

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 14TH MARCH, 2017.

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

APOLOGIES Cllr. Belson.

Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday the 14th February, 2017 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 spoke regarding Planning Application No. 0608/17.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0608/17.

Proposal: Conversion of existing storage building to a training room. Construction of new vehicular access and additional parking. Alterations to realign existing access.

Location: R and D Construction Depot, Summer Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council supports the application in principle in as much as it is use of a redundant building with a design in keeping with the rest of the building on site.

We feel, however, that as there is no indication on the plans about any proposed lighting on the exterior of these buildings, clarification is needed as there could be impact on nearby dwellings.

Screening needs to be extended between R & D and their neighbours in order to minimize the effect of approaching headlights as traffic turns into the site.

We also feel that the proposed smaller car park is in very close proximity to the neighbouring property and is not a necessity as there is more than adequate parking on the larger marked "overflow" car park.

PLANNING OUTCOMES.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO.4055/16.

Proposal: Internal alterations, rear hall extension and external repairs.

Location: Walsham Congregational Church, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

Permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council.

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.

Mid Suffolk District Council does not wish to object

REPORTS.

Reports from County Councillor and District Councillor Jessica Fleming.

County Council report for Walsham-le-Willows.

Bird flu and New Defra Instruction – Bridge Farm and Grange Farm near Redgrave are affected. A 3km Protection Zone and a 10km Surveillance Zone are in place (Walsham is in a Surveillance Zone)

Highways – The area highways officer is aware of the flood problem on Wattisfield Road.

Business Rates – Rates will adjust as of April 1st, 2017, please get in touch if you have concerns, rates collection is a District Council responsibility. The Government website is: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-business-rate-relief/small-business-rate-relief>

DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT FOR WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS.

Open Spaces Survey – The District Councils are conducting a survey of location, type and quality of existing open spaces provision so that we can understand where surpluses or deficits exist. This will be used as part of the evidence base for the Joint Local Plan. Consultant Ethos Environmental Planning has produced a short survey which will be circulated to each Parish and Town Council requesting information on existing open spaces and aspirations for future improvements. No action is needed now, except perhaps any preparation needed to identify public open space/recreational space within the parish.

Consultation on A120 route upgrade – Mid Suffolk & Babergh have responded to a consultation on a new A120 route leading to Stanstead/Bishops Stortford, supporting routes B or C.

Move to Endeavour House – No further news.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH. No report to hand.

PLAY AREA.

A revised set of accounts is to be requested and payment of the annual grant will be discussed at the next meeting. A complaint has been received concerning children going through the hedge on the east side boundary into the field beyond, it is feared that this could be dangerous when machinery is working. The Parish Council are to look into this and will report back at the next meeting,

FOOTPATH WARDEN. No report to hand.

TREE WARDEN. No report to hand.

CLERKS FINANCIAL REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

It was agreed that the Clerk applied to make changes to the names for cheque signatories at the bank. Cllr Lunken was requested to complete a Register of Members Interests form as MSDC does not appear to have a copy.

A report of Income/expenditure against budget to the 28th February, 2017 was presented.

All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 14TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE. Nothing to report.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN. Still ongoing.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING. Still ongoing.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD. No issues at present.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

A letter via e-mail was received today concerning a consultation on Botesdale & Rickinghall Neighbourhood Plan Area Designation. The consultation period will run from Wed 15th March, 2017 until 4.00 p.m. on Friday 28th April, 2017. It was decided to discuss this at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SPORTS CLUB DEFIBRILLATOR,

An e-mail has been received from the Sports Club with regard to replacing the CPR-D pads for the defibrillator at a cost of £141. As this is for the use of the whole community the PC agreed to cover the cost of these pads as a one off payment.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

TRANSPARENCY CODE.

The Chair reported that all the required documents are with Kerry Burn at Suffolk cloud, she will be uploading them in the near future and the website should go live in April. All agendas, minutes, finance statements and audit details have been made available. Chair also reported that she had filled in an online request for funding for this work.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARISH CLERK VACANCY.

The Chairman reported that there had been 2 applications for the post and that interviews will be held shortly. The panel will be Cllrs. Barber, Kinnair, Bloomfield and Roberts.

FORMAT FOR AGM. It was agreed that this will be as in previously years. Clerk to organize.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN.

The Clerk was instructed to report potholes in Grove Park, outside Clarkes and Badwell Road.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

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

A.D.Clancy £318. 93p. (Clerks wages/expenses).

Suffolk County Council £2433. 88p. (Street lighting).

Show Off Design & Graphics Ltd. £64. 80p. (Signs).

Suffolk Agri Centre Ltd. £195. 00p. (Mower servicing)

The meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.