

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (ANNUAL) TUESDAY 10TH MAY, 2016.

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Belson, Bloomfield, Roberts, Kinnair & 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllrs, Lunken & Dunn.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Cllr. Barber the retiring Chairman called for nominations for the election of Chairman.

Cllr. Barber was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Kinnair, there was no amendment and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Cllr. Barber took the chair and called for nominations for Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Belson was proposed by Cllr. Roberts and seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield. There was no amendment and the proposal was carried unanimously.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th April, 2016 were approved and signed.

TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS. - None

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION - None

PUBLIC FORUM. A member of the public spoke with regard to Planning Application No. 1756/16.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1756/16.

Proposal: Infill gap between two existing buildings.

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

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1905/16.

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension following demolition of existing flat roofed extension.

Erection of single storey rear extension.

Location: 14, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1881/16.

Proposal: Replacement of existing conservatory roof with solid slate tiled roof and 2 no. velux roof lights; Replacement of existing conservatory UPVC doors and windows with triple leaf, oak framed by-fold doors; Insertion of replacement high level window in east elevation; and increase in overall height of existing conservatory at the rear of the property.

Location: 1, Plantation Cottages, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supported this application.

PLANNING OUTCOMES

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1080/16

Proposal: Fell Willow tree to ground level and grind out stump. Re-plant tree in same area.

Location: The Old Vicarage, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object.

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.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH Nothing to report.

PLAY AREA. Cllr. Roberts had requested a report from Quentin Cass to update the Parish Council and this reads as follows:-

The Park continues to be well used and checked and inspected on a regular basis. Litter pick are done frequently and the sandpit raked. The grass is being cut by Vertas grounds services. There are some items requiring attention, in particular:-

Repair to one of the entrance gates which has been 'removed' from its post.
(repair to be arranged).

Corrosion to skate ramps

(we are making enquiries to find a mobile welder. See also below)

I have also discussed the need for additional litter bin for the top end of the park with Tom and we will provide this from funds – cost is likely to be about £400.

Insurance was renewed at cost of £363 as reported following AGM. I have spoken to the Community Development team at Mid Suffolk about the S.106 monies from Elmside Lea. Maggie had mentioned that the money needs to be applied for, while we were told it would be held for 10 years and had decided to wait until there is a clear need, possible future replacement of equipment. MSDC confirms that the monies (about £11,800) are still held and the Play Park committee will meet to discuss if we think it is right time to apply. We would need to undertake a community consultation about how it's spent, though already aware of some demand for play equipment aimed at younger children.. Will also need to consider whether to apply for additional funding e.g. from Mid Suffolk community funding or other external funders (this would also require local fund raising). So this all needs to be discussed and we will let you know how we propose to approach this. In the meantime MSDC has noted on file that we are starting to consider an application.

We're also mindful that some of the skate ramps are deteriorating and we will need to consider options for dealing with this. The S.106 money can't be used for this, because it is allocated for play equipment while skate parks are categorised as sport. So other funding sources will be needed for this in future.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Nothing to report.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

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

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE. Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. Cllrs. Barber, Roberts & Bloomfield agreed to meet and finalize the document presented by Sue Leake at the AGM.

CHURCHYARD GATES. Still ongoing.

LISTED BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE. Still ongoing.

HIGHWAY MATTERS. Josh Kerridge has been in touch with the contractors who did the work at Crownland/Four Ashes, asking them to sort out the state of the road around the Four Ashes/Palmer Street area and, when completed, to reinstate the road markings which they should have done as part of the contract. The large pot-hole at the top of the Causeway has been filled in and a number of other pot-holes have been yellow line marked so they should be sorted in the near future. Work will be undertaken in Wattisfield Road to replace a broken pipe..it had been anticipated this would be completed concurrent with the recent works but Highways hadn't been allowed to piggy-back onto this initiative.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD.

The Parish Council have received a notification of temporary traffic order for the closure of Wattisfield Road from Rookery Lane to Mill Close from 31st May to 3rd June, 2016 to carry out carriageway repairs.

CHURCHYARD WALL. Still ongoing.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WALSHAM COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

The Trustees have requested that the Parish Council nominate a representative to serve on their Executive Committee for the coming year. Cllr. Roberts agreed to be the representative,

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

ANNUAL DONATION REVIEW. It was unanimously agreed that the annual donations remain the same as last year.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN. None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £100. 80p (Street cleaning).

A.Clancy £322. 45p. (Clerks wages/expenses.

Suffolk Assn. of Local Councils £404. 20p.(Annual subscription).

Namesco Ltd. £28. 80p. (e-mail account).

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.