

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST, 2015.

DRAFT MINUTES

PRESENT Cllr. Barber, Lunkin, Belson, Bloomfield, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr. Roberts, Dunn and Kinnair.

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

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS.

Cllr. Belson declared a non pecuniary interest with regard to Planning Application No. 2362/15.

TO CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION. None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the untidy state of the stream through the village and also the state of the river in front of Millers Close. This is on the agenda and will be discussed later in the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2293/15.

Proposal: Erection of two storey dwelling and garage. Creation of new vehicular access. Alterations to existing access for temporary use for the construction of the proposed building..

Location: Land adjacent to The Elms, Badwell Road, Walsham-Le-Willows.

The Parish Council unanimously supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2433/15.

Proposal: 2 x Weeping Willows – Reduce boughs by 30-60cm, thinning of crown.

Location: The Chestnuts, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2362/15.

Proposal: Erection of gateway to Walsham Wild Wood.

Location: Land to the rear of Mill Close, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1834/15

Proposal: Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

Location: 3, Grove Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0450/15.

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

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council subject to certain conditions.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1880/15/

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extensions.

Location: Beech Cottage, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2038/15.

Proposal: GPDO Application for proposed 4G (Fourth Generation) Upgrade to existing equipment.

Location: Crownland Hall, Crownland Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

Permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council to carry out the development.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Council News – Devolution. The Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill passed through the House of Lords in July and will come before the Commons in the autumn. In the meantime, negotiations have started between ministers and combines/local authorities to agree devolution packages once legislation is passed. Suffolk local authorities are working on a plan which would establish, over time a ‘combined’ authority (NOT a Unitary). The Suffolk Public Sector Leaders’ Group (SPSLG), chaired by Cllr. Jennie Jenkins, Leader of Babergh, has set up a working group to develop a devolution bid to Government with contribution from all public sector partners including police, health and the New Anglia Local /Enterprise Partnership (NALEP). The group (chaired by Forest Heath Deputy Leader Cllr. Robin Millar) aims to have an outline proposal for Suffolk ready by mid September.

Highways – The search for a location of a clearly visible ‘Unsuitable for HGVs’ sign is underway, and last month Maggie Barber and I identified a possible place adjacent to a residence on the south side of Ixworth Road. Josh Kerridge has advised of a viable spot for the sign subject to acceptance by the home owner.

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

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Work is currently being carried on at MS & BDCs on the Community Infrastructure Levy (to be introduced in 2016) and on the government’s proposal to extend the Right to Buy scheme to Housing Association tenants, which is controversial. Devolution is also on the forefront of the local authorities’ work. I will provide updates on these programmes as they develop.

Energy Efficiency Grants and Loans – Landlords and homeowners across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are being urged to take advantage of grants and loans that could improve their properties. The Districts run a grant scheme that funds landlords up to 50 per cent of the total cost to provide upgraded heating systems and insulation in tenanted homes. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for home owners to help them bring their properties up to the ‘Decent Homes Standard’. For further information and application advice, please call Private Sector Housing on 01473 826639.

Grants toward Community Sports Club Changing Rooms – MSDC has awarded a community aid grant of £10,000 to support upgrades to the Sports Club changing facilities, largely thanks to the efforts of Mr. Ian Campbell.

POLICE.

In the absence of PCSO Dave Faulkner the Clerk read a report stating that since our last meeting there have been 2 crimes reported to the police. The first relates to a Burglary whereby a mans bicycle was stolen. This happened between 3.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. on the 31st July in Broad Meadow.

We will not provide information for the 2nd of these crimes.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. Nothing to report.

PLAY AREA..

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Mid Suffolk District Council, who cut the grass in the Play Area, that there is a wasps nest by the skate park.. This has been passed on to Quentin Cass for him to deal with.

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

Concerns were once again raised regarding cars parking over the footpath which runs alongside the car park on the new complex. The Clerk was instructed to contact Ian Campbell to discuss this problem.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

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

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

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

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

No further progress. The Chairman will contact.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. No further progress.

LISTED BUILDING STATUS. No further progress.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING. This issue is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD.

This has been dealt with by County Councillor Jessica Fleming in her report.

STRIMMING OF STREAM BANK.

It was agreed that the Clerk would employ someone to trim the rest of the stream banks and down into the stream where possible.

Cllr. Jessica Fleming agreed to look into the clearing of the stream in front of Millers Close at Mid Suffolk District Council.

SECOND HALF YEARLY LITTER PICK. This will be carried out on Sunday 23rd August, 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TRAINING FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS AND CLERKS.

Stanton Parish Council are holding training session, which will be given by a trainer from SALC on the 23rd & 30th September from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Stanton Community Village Hall and have offered places for these sessions. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain how many Councillors wish to attend and book places accordingly.

BETTER BROADBAND FOR WALSHAM.

The Chairman has received an e-mail from Jonathan Chown which reads – ‘I have checked with Openreach, and yes, Walsham is (in part) being upgraded in the first phase of the second rollout scheme. There will be later works as well, as some of the village will be more complex to upgrade than other parts, but it is certainly starting from the first phase which is positive.

I will get back to you ASAP with some more detail on which parts of the village are in the first phase, and what the timescales mean. These will be widely available from October’.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

Due to Councillors holidays etc. it was agreed to postpone the next meeting to Wednesday 16th September, 2015.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £126. 00p. (Street Cleaning).
A.D.Clancy £324. 07p. (Clerks wages/expenses).
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).
D.W.Murray £28. 99p. (Petrol for mower)

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER, 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 P.M. IN THE PRIORY ROOM.