

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

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

APOLOGIES Cllr. Dunn.

Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 10th January, 2017 were confirmed and signed.

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

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION,
None

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM.
None

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0184/17.

Proposal: Ash (T1) Reduce Crown by 4.5 to 5 metres.

Ash (T2) Reduce Crown by 4.5 metres.

Location: Willow Tree Farm, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council do not object but if the trees are cut back to this extent the Parish Council is concerned that the lush new growth will be very susceptible to infection by Ash Die Back.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4896/16.

Proposal: Erection of a oak framed garage.

Location: The Rosary, Palmer Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 4849/16.

Proposal: T1. Fell Leylandii.

Location: 3, Guildhall Cottages, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 5001/16.

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission 3352/16 (change of external materials).

Location: Wattisfield Wines, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Planning permission has been refused by Mid Suffolk District Council.

REPORTS.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR JESSICA FLEMING.

COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPTS FOR 2018/2018 – The Police and Crime Commissioner’s Policing Precept will increase by 1.972% in 2017/18. Further detail of the precept and Panel report are available on the Suffolk County Council website.

Similarly the County Council budget for 2017/2018 includes a 3% uplift in the Social Care precept to help meet increasing care needs.

SUFFOLK SCHOOLS NEED GOOD GOVERNORS – If you’re interested in finding out more about becoming a School Governor, please contact the Suffolk Leadership and Governance Team – email governance@suffolk.gov.uk

NEW SUFFOLK CHARITY – To help deliver new Suffolk Archive Centre (The Hold) and to support the Record Office in its future work, a new charitable organisation – the Suffolk Archives Foundation (SAF) – has been established. SAF is run by a small group of volunteers and Trustees. Over the coming months, they will be planning events and their fundraising campaign, as well as looking to recruit more volunteers. Refer to the Suffolk Archives website.

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

MID SUFFOLK LOCAL PLAN STATUS – The District has decided that the process of updating the Local Plan should take into account the new Housing White Paper

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fixing-our-broken-housing-market>

Also Suffolk County Council is preparing a Suffolk Planning and infrastructure Framework document that is also relevant to district plan making, and the Neighbourhood Planning Bill is going through the House of Lords. The time lag of a few months will enable a much better document to be prepared that takes all of these into account. A draft is expected in early summer.

MOVE TO ENDEAVOUR HOUSE – Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councils will move their main administrations to Ipswich around September 2017 and vacate premises in Needham Market and Hadleigh. There will be a Mid Suffolk satellite office for public access in Stowmarket and the District is looking at ways of better using community facilities such as village halls for meetings as well.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH.

No report to hand.

FOOTPATH WARDEN.

Nothing to report.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to 31ST JANUARY, 2017 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

AT THIS POINT THE MEETING WAS OPENED FOR AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH THE PLAY COUNCIL COMMITTEE REGARDING S106 AGREEMENT MONEY, FUNDING AID AND COMMITTEE ISSUES.

THE MEETING WAS THEN CLOSED.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 10TH JANUARY, 2017.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE.

Still awaiting a response.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN.

Still ongoing.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING.

Progressing.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD.

No problems at present.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

Cllrs. attended a meeting at Rickinghall Village Hall on the 18th January, 2017 and will discuss the outcome at the next meeting.

SIGNAGE FOR FOOTPATHS.

Design and size has now been approved and 6 are to be ordered.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDER.

ROAD CLOSURE.

C655 The Street, Walsham-le-Willows – From 220 metres east of junction with Summer Road and for a further 40 metres east.

REASON OF CLOSURE.

Electrical connection.

DATE OF CLOSURE.

06/03/2017 to 10/03/2017

ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

Summer Road, A143, B1113 and vice versa.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

POSITION OF TREE WARDEN.

Cllr. Belson volunteered to take on the role of Tree Warden.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS ETC.

A review was carried out on the following documents:- Financial Regulations, Health & Safety, Standing Orders, Internal Control Statement, Risk Assessment, Litter Pick Health & Safety, Asset Register, Councillor Information, Cheques over £100.

The Council intends to apply for Transparency Funding and have decided to use Suffolk.cloud as a provider of a PC website for one year.

VACANCY FOR CLERK,

The impending vacancy for a clerk is to be advertised in the Observer, the content of which was agreed by Councillors.

DATE FOR SPRING LITTER PICK.

It was agreed to hold this on Sunday 2nd April, 2017.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

T.Hunter £100. 80p. (Street Cleaning).

A.Clancy £322. 53p. (Clerks wages/expenses)

M.Barber £12. 15p. (Travel expenses)

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.