

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 10TH MARCH, 2015
DRAFT MINUTES**

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Belson, Roberts, Dunn, Bloomfield, Stebbing, County Councillor Jessica Fleming, District Councillor Derek Osborne, PCSO Dave Faulkner and 7 members of the public.
There were no apologies.

Before commencement of the meeting Peter Ingram and Jonathan Chown from Suffolk County Council gave an update on Better Broadband for Walsham-le-Willows. Members of the public asked questions and raised concerns.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th February, 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. 0476/15.

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION. None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM. None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.0476/15

Proposal: One Lime Tree located in the garden of Foxglove Cottage.

Location: Foxglove Cottage, Crownland Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0450/15

Proposal: Retention of galvanised palisade security fence (2.1 m in height)

Location: The Old Workshop, West Hall Road, Rickinghall Superior.

The majority view of the Parish Council is that the galvanized palisade security fencing is inappropriate for the environment in which it will stand.

PLANNING OUTCOMES None

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

“Council Purdah Period.

This is just a reminder that due to elections, the County Council will not be making decisions as of 27th March. Councillors will continue to serve residents but committee work will cease. Business will resume on or around 11th May.

Consultations

West Suffolk Operational & Waste Hub – Consultation 6th March – 6th April.

SCC working in partnership with St. Edmundsbury BC and Forest Heath DC is proposing a joint waste-transfer, council depot and household waste recycling centre/West Suffolk Operational Hub (WSOH). The preferred location is at Hollow Road Farm, Bury St. Edmunds near the British Sugar factory. An alternative is land at Rougham Hill which has consent for a waste transfer station., Information is available through:-

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/wsoh Comments can be emailed to wsoh@westsuffolk.gov.uk”

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

“FOOTPATH AT ELMSIDE. Cyclists Dismount signs have now been erected.

COUNCIL BUDGET. Increase for band D is 5p. per week. Tenants Forum has been informed of the increase.

Billboard on the triangle Causeway and Badwell Road advertising the sale of a property in Palmer Street. I spoke with the agents and told them it had to be removed by Monday which it was.

STREAM AT THE BOTTOM OF WATTISFIELD ROAD.

It was reported to me that debris was in the stream and may cause flooding.

John Buckingham (Public Realm) has been informed and will make a site visit.

Crownland Road is on the list to have road repairs done in early summer.”

POLICE.

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

IMMOBILISE.

Suffolk Police has joined forces with the online property database immobilise to help keep property safe and re-unite stolen items with their rightful owners across the County.

Many items of identifiable property are either lost or stolen each year. By taking the time to register property on the immobilise database, people can take a positive step towards reducing crime. Their registered property would be identifiable to all law enforcement agencies across the country. This in turn will help the police reunite property to their lawful owners and will also help to catch criminals. Almost any possession with a serial number can be registered for free, including Mobile phones, iPods, other MP3 players and games consoles, Laptops, computers and PDAs, Satellite navigation and in-car equipment and bicycles. Watches jewellery, art and antiques can also be registered for a small fee. Users who upgrade can also add photos and certificates of ownership to their account.

Many items of property which are recovered from criminals are not restored to their rightful owners, as without information on serial numbers or property marking police do not know who they belong to.

If you would like to register your valuables visit www.immobilise.com”

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

“We have just received the speed gun back from calibration and the latest speed check was carried out on Summer Road by the Sports Club on the morning of the 5th March. Thirteen cars were over the 35 mph speed and the speeds were between 36 and 45 mph.

We also have a new sign stating that the village operates a speed watch scheme, which will be placed near the Sports Club. We hope to obtain some more and these will be placed on other roads entering the village.”

PLAY AREA.

Cllr. Stebbing confirmed that some posts supporting the new fencing have been broken. The Clerk was instructed to contact David Smith to replace these.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Nothing to report.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 28th February, 2015 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

Nomination papers for the forthcoming elections were to hand and will be distributed upon request.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH FEBRUARY, 2015.

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

Cllr. Leake reported that she is to attend a meeting on the 18th March, 2015.

TREES ON STREAM BANK.

These have now been cut back by UK Power Network. The Chairman reported that she had e-mailed all Councillors with regard to hiring Browns Tree Service to tidy the area at a cost of £260 all were in favour and the work has been carried out.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS.

As Leigh Alston, the Historic Building Consultant has not answered the Chairman’s e-mail she has now written a letter and is awaiting his reply.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE.

The Chairman, Cllr. Roberts and Cllr. Bloomfield met with David Fawcett and Josh Kerridge from Suffolk County Council Highways. It was decided that a reduction be made to the corners on Palmer Street side and a reduction on the other corner.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM. This was covered by the update before the meeting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING. A survey has been delivered to every household and the response is awaited.

TELEPHONE KIOSK.

It has been confirmed that the Community Council can purchase this if they wish as they are a registered charity, therefore, all the relevant paperwork has been passed to them.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD.

The Chairman reported that she had once again met with Highways to try and resolve this matter. They will be checking for blockages within the drainage system. They also promised to send out gully cleaners to tackle the issue of the apparently blocked drain opposite Horse Chestnut House.

SPRING LITTER PICK. This is taking place on the 22nd March, 2015.

SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD.

Following Chairman’s meeting with David Fawcett, Highways are looking into the possibility of placing an ‘unsuitable for HGV’S’ at the Walsham end of Ixworth Road.

SALE OF SIX BELLS PUBLIC HOUSE.

The form for listing as an Asset of Community value has been forwarded and the application is being processed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was to hand informing the Parish Council that the Forest Heath and St. Edmundsbury Joint Development Management Policies Local Plan document has now been formally adopted.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

FORMAT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

This will take the format as in previous years and the Clerk was instructed to arrange.

'CONSENT FOR COUNCILLORS TO RECEIVE SUMMONS BY E-MAIL' This was unanimously agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

FLOODLIGHTING POINTING TO CHURCH TOWER.

Complaints have been received that this is misaligned and causes confusion for traffic coming down the Causeway. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Parochial Church Council.

Cheques passed for payment:-

T.Hunter £98 (Street Cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £324. 66p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

A.D.Clancy £24. (Travel expenses).

Walsham Adventure Playground Fund £2699 (Annual donation).

Suffolk County Council £2279. (Street lighting).

Browns Tree Service £260 (Tree work).

S.A.L.C. £24 (Training).

Suffolk Agri Centre Ltd. £170 (Mower service).

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH APRIL, 2015
COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PRIORY ROOM.**

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.