

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (ANNUAL) TUESDAY 12TH MAY, 2015

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Belson, Bloomfield, Dunn, Roberts, County & District Councillor Jessica Fleming & 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES District Councillor Derek Osborne..

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was duly signed and countersigned by the Clerk by all the Councillors before commencement of the meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

A declaration of Acceptance of Office form was duly signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

Cllr. Barber took the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Cllr. Belson was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield. There was no amendment and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th April, 2015 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS. None

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION. None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM. No comments.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION. None

PLANNING OUTCOMES. None

REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

Cllr. Fleming offered no report for this month's meeting she did however give contact details for our MP which is as follows:-

Mrs. Jo Churchill MP,
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Bury St. Edmunds,
Suffolk.
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR DEREK OSBORNE.

Cllr. Osborne has e-mailed stating that having been elected to represent the Rickinghall and Walsham Ward he feels that after 8 years representing Walsham and Wattisfield we all might like a change, therefore he has decided to hand over the reins here to his fellow Councillor Jessica Fleming, and he will be representing the 4 villages which Sara Michell used to look after. These are Hinderclay, Rickinghall, Botesdale and Redgrave.

POLICE.

PCSO was not in attendance but sent the following report.

Crime Stats

Since your last meeting there has been 1 crime reported to the police. We cannot provide information for this.

Policing Precept

Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore announced today (Friday January 30th) that he will be asking council taxpayers to pay an average 6p a week extra towards policing in the county in the next financial year. The PCC presented his proposal to the Police and Crime Panel meeting at Suffolk County Council's HQ for their consideration, the panel unanimously supported the proposal.

For the past two years the policing element of Suffolk's council tax precept has been frozen but this year the PCC felt in view of the financial challenges we are facing and the enormous demand that the Constabulary is managing, he should implement a small increase of just less than 2%.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

We carried out a speed check by the Sports Club earlier this month. There were ten vehicles caught equal to or in excess of 36 mph, with the fastest at 51 mph.. The policy is for the Police to immediately visit owners/drivers of vehicles caught in excess of 50 mph once all appropriate checks have been completed.

PLAY AREA.

Owing to the fact the John Stebbing is no longer on Parish Council Cllr. Roberts has agreed to be the Play Area co-ordinator. The Clerk will inform Quentin Cass.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted David Smith who has agreed to repair and make good the fence.

With regard to the fallen tree the Play Council have agreed to pay half the cost of removing this,

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

Cllr. Belson had nothing to report but made a request for 24 'footpath discs'. The Clerk was instructed to obtain these.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 30th April, 2015 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

The internal audit carried out by SALC has been completed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH APRIL, 2015.

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. A report from Sue Leake stated that following the AGM I have 6 volunteers from different village organisations, who have agreed to be a part of bringing together the plan. I am away next week but will be calling a meeting on my return to complete the documentation. In addition, I will be doing an article for the next Observer.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS. Cllr. Belson is pursuing the issue.

FOUR ASHES TRIANGLE. Work on this **should** be carried out in conjunction with carriageway repairs in Crownland Road when the road will be closed from the junction with Badwell Road through to and including Crownland Road from the 26/5/2015 to 03/06/2015.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING Still awaiting the results of the survey.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. Still ongoing.

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

SALE OF SIX BELLS PUBLIC HOUSE. Mid Suffolk District Council have informed the Parish Council that they have accepted the nomination, submitted under the Community Right to Bid to list The Six Bells Inn at Summer Road as an asset of community value.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Highways have informed the Parish Council of the following proposed road closures within our village.

C541 Summer Road, Hepworth – Between U5920 Road from Summer Road to Walsham Road and Access Road to Fishponds Farm.

Reason for closure

Repairs to defective reinstatement in highway

Date of closure

18/05/2015 to 22/05/2015.

Road closure

1. U5926 Palmer Street – From the junction with Badwell Road to Crownland Road.

2. U5929 Crownland Road – From Palmer Street to the junction with the Road from Crownland Road to Finningham Road.

Reason for closure

Carriageway repairs.

Date of closure

26/05/2015 to 03/06/2015.

Road closure

Phase 1. C556 The Street, Stowlangtoft & C556 The Street, Hunston.

Phase 2. C556 The Street, Badwell Ash & C556 Badwell Road, Walsham-le-Willows

Reason for closure

Carriageway repairs

Date of closure

01/06/2015 to 12/06/2015.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

RESTORATION OF GRAVE STONE IN CLOSED CHURCHYARD.

The Parish Council has been approached concerning the possible restoration of a grave and memorial to Oliver Death which is situated within the closed churchyard. The Parish Council had no objections in principal to the work being carried out subject to the Council being informed of any work prior to commencement.

ANNUAL DONATION REVIEW.

It was proposed by Cllr. Belson, seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield and carried unanimously that the amount donated to the 7 charities as listed be increased from £25 to £40.

SPEED GUN.

A request to Paul Leake, speed watch co-ordinator has been made for Stowlangtoft Parish Council to share the use of the speed gun. Obviously they would share whatever costs are involved and collect and return. The Parish Council had no objections in principal but requested that the Clerk checked on the insurance aspect and that any damage incurred whilst they are using it would have to be paid for.

CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR.

Mr. Brian Kinnair, Old Oak Barn, West Street, Walsham-le-Willows has applied to fill a vacancy by co-option to the Parish Council. It was proposed by Cllr. Bloomfield, seconded by Cllr. Barber and carried unanimously to co-opt Mr. Kinnair.

There is still one vacancy and the Clerk was instructed to advertise this in next month's Observer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

CHURCH WALL.

It was reported that a large crack has appeared in the wall near the Priory Room entrance.

After inspection the Clerk was instructed to contact Paul Rayson for his advice.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

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

A.D.Clancy £322. 56p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

D.Murray £22. 65p. (Petrol for mower).

S.A.L.C. £182. 40p. (Internal Audit).

A.D.Clancy £36. (Travel expenses).

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

