

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL, 2015
DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Leake, Stebbing, Belson, Roberts, Dunn, Bloomfield, District Councillor Derek Osborne & 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES County Councillor Jessica Fleming & PCSO Dave Faulkner.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th March, 2015 were confirmed and signed.

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

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION. None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM. None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION. None

PLANNING OUTCOMES

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0476/15

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

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

Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object.

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.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Mid Suffolk District Council and Babergh District Council have been awarded £220000 to be spent on HOMESTART and FIRST TIME BUYERS.

FLY TIPPING.

At Walsham about 40 tonnes of waste was dumped. It has now been cleared at a cost of over £5000. The Police and other agencies have some leads and are following these to bring about prosecutions.

POLICE.

PCSO Faulkner was not in attendance but had sent the following report.

“CRIME STATS.

Since your last meeting there have been 3 crimes reported to the police. We will not provide information for any of these.

PRIORITIES.

On Tuesday 6th January, Eye SNT held its quarterly priority tasking meeting. During the meeting it was decided that the following priorities would be set.

Rural Crime – target incidents of Rural Crime in Mid Suffolk North – Rural Crime is defined as ‘Any crime of an agricultural, livestock, Wildlife or heritage nature. Includes fly tipping, unauthorised metal detecting and hare coursing’.

Excess speed – target vehicles exceeding speed limits in Mid Suffolk North – Due to the increased number of complaints received in the meeting and through the last period.

The next meeting is set for Thorndon Village Hall, Thorndon at 7.30 p.m. on 27th April, 2015.”

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

There was no report for tonights meeting but a full report will be presented at the AGM.

PLAY AREA.

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted regarding a tree which has been uprooted and has fallen into another tree. This is considered dangerous and Browns Tree Services have been given authorization to winch this down into the meadow behind the Play Area.

Permission has been sought from the owners of the meadow and it is agreed that the tree can lay until the dry weather for a vehicle to access this.

Councillors discussed the question of payment for this work. It was agreed that the Council will pay the invoice in full but instructed the Clerk to contact Quentin Cass requesting that the Play Council agree to pay 50%.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Nothing to report.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st March, 2015 was presented.
All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

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

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

Cllr. Leake had attended a meeting on the 18th March and found this to be very informative, she discovered that Walsham-le-Willows is not considered a flood risk area and that it was best to concentrate on contingency plans for adverse weather and power failures. Cllr. Barber offered to help Cllr. Leake to compile this.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS. The Chair is still following this up.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE. Still ongoing.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM Still ongoing.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING No more information. Still awaiting feedback.

TELEPHONE KIOSK. The Community Council has now agreed to purchase this.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. This is under investigation by Highways.

SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD. Still awaiting action by Highways.

SALE OF SIX BELLS PUBLIC HOUSE. Still awaiting response from Mid Suffolk District Council regarding the form for listing as an Asset of Community value being forwarded.

FLOODLIGHTING AT CHURCH. It would appear that this has now been rectified.

CORRESPONDENCE. None.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

GRASS AREA IN GROVE PARK.

It has been reported to Mid Suffolk District that residents are very concerned about the damage being done, by various non-resident vehicles to the grass areas in front of the bungalows. The plan to deal with this issue is to have some numerous, pre-treated wooden bollards placed all around the green, at 1.75m intervals. This has met with the approval of the ground maintenance team. The Parish Council were supportive of this scheme.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN. None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows.

T.Hunter £98.00 (Street Cleaning).

A.D. Clancy £333. 08p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

S.A.L.C. £387.00p. (Subscription).

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH MAY 2015
COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PRIORY ROOM.**