

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 12TH JULY, 2016.

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

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Kinnair & Roberts.

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 14th June, 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 TO BE DISCUSSED. None.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 2129/16.

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension.

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Community Transport – I hope that people are using the new service available in Mid Suffolk through 01449 614271. Please provide any comments to me about the service if you have used it. Details are available on www.suffolkonboard.com/cc

Devolution – Suffolk County Council voted to endorse the proposal for a combined ‘Norfolk-Suffolk’ authority on 30th June. A period of public consultation on the project commenced on Friday 8th July and will run until August 23rd. The online questionnaire and other relevant documents are available at www.eastangliadevo.co.uk Please note that the proposal for Norfolk now includes only those local authorities which assented to the proposal, therefore Norwich City, Breckland and North Norfolk District Councils are excluded. I would like to encourage the Parish Council and members of the public to participate in the public consultation and to complete the relevant survey either online or otherwise., Please contact me if you have any queries or difficulties with access to documents.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Devolution – Mid Suffolk District Council voted to endorse the proposal for a combined ‘Norfolk-Suffolk’ authority on 29th June and the public engagement period has started, ending on 23rd August. Relevant documents posted by the District Council are on the following web site:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news-archive/devolution-consultation-starts-today/>

Please note that the Norfolk-Suffolk documents and survey are the same no matter how they are accessed (District or County web site).

Local List – A meeting has taken place between Members of Walsham Parish Council (Cllrs. Richard Belson and Phyllis Lunken), Mid Suffolk District Council officers and myself to discuss local listing of historic buildings. Cllrs Belson and Lunken to consider next steps in taking this forward.

Small Business Survey and Assistance – Small businesses are encouraged to complete a Survey which will be used to develop a new Economic Development Strategy and help businesses grow:

www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/OpenBusinessSurvey

Participants may win a cash prize of up to £500. An online help pack for businesses is available here:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/business/open-for-business/>

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. Nothing to report.

PLAY AREA. Nothing to report.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. Nothing to report.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to 30th June, 2016 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH JUNE, 2016.
COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.**

We are awaiting a response from NOMS finance department.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP.

Still awaiting a date for a meeting to finalize the document.

CHURCHYARD GATES. No further progress.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING. Cllr. Belson & Cllr. Lunken attended a meeting convened by Jessica Fleming with 2 members of Mid Suffolk District Council Planning Department to discuss creating a local heritage list.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. The installation of the new drain in Wattisfield Road has made no difference, the water still pours down the road when it rains. Josh Kerridge from Highways has been and looked and we are following this up with him and David Fawcett.

TREES IN CHURCHYARD. Half the trees are to be trimmed back tomorrow and the other half at a later date.

STRIMMING OF RIVERBANK. The Clerk reported that David Murray has agreed to trim this. The Chairman agreed to contact Sunnyside Farms re the disposal of cut vegetation.

PARISH COUNCIL SHED. Cllr, Bloomfield has agreed to repair this.

CORRESPONDENCE, A resident of Broad Meadow has complained about the overgrown state of the footway leading from Wattisfield Road into Broad Meadow. The Chairman agreed to follow this up.

COMMUNITY BUS SCHEME. A letter has been received from Rickinghall Parish Council concerning the Community Bus Scheme which operates out of Rickinghall and Botesdale. They are requesting a donation. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further information.

SUFFOLK BETTER BROADBAND.

The Chairman has received an update from Jonathan Chown which reads as follows:-

We hope to have a cabinet upgraded on the junction of The Street and The Causeway by the end of September this year. This will cover postcodes shown in blue on the map here;

<http://www.betterbroadbandsuffolk.com/LineCheck.aspx>

We then plan to add further coverage in areas which still do not benefit, but this is yet to be finalised. It is also worth stressing that the programme is very fluid, and there is a strong chance that upgrades will be pulled forwards and backwards. BT are required to hit strict contractual milestones relating to building and commissioning the network. Each milestone or phase requires a number of premises to be upgraded. Whilst a general view of the broad areas which these will fall in exists, it is not until the survey phase at the beginning of each milestone that we know precisely what the build will include. For example, if a survey uncovers an issue, that area may have to fall back to a later milestone, and another might need to be fast tracked into an earlier milestone. The 'net' outcome to date is that we have not yet had to de-scope a single area from the contract, albeit there is some limited "shuffling" of areas back and forth as required from an engineering perspective. This will become more and more relevant in the second contract, so it is harder to forecast with certainty, when an area will be upgraded. Therefore, whilst the broad target is a particular phase, there is a chance of this coming forwards or backwards, for these reasons. Each 3-6 months we will publicise the latest build list in order that it can be tracked and shared as best as possible.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION,

SECOND YEARLY LITTER PICK. It was decided to hold this on Sunday 21st August, 2016.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £126 (Street cleaning) A.D.Clancy £329. 23p (Clerks wages/expenses).

St. Mary's PCC £175 (Hire of Priory Room). Namesco £21 (Clerks Broadband).

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.