PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2016.

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Lunken, Dunn, Bloomfield, Roberts & 2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllrs. Belson & Kinnair.

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

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

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATIONS. None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM. There were 2 members of the public present and both spoke with regard to Planning Application No. 3352/16.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3352/16

Proposal: Change of use, conversion and extension of existing retail shop/office (Class A1/B1) to form a single four bedroom dwelling (Class C3).

Location: Wattisfield Wines, The Street, 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.

POLICE & CRIME MEETINS IN SNT AREAS – these offer an opportunity for the public to ask questions of the Police Commissioner and the Chief Constable and to find out more about local policing. All meetings start at 6.30 p.m. and there is no need to book. Meeting in Mid Suffolk will be held at:

STOWMARKET: Tuesday 20th September, Cedars Hotel, Needham Road, Stowmarket. EYE: Thursday 17th November, 2026, Eye Community Centre, Magdalen Street, Eye.

DEVOLUTION – Suffolk County Council's consultation officially ended on August 23rd. Survey results are being collated. The County Council is expected to vote on the current proposal as a Draft Order when it meets on 2nd November.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND LOCAL GROWTH – The District will commence a Strategic Housing Market Assessment in October to support housing figures relevant to the new Mid Suffolk & Babergh joint Local Plan. The role of parishes should be in developing suitable values for Objectively Assessed Need, I will also be working with County Council officers about infrastructure and related funding relevant to growth. Although Walsham is not a 'Primary Village' identified for housing growth it would be helpful for the parish to consider what and where local growth is desirable in preparation for the anticipated market assessment later in the autumn.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. Nothing to report.

PLAY AREA. Cllr. Roberts is to contact the Play Area committee re a meeting.

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

The Footpath Warden was absent from the meeting but is has been reported that Allotment Lane is becoming overgrown, also dog fouling is an issue there.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st August, 2016 was presented. All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed. The Annual Audit Return was presented. This was approved and accepted by the Council. Notice of conclusion of the audit will be posted in the notice board for 14 days.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9[™] AUGUST, 2016.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE. No further progress. Chairman agreed to pursue the matter further.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. No comment.

CHURCHYARD GATES.

These are ready to hang but new hinges are required. John Landymore is to liaise with Peter Rudderham. It is also found that the path needs regrading, Cllr. Roberts has agreed to do this and will liaise with John Landymore.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING. Nothing further known.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. No rain so no water.

COMMUNITY BUS SCHEME. Councillors have received comments from members of the public that this is too expensive.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ROAD CLOSURE. The C645 Ixworth Road will be closed on the 31st October, 2016 for 2 weeks to enable bridge repairs opposite The Lawn.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN. The issue of excessive noise from the Blue Boar's musical events was raised. It was reported that more flints are falling out of the Church wall. The Clerk to find out when Mr. Rayson is coming.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

K.Boardley £382. 47p. (New computer).
K.Boardley £80 (computer expenses).
T.Hunter £100. 80p. (Street cleaning).
A.Clancy £321. 13p. (Clerks wages/expenses).
D.Murray £350 (mowing in churchyard).
D.Murray £103, 28p. (Strimming & petrol for mower)
BDO LLP £240 (Audit)
A.Clancy £19. 99p. (computer expenses)
Brown's Tree Services £540 (Tree surgery)
J.Landymore £1214 78p. (Churchyard gates)

The meeting closed at 7.58 p.m.