

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2016

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Lunken, Bloomfield, Dunn, Roberts, Belson, Kinnair, County Councillor Jessica Fleming and 1 member of the public.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 were duly 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.**

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3940/15.**

**Proposal:** Erection of replacement dwelling with a separate single storey garage/workshop, following demolition of existing.

**Location:** Harts Hall Farm, Crownland Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

**PLANNING OUTCOMES**

**PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4072/15.**

**Proposal:** Use of land for the siting of a mobile home for a temporary period of three years during the construction of dwelling as approved by 1613/15

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

**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.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

**EN/15/00158 – HOLMWOOD, THE STREET, WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.**

An e-mail from Jack Wilkinson the Planning Enforcement Officer reads the he can confirm that a breach was established insofar as the Eternity Cedar Lap Weatherboard erected to the dwellinghouse known as Holmwood was unauthorised. Subsequently, the developer was advised to remove the weatherboard and replace with a timber product, or, submit a Non-Material Amendment (NMA) to the initial planning permission (reference 1647/13). For the avoidance of doubt, the existing weatherboard has now been approved through a NMA under reference 4193/15.

The Parish Council were most concerned that this should have been approved taking into account that Holmwood is in a conservation area and this could set a precedent for other timber clad properties within this area. District Councillor Jessica Fleming was asked to take up the case with the Planning Department at Mid Suffolk District Council.

**REPORTS.**

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

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

**HIGHWAYS.-** Local area Highways officer Josh Kerridge is willing to approve an Unsuitable for HGV sign in front of the church relating to the Ixworth Road if the Parish Council agrees to be responsible for keeping tree branches trimmed so that it remains visible. A new and higher Yield sign at the top of the Badwell Ash junction has been ordered and should be in place soon.

Cllr. Fleming also spoke about the Greenest County Awards for 2016, Broadband and an update regarding the New Heritage Centre – Historic Records Storage in Ipswich.

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

Following the Christmas break, the District has resumed work on the budget given the recent government Settlement Funding Assessment. Nationally, the reduction in settlement funding ranges from 10% - 22% and Suffolk's reduction across all local authorities (compared to the previous year) is about 11%. This implies more working together, efficiency savings and looking at devolution for innovative ways to bring in more income.

**Clean for the Queen** – Public Realm encourages and supports Town and Parish Councils community groups and individuals to take part in community litter picks and the weekend of 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 has been chosen for Clean for the Queen. Also note that Highways team has committed to waiving fees for Street Parties for the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday later this year.

**COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.** Nothing to report.

**PLAY AREA.** The Clerk reported that that back fence has now been repaired.

**FOOTPATH WARDEN.** The Clerk reported that she had spoken with Francesca Clarke, the footpath Officer for our area regarding footpath 20, the footpath leading down to Betty’s Bridge, and was assured that permission has been gained from Mr. Richard Martineau to go onto the meadow to make repairs but these cannot be carried out until drier weather.

**CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.** A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2015 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015.**

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

**COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.** It was reported that the next meeting will be held at the end of January.

**SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD.** This was mainly dealt with in Cllr. Fleming’s report. The Chairman is to arrange a meeting with Josh Kerridge.

**GREEN BOX AT TOP OF CAUSEWAY.** Permission has been obtained to reduce the size of the florescent strips.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** The Clerk had been instructed to obtain a copy of the Order in Council which closed St. Mary’s Churchyard in Walsham-le-Willows. This is now to hand.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

**STREET LIGHTING.**

The Clerk reported that she had at last received a response from Suffolk County Council regarding the light outside Rolfe’s. It cannot be mended and requires all equipment to be replaced and a promise of a quotation in the new year has not yet arrived. Councillors agreed that the Clerk accept the quotation when it arrives so that this can be repaired as soon as possible.

**CHURCHYARD GATES.**

The gates which lead from the Church onto The Causeway are in a very bad state of repair and a request has been made to the Parish Council to replace them. Councillors have looked at these and agree they need replacing. The Clerk was instructed to obtain quotations for the work.

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

**SPRING LITTER PICK.** It was agreed to set the date for this at the next meeting.

**LISTED BUILDINGS IN WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.** The Parish Council discussed the possibility of using Local Heritage Listing. Certain questions were raised and Cllr. Fleming will follow these up.

**TREES IN CHURCHYARD.** These will be discussed at the next meeting

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

Phone Co-Op Ltd. £173. 30p. (Clerks Broadband). T.Hunter £126 (Street cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £318. 45p. (Clerks wages/expenses). Walsham P.C.C. £175. (Hire of hall).

Suffolk County Council £2233. 76p. (Street lighting). Clarkes of Walsham £20. 10p. (maintenance).

D.Smith £165. (Repairs in Play Area). M.Barber £57. 89p. (Inks for printer).

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.