

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY, 2016

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

APOLOGIES Cllr. Dunn.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th January, 2016 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.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4462/15.

Proposal: Installation of gates following (demolition of existing outbuilding). Erection of post and rail fence subdividing existing driveway.

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

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4414/15.

Proposal: Erection of first floor rear extension.

Location: 24, Broad Meadow, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0322/16.

Proposal: Lift canopy of large Walnut. Removal of Silver Birch and plant new group of trees.

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

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0279/16

Proposal: Proposed telecommunications installation and associated works, GPDO application for 4G (Fourth Generation) upgrade to existing equipment.

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

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0425/16.

Proposal: Various tree works.

Location: Fernside, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING OUTCOMES. None.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Community Transport – The list of successful tenderers for the new community transport contracts is now published to begin in June. The contract holder for the Mid Suffolk Area is Aspire Together.

Police and Crime Precept and Changes – The County Council Police & Crime Panel has approved the Commissioner's proposal to increase the precept by 1.958% in 2016-17.

Changes to the Suffolk Police service include extra staff in the rural and cyber crime teams, reduction in community support officers but adding 30 new constables, reduction in public access desks with Ipswich, Bury and Lowestoft retained, and more focus on schools.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Council Medium Term Budget – The budget for 2016/17 is finalised and will be presented for approval at the Council meeting at the end of February.

Syrian Refugees – The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) are undertaking screening assessments in refugee camps to select individuals and families to participate in the scheme. Suffolk Refugee Support, the Marginalised Vulnerable Adults health team and the Church of England Diocese have put together a co-ordinated proposal to provide support. Families are being assessed in February/March and approximately 6 weeks later the first families will arrive.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. No further information regarding repairs to VAS.

PLAY AREA. Nothing to report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Repairs to footpath 20, the footpath leading down to Betty's Bridge, are now being carried out and should be completed within 2 weeks. It has been reported that the post on the small gate leading from New Bridge to Gallants Meadow is broken and needs replacing. The Chairman agreed to check this out and to e-mail Francesca Clarke, Footpath Officer, regarding this.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to 31st January, 2016 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed. It was agreed by all Councillors present that Margaret Anne Barber be a new signatory and David John Rolfe be deleted as a signatory on the Council's Reserve Account. The Clerk requested that SALC be used to carry out the internal audit again this year. This was agreed by all Councillors.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH JANUARY, 2016.

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

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. Still ongoing.

SIGNS AT EACH END OF IXWORTH ROAD. The Chairman met with Josh Kerridge and it has been agreed to place a not suitable for HGV's sign by the church wall opposite the Six Bells.

GREEN BOX AT TOP OF THE CAUSEWAY. The florescent strips have yet to be reduced.

STREET LIGHTING. Quotations have been received for the light outside Rolfe's of £968. 79p and one for the light at the bottom of Townhouse Road on the Finningham Road of £1,721. 88p. The Clerk was instructed to accept these. The Clerk reported that a saving of approximately £400 has been saved on street lighting since the switch off at midnight until 5 a.m.

CHURCHYARD GATES. There were 4 quotations tendered for the work to replace these gates and it was unanimously agreed to accept the one from John Landymore.

DATE FOR SPRING LITTER PICK. It was agreed that the date for the litter pick would be Sunday the 20th March, 2016.

TREES IN CHURCHYARD. This has been deferred until the August agenda.

LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE. Cllr. Fleming is going to check what arrangements there are with Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils regarding local heritage listing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

TREE DAMAGE TO TELEPHONE LINES ON RIVER BANK.

The resident of Riverside Cottage has raised the issue of tree damage to their telephone line. Councillors suspect that owing to the probable age of the tree, it pre-dates the line, in which case BT must take responsibility. It was also pointed out management of the riverbank, vegetation and trees is the responsibility of the riparian owners – not the Parish Council.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

FORMAT FOR A.G.M. This was agreed.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT. This was duly carried out.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN. It was reported that Highways have been made aware of the dreadful state of Grove Road which has been caused by the diversion of buses and large vehicles during the closure of Palmer Street for the installation of new mains water pipes.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:- T.Hunter £100. 80p (Street cleaning).

A.D.Clancy £321. 35p. (Clerks wages/expenses). Mid Suffolk District Council £16. 19p (Black sacks for street cleaner)

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.