

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**PRESENT** Cllrs, Barber, Lunken, Kinnair, Bloomfield, Dunn, Belson, Roberts & County Councillor and District Councillor Jessica Fleming.

There were no apologies.

Minutes of the meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 and the budget meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 were confirmed and signed.

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

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.                      None.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.                      None.

### **PLANNING OUTCOMES.**

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4433/16.

Proposal: Various tree works,  
Hall Farm House, Summer Road, Walsham-le-Willows.  
Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4435/16.

Proposal: Pollard Willow tree.  
Location: On Stream Side, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.  
Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4390/16.

Proposal: Remove single Leylandii.  
Location: 7, Cherry Tree Row, Finningham Road, Walsham-le-Willows.  
Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 3713/16.

Proposal: The construction of a single-storey potting shed.  
Location: Sunnyside House, Finningham Road, 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.

DEVOLUTION – A combined Norfolk-Suffolk deal is not now going ahead. Suffolk County Council voted on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. by a majority with 7 abstentions to continue to explore possibilities for Suffolk following rejection of a combined proposal by King's Lynn and West Norfolk Council on 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

AVIAN FLU PRECAUTIONS – The Chief Veterinary Officer has declared a Prevention Zone to help protect poultry from a strain of Avian Flu in Europe. This requires keepers of poultry and other captive birds across England to keep their birds indoors, or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds.

COUNCIL BUDGET SURVEY – People are being asked about Suffolk County Council's spending priorities as further reductions in local authority spending must be made next year. The survey closes on 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2016 and the budget report will be considered by the Suffolk County Council Cabinet on 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2017, which will make recommendations to Full Council on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017.

Visit [www.suffolk.gov.uk/budgetsurvey2017](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/budgetsurvey2017)

HGV'S and Satnav – I attended a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. with SCC officers and councillors. The government has sponsored a new digital project to provide better information to large vehicle operators which includes updated

Ordnance Survey based mapping linked to SatNav but there is an added cost to access the full data and it will need input from local sources to improve accuracy.

HIGHWAYS REPORTING REMINDER – If you spot a pothole, faulty streetlight, empty grit bin or any other problem on the highway use our highways reporting tool to tell us about it.

<http://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

CHRISTMAS OPENING AT MSDC. – The Hadleigh and Needham Market council offices will close at 3.30 p.m. on the afternoon of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Both offices will be closed for the rest of the Christmas and New Year period. The Mid Suffolk District Council offices will re-open at 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2017 and Babergh District Council offices will re-open at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. 2017. Emergency no. over the holiday: 0808 168 7794.

SHELTERED HOUSING – Changes have been approved for sheltered accommodation affecting 15 schemes in Mid Suffolk including Millars Close, Walsham which will be de-sheltered as of April 2017. No tenants are required to move and those who wish to continue to receive support or an emergency alarm, will do so – refer to

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news-archive/council-approves-changes-to-sheltered-housing-services/>

If you have concerns please get in touch with Mid Suffolk on 01449 724762 or Email

[Homechoice@Midsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Homechoice@Midsuffolk.gov.uk)

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. No report forthcoming.

PLAY AREA. It was suggested and carried unanimously that the Clerk write to the Play Council inviting them to attend the Parish Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 to discuss several issues.

FOOTPATH WARDEN. It has been reported that horses are being ridden on our footpaths. These footpaths are not bridleways, in fact, there are no bridleways in Walsham. The Clerk was instructed to place an article in the Observer informing the public of this and to make enquiries with regard to signage.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

The precept request form for £20,100 was duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE. Still ongoing.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING WORKSHOP. No further progress.

CHURCHYARD GATES. These have now been installed.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING. Still awaiting a response from Mid Suffolk Planning Dept.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. The situation is being monitored.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. This was discussed at great length. It was pointed out that Rickinghall and Botesdale P.C. are holding an open meeting at Rickinghall Village Hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 at 7.30 p.m. to discuss the 1<sup>st</sup> step to create their Neighbourhood Plan and most councillors agreed to attend this to get some idea as to what this would entail.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE.**

GISLINGHAM SILVER BAND

A letter was read requesting a donation towards the building of a new hall for band practice etc,

It was felt that as the Parish Council have to give priority to our own community matters that could benefit them we had to decline their request.

POPPY PROJECT. This project had the full backing of the Parish Council.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

**DONATION TO MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL..**

It was agreed in principal to finance the purchase and installation of the 3 windows at the hall.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.**

The Chairman reported that she had received a visit from a member of the public raising two issues, firstly, there are 2 big gaps in the back hedge in the Play Area that the children are going through onto the field beyond. Cllr. Roberts agreed to follow this up.

Secondly, bushes outside No. 6 The Maltings are now growing 3ft into the road causing problems for vehicles going up and down. As these bushes are encroaching onto the highway the Clerk was instructed to inform David Irving of Suffolk Highways.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £126 (Street cleaning).

A.Clancy £322. 23p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

Ladywell Accountancy Services £40 (Clerks wages etc.)

The Phone Co-op Ltd .£173, 38p. (Internet connection).

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.