

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2015.

**PRESENT** Cllrs. Barber, Lunken, Kinnear, Bloomfield, Roberts, Belson, Dunn, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 11 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES** None.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 were confirmed and signed.

### **TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS.**

Cllr. Barber declared a non pecuniary interest in Planning Application No. 3323/15 and correspondence pertaining to 'Children in Need' Disco.

**TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.** None

### **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.**

Several members of the public spoke concerning Planning Applications numbered 3466/15, 3323/15, 3622/15 and 3799/15.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.**

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3466/15**

**Proposal:** Change of use, conversion and extension of existing retail and office (class A1/B1) to two dwellings following the demolition of existing warehouse (class B8) with front porches and associated car parking.

**Location:** Wattisfield Wines, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that:-

- a). The rooflights on the front of the building are inappropriate for a building of this age and are out of keeping with neighbouring properties.
- b). The Parish Council would like the proposed wall between Sideways and Wattisfield Wines not to be brick but flint with a brick capping to mimic the walls on the surrounding dwelling. The Parish Council would request that the front of the site be repaired and have a brick capping and would like to see a matching wall at the other side of the entrance.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3323/15.**

**Proposal:** Change of use of former Ironmonger's Shop (A1) to Café/Tea Shop (A3)/

**Location:** Adjacent Holmwood, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that this would generate more traffic and parking problems that the area could cope with.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3622/15/**

**Proposal:** Proposed residential development consisting of 3No. four bedroom detached houses with detached garages and proposed access.

**Location:** Land to rear of 1 & 2 Upper Meadow, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council strongly objected to this application on the following grounds:-

- 1). The proposal is outside the settlement boundary.
- 2). There is no significant need for additional housing of this type which would warrant building beyond the settlement boundary.
- 3). The current access is not really adequate for the existing dwellings and intensification of access is a very serious problem.

The Parish Council also notes that there are serious errors in the design and access statement regarding the actual placement of the site. There is no Long Street or Breckland Roofing in Walsham-le-Willows.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3799/15.**

**Proposal:** To remove 2 Plum Trees and 1 Yew Tree. Reduce limbs of 2 Ash Trees.  
Remove branches from Portuguese Laurels and Plum. Reduce Sycamore.  
Reduce large Ash by 20%.

**Location:** The Coach House, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

## **PLANNING OUTCOMES.**

### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3102/15**

**Proposal:** Erection of first floor extension over existing ground floor rear extension and other alterations.

**Location:** May House, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2948/15.**

**Proposal:** Erection of dog grooming shed following removal of greenhouse.

**Location:** 3, Pound Close, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been refused by Mid Suffolk District Council.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3224/15.**

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement garden shed.

**Location:** The Oaks, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

### **PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1613/15.**

**Proposal:** Demolition of an existing garage block and erection of a four bedroom detached house on land to the south west of Willow Tree Farm together with a cart lodge for Willow Tree Farm.

**Location:** Willow Tree Farm, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

## **PLANNING ENFORCEMENT CASE – EN/15/00158 – HOLMWOOD, THE STREET, WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.**

The Parish Council have been informed that the existing clad attached to the walls of Holmwood is unauthorized. The application form submitted and approved under planning permission ref..1647/13 permits *Timber Weatherboarding*. The owners are currently considering their options (i.e. removal or retention of).

## **REPORTS.**

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.**

#### **COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS..**

County Councillor Jessica Fleming presented her report speaking of **Rural Transport Tenders, Devolution, Highways, Last Call for Gypsy and Traveller Sites.**

**Energy Insulation provider Climate Energy** – If anyone has engaged Climate Energy Ltd. to undertake insulation work please note they are no longer providing this service on behalf of the County Council. If any resident has been effected please contact the Suffolk County Council by email:

[CreatingGreenestCounty@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:CreatingGreenestCounty@suffolk.gov.uk). For immediate enquiries ring 01473 264832.

#### **MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.**

District Councillor Jessica Fleming present her report speaking of **Grants & Fundraising Newsletter** – This is available at District Offices or via the Parish Council. It contains details of the projects we supported either through our Community Projects Fund or the S106 Developers Contributions Fund. In addition it provides funding ideas or details of external funds available. 2015 is The Year of Cycling and there are still some grants available for Community Cycling Events if they take place before the end of March, 2016.

