

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH JUNE, 2016

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Lunken, Belson, Roberts, Bloomfield, Dunn, Kinnair, County & District Councillor Jessica Fleming and 2 members of the public.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 10th May, 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 pointed out that vegetation is growing out from under the hedge over the footway in the Causeway. The Clerk was instructed to ask Tom Hunter if he would cut this back.

With regard to the letter from the Church being sent to every household regarding finances a parishioner felt that there should have been some mention of the Parish Council's contribution towards the upkeep of the Closed Churchyard, the surrounding trees and wall to say nothing of the new gates which are on order. The Chairman agreed to follow this up.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2129/16.

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension.

Location: Chapel House, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO., 1035/16.

Proposal: Replacement of rear conservatory with traditional oak framed conservatory. Retention existing plinth.

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

Listed building consent has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1756/16.

Proposal: Erection of a link extension between two existing buildings.

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1881/16.

Proposal: Replacement of existing conservatory roof and increase in overall height of existing conservatory at the rear of the property.

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1905/16.

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

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1845/16.

Proposal: Application for a non material minor amendment following grant of planning Permission 2293/15. Enclose entrance hall, installation of fire door. Alterations to fenestration.

Location: Land adjacent to The Elms, Badwell Road, Walsham-Le-Willows.

This application was found to be satisfactory by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Community Transport – As of 13th June, the service provider for Mid Suffolk and Ipswich is the Bury St. Edmunds Volunteer Centre (BSEVC) which provides a central phone number to book ahead during week days. The service operates 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday with some more limited options available on Sunday or after hours. To use community transport (the old Dial-a-Ride) or a community car, or if you have queries, please ring 01449 614271. The operator will help with journey planning: or visit www.suffolkonboard.com/cc

Highways – Josh is reviewing the speed survey data and will offer some recommendations for Summer Road next to the Community Sports facilities.

Grass Cutting – Suffolk Highways has commenced C and U road verges.

Devolution – Suffolk County Council will vote on whether to carry forward the present proposals for a Norfolk-Suffolk combined authority and ‘weak’ elected mayor model on 30th June. Public consultation is planned over the summer with a subsequent opportunity to approve a final package in November. This would enable Suffolk to be among the 11 or so ‘Devolution Pilot’ authorities in England. This will be debated at Mid Suffolk on 29th June.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Ward Meeting about Local Growth – Thursday 16th June.

The Mid Suffolk planning team is holding a series of growth related meetings which someone representing the parish council may wish to attend. The time and place for Rickingham and Walsham Ward is 3pm – 5.30p.m. on Thursday 16th June, Rickingham Village Hall, Rickingham.

Housing Land Supply and Call for Sites.

The Draft Babergh and Mid Suffolk Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) is now available as part of the updated evidence base for the new Joint Local Plan. This is an initial assessment of the development capacity of the Districts. Mid Suffolk intends to make a further Call for Sites this summer to provide more comprehensive information about development capacity.

Although Walsham is not a ‘Primary Village’ identified for housing growth the meeting in Rickingham on 16th June may help clarify the development agenda and clustering plans.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. The Community Speed Watch News for May 2016 giving County Wide Statistics to the end of February, 2016 was presented to the Council for their information.

PLAY AREA. Cllr. Roberts stated that he is still awaiting a date for the promised committee meeting.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. The Rights of Way and Access Development Team at Suffolk County Council is currently preparing a second Rights of Way Improvement Plan. This is a statutory document that sets out how the team will manage and improve Rights of Way within Suffolk from 2016 to 2026. Cllr. Belson agreed to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council and the Chairman agreed to ask Rob Barber to complete the form as a User. Anyone interested in completing this questionnaire as a User or Non User the consultation page can be found here: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/consultations-petitions-and-elections/consultations/consultation-on-how-we-can-improve-access-to-suffolks-countryside/>

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed. The Annual Return for the year ended 31.3.16 was completed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH MAY, 2016.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Information on restoration work has been requested. The issue has been raised by Linda Hood, Finance Manager with the Finance Business Partner and the Contract Service Manager. A reply is still awaited.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

A date to meet and finalize the document has still to be arranged.

CHURCHYARD GATES. Still ongoing.

LISTED BUILDING IN THE VILLAGE.

Jessica Fleming is pursuing the issue with Nick Ward, Historical Environment Officer.

HIGHWAY MATTERS.

The potholes in Grove Road, Palmer Street and Townhouse Road are to be filled in ready for re-surfacing in July/August. Potholes in Rickinghall Road and Ixworth Road are still to be dealt with.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. A replacement drain has been installed which it is hoped will correct the problem.

CHURCHYARD WALL. Paul Rayson is to reinstate the missing flints.

CORRESPONDENCE.

COMMUNITY BUS. A letter was read concerning the Community Bus from Rickinghall Parish Council. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

PARISH COUNCIL SHED. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

TREES IN CHURCHYARD. It was agreed these needed to be trimmed back. The Clerk was instructed to organize.

STREAM BANK. It was agreed that the Clerk would ask David Murray if he would be willing to do the work sometime late July.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £100. 80p. (Street cleaning). A.,D.Clancy £319. 45p. (Clerks wages/expenses)

D.Murray £350 (Cutting of Churchyard). Show of Designs £36 (Signs).

Clarks of Walsham £11, 78p. (Post mix). A.,D.Clancy £36 (Travel expenses).

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service £40 (Donation). Avenues East £40 (Donation)

Headway £40 (Donation). C.A.B. Stowmarket £40 (Donation).

C.A.B. Bury St. Edmunds £40 (Donation). East Anglian Air Ambulance £40 (Donation)

EACH £40. (Donation).

The meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.