossings on the Great Eastern Main Line (GEML). The work is being undertaken through the Suffolk Road Rail Partnership Group (SRRPG). Risk assessments should be available for all level crossings in Suffolk by mid summer when full public consultation is expected to begin.

Dff Consultation on the new East Anglia Rail Franchise – end date 16th March.

This document describes the Dff's planned approach for rail passenger services on the Greater Anglia franchise when the current contract ends on 16th October, 2016. Views are sought on the future franchise specification and any changes the public would like to see.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/east-anglia-rail-passenger-franchise>

Web Based Highways Fault Reporting Tool is Live

The new web based highways reporting tool is designed to report problems on County highways. It can be accessed via tablets and mobiles, photos may be uploaded and automated email updates are sent. It should not be used for emergencies which should be reported to 0345 606 6171. Report highway problems on www.suffolk.gov.uk/report-a-highways-problem

Diss & Thetford Citizens Advice Bureau

The Bureaus are looking for new volunteers, if interested there is a free event on Saturday 14th March, 2015, 10am. to 2pm, at Diss Citizens Advice Bureau, Shelfanger Road, Diss IP22 4EH

To find out more contact: sncordinator@dissandthetford.org.uk or phone 01359 644912..

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Not in attendance – no report.

POLICE.

Not in attendance – no report

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

There was a very disappointing response to the article seeking volunteers in last month's Observer. The annual calibration of the speed gun has now been carried out.

PLAY AREA.

It was reported that some of the new fencing has been vandalized. Cllr. Stebbing agreed to look into the matter..

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

Nothing to report.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st January, 2015 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

The precept request form for £19,550 was duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH JANUARY, 2015.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

No further progress.

TREES ON STREAM BANK.

It was reported that these are to be dealt with on 15th February, 2015.

LITTER BIN AT JUNCTION OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD.

Work on this has now been completed.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS.

The Chairman reported that she had e-mailed Leigh Alston requesting his help for information about buildings preparatory to listing and any information in a relevant format for use with the online application form via English Heritage but as yet had not received a reply.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE.

Thanks was given to Cllr. Roberts for tidying up the triangle, this was very much appreciated but unfortunately almost immediately after the work was carried out a large vehicle has once again churned up the grass. The Chairman agreed to follow up the promise of bollards on the corners made by Highways.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM.

The Chairman reported that Jonathan Chown will be attending out next meeting at 7 .p.m. on the 10th March, 2015 for an update on Better Broadband for Walsham. This will be advertised in the Observer and all interested parties will be contacted.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

The surveys have been prepared and each household will receive one with their next Observer.

TELEPHONE KIOSK.

The Clerk reported that she has received confirmation that the Parish Council can purchase the kiosk for the nominal sum of £1 together with a contract. As the Community Council are the interested party the contract has been passed on for their perusal. It was requested that the Clerk ascertain the ownership of the land on which the kiosk stands.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD.

It was reported that the Old Town Trust and Highways are aware and the matter is ongoing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

4 WAY TRAFFIC SIGNALS – SIX BELLS CROSSROADS.

The Parish Council have been informed that there will be 4 way traffic signals at the Six Bells crossroads to allow work to be carried out to the wall at Willow House in the Summer Road. It is hoped that work will commence on the 16th March and will be expected to last for 4-6 weeks.

COMMUNAL GARDENS AT MILLARS CLOSE.

The Parish Council were presented with a plan setting out a small fenced garden for each bungalow in the complex. 5 of the 6 residents were in favour of this scheme and Mid Suffolk District Council have asked for the Parish Council's thoughts on this proposal. It was felt that this was an excellent idea.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

REVIEW OF RISK ASSESSMENT.

This was duly carried out.

SPRING LITTER PICK.

It was agreed to hold this on the 22nd March, 2015.

GRASS CUTTING IN CHURCHYARD.

Due to the resignation of David Goodwin an item had been placed in the Observer advertising the post. 3 people have shown an interest. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Belson, seconded by Cllr. Stebbing and carried unanimously that Mr. David Murray be offered the post for one year subject to a review at the end of the grass cutting season. The Clerk was instructed to thank David Goodwin for the excellent way he has carried out the work in the Churchyard over the past years.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD.

The Chairman reported that she had been in contact with David Fawcett of Highways regarding the unsuitable for HGV'S signs at each end of the Ixworth Road. He has agreed to meet and discuss the one for the top of the street and will contact his counterpart concerning the one at the Ixworth roundabout.

SALE OF SIX BELLS PUBLIC HOUSE.

Cllr. Stebbing has offered to research the community interest with the proposed sale of the Six Bells.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £98 (Street cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £339. 19p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

Getmapping £33.60p (Subscription).

P.Leake £26. 60p. (Postage).

Road Runner TCA Ltd. £145. 20p. (Gun calibration).

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