**Energy Efficiency Grants and Loans** – Grants and loans are available to landlords and homeowners across Babergh and Mid Suffolk. Landlords may claim up to 50% 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.

## **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.**

We now have an approved location for speed checks on The Street using the Memorial Hall car park entrance, although the first check carried out did not produce any offenders as against the regular number of about 12 by the Sports Club. At the moment we are carrying out speed checks on at least a monthly basis, but I am looking at ways to increase this.

Stowlangtoft are now using our speed gun for training and speed checks but they are limited by the number of available volunteers.

**PLAY AREA.**

The Play Council have informed the Parish Council that they have formed a full committee and have requested funds of £2,718 from the Parish Council for the coming year to cover revenue expenditure

£997 - grounds maintenance including grass cutting

£728 - weekly routine maintenance (T.Hunter 2 hours a week litter pick, bin emptying, Skatepark sweep, sandpit raking, general checks etc.)

£363 - annual insurance

£125 - annual ROSPA inspection.

£500 - equipment repairs/renewals.

£5 - annual rent to Old Town Trust.

This was approved by the Parish Council and a cheque for this amount was passed for payment.

**FOOTPATH WARDEN.** Nothing to report.

**CLERKS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.**

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2015 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

The Clerk reported that with the Chairman's permission a new printer was purchased. She had paid for this personally and was claiming the amount of £57. 48p. back from Parish Council.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2015.**

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

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.**

As a part of the emergency plan development, the committee are conducting an informal survey throughout the Parish and asking different residents to conduct this on their behalf. The next meeting is the first week in December.

**LISTED BUILDING STATUS.** It is hoped that a report will be presented at the next meeting.

**SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD.**

The sign 'unsuitable for HGV's) has been erected at the Ixworth end of this road but the sign at this end is still to be sited.

**GREEN BOX AT TOP OF THE CAUSEWAY.** Still ongoing.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**FOOTPATH ON FINNINGHAM ROAD BETWEEN ELM DRIVE & TOWNHOUSE ROAD.**

It has been brought to the notice of the Parish Council that the bank here is very overgrown and encroaching on the footpath. The Clerk informed the P.C. that she has reported this to Suffolk County Council.

**TRAFFIC CONTROL ON SUMMER ROAD.**

Ian Campbell has informed the Parish Council that he has met with Jessica Fleming with regard to Traffic Control measures for children crossing the Summer Road from the new complex to the facilities at the club house and will keep the Parish Council informed on progress.

**DEER ROAD SIGNS.**

A request has been made for 'DEER ROAD SIGNS' at the Four Ashes Corner. The Clerk was instructed to say that this is a matter for Suffolk County Council.

**CHILDREN IN NEED DISCO.**

A request has been received asking for a donation towards this. It was unanimously agreed to donate £60...

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

**LOCALITY BUDGET.** No suggestions were forthcoming.

**STANDING ORDERS.** Deferred to next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.**

**OVERGROWN HEDGE AT THE CORNER OF TOWNHOUSE ROAD/FINNINGHAM ROAD.**

Complaints have been received regarding the overgrown hedge here. The Clerk was instructed to write to the owners of the property to request that this be cut back.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £100. 80p. (Street Cleaning).  
A.D.Clancy £324. 47p. (Clerks wages/expenses).  
Getmapping £33. 60p. (Computer Maps).  
Stanton Parish Council £73. 20p. (Training).  
Children in Need Disco £60. (Donation).  
H.Reeve £171. 37p. (Footpath cutting).  
Martineau Farms LLP £153. 95p. (Footpath cutting).  
M.Hawes £62. 25p. (Footpath cutting).  
P.Dryden £40 (Footpath cutting).  
G.Pollard £38. 65p. (Footpath cutting).  
A.D.Clancy £57. 48p.(Printer & ink)  
Suffolk Preservation Society £25. (Subscription).  
W-L-W Play Council £2718. (Annual grant)

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015 IN THE PRIORY ROOM COMMENCING AT 7. 00 P.M.**