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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 8TH MARCH, 2016.

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

APOLOGIES Cllr Dunn.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 9th February, 2016 were confirmed and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS.

None

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.

None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the very worn white lines donating "give way" in the Causeway at the bridge. This has been reported to Highways. Concern was also expressed regarding a large van which is parked on the grass verge outside No. 7, The Martineau houses in the Summer Road. This vehicle is an obstruction if 2 large vehicles meet there. The Clerk was instructed to contact PCSO Falconer.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0615/16.

Proposal: Crown lift Yew trees lining front drive. Fell to ground level Yew tree on right hand boundary. Fell dead Yew at front of property.

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

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0663/16.

Proposal: Erection of single storey extension incorporating office space and toilets.

Location: R & D Construction Depot, Summer Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0727/16.

Proposal: T1 – Willow: Pollard Tree T2 – Sycamore: Pollard Tree

Location: Church Rise Cottage, The Causeway, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING OUTCOMES

None.

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REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Highways – SCC Highways have been conducting a speed survey on Summer Road near the Sports Facilities as requested by Ian Campbell and me. Paul Leake, Community Speedwatch has also contributed information about historic speeding. This information will be used to assess risk to users of the facilities and look at options for making the area safer.

Green Lanes – If you have noticed abuse of green lanes or by-ways due to off-road vehicles such as creating ruts in wet conditions or nuisance please let me know. Some local area lanes have been particularly over-used this winter and I am gathering information about the extent of this and ensuing damage.

Cllr. Fleming also spoke on Suffolk Refugee Support and Devolution.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Conservation Area Planning – Local Lists. Nick Ward (Head of Natural & Built Environment) has looked in to this topic and has told me that while there are no local lists in Mid Suffolk, two have been prepared in Babergh, one for Sudbury. The Ipswich History Society has also produced a local list recently.

Mid Suffolk has offered to assist Walsham in preparing a Local List if interested but asks that this wait until May due to work load.

Bringing Empty Properties into use – MSDC – Babergh can provide a loan of up to £20,000 to assist owners in bringing an empty property back into residential use. The property should meet the Decent Homes Standard and upon completion of the works it must be available for residential occupation (sale, rent or owner-occupied). This loan is repayable upon sale or transfer of the property. If you need any further information or advice please contact 01473 826639.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

Report from Paul Leake with some statistics regarding Summer Road.

SPEED CHECKS IN SUMMER ROAD BY THE SPORTS CLUB.

2014

Two checks chosen at random from the list found 32 vehicles exceeding 36 mph. Three vehicles over 50 with the fastest at 61.

2015

In 2015, 7 checks were undertaken at this location, with 67 vehicles exceeding 36 mph, Four vehicles over 50, the fastest being 54. The fastest vehicle was caught twice, once in each direction, but slower the second time.

2016

A single check found 9 vehicles exceeding 36 mph. but 2 of the 9 were caught twice, once in each direction.

In all the checks there are numerous vehicles exceeding 40 mph. The normal number of vehicles caught speeding on Summer Road per session is 9-10 and the highest number was 18.

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Of the four permitted Speed Watch locations in the village Summer Road is the one with the biggest problem, followed by The Causeway. The problem with the Causeway is that it is straight and whilst there are many vehicles that speed on it, we are immediately visible to observant motorists who then slow down. Thus the normal catch is 4-6 vehicles. The other two locations might see a couple of vehicles speeding in each session.

PLAY AREA.

Concern has been expressed by users of the Play Area regarding the animal fouling in the sandpit and also the need for suitable equipment for younger children. Cllr. Roberts will contact Quentin Cass regarding these points and also remind the Play Council of the need to take up the 106 agreement monies.

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

It was felt that thanks should be minuted for the excellent way in which the re-surfacing of footpath 20 has been carried out by the Rights of Way & Access Team.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS/

A report of income/expenditure against budget to 29th February, 2016 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH FEBRUARY, 2016.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

A cheque from NOMS for £304. 45p. is now to hand, this being recompense for paint etc, wasted by shoddy workmanship some 18 months ago.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

Sue Leake will give a presentation at the Parish Council AGM on the 26th April, 2016.

IXWORTH ROAD SIGN.

As the sign needs to be specially made, a work order has been processed and we expect it to be in place within three months.

CHURCHYARD GATES.

John Landymore has accepted the work and will make the gates within the next few weeks.

LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE.

Jessica is progressing the issue with Nick Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SWAN PATH.

Ian Bartholomew has contacted Josh Kerridge of Highways regarding the dreadful state of Swan Path. Chair has taken photo's and passed these on and Josh will look at the situation and report back.

Whilst on the subject of highways the Chair has covered every road in Walsham reporting potholes and sent to Josh Kerridge with a covering village road map.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

None.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £100. 80p. (Street Cleaning).

A.Clancy £322. 64p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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