

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY 11TH APRIL, 2017

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Lunken, Belson, Bloomfield, Roberts and 1 member of the public.

APOLOGIES Cllr. Kinnair and Cllr. Dunn.

Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 14th March, 2017 were confirmed and signed.

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

TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION. None.

PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Steven Bainbridge of Evolution town planning spoke concerning a proposed housing development In Wattisfield Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR DISCUSSION

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0948/17.

Proposal: Prune Weeping Willow and Robinia to previous pruning points.

Location: Sideways, The Street, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council objected to the application, having said that were In favour with Weeping Willow to be pruned but objected to the work on the Robinia as this is a fine example of the species and has a prominent position in the village and is unlikely to pose a structural threat to surrounding buildings.

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1003/17.

Proposal: Cedar – C1 on plan – Fell.

Location: The Beacons, Ixworth Road, Walsham-le-Willows.

The Parish Council made no comments.

PLANNING OUTCOMES

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 0608/17.

Proposal: Conversion of existing storage building to a training room. Realignment of vehicular access and provision of additional parking.

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

Planning permission has been granted by Mid Suffolk District Council subject to conditions.

REPORTS

County and District Councillor Jessica Fleming was not in attendance therefore no reports were forthcoming.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH No report to hand.

PLAY AREA

A meeting was held at the Play Area between members of the Play Council, Parish Council and Old Town Trust to discuss the boundaries and ditch clearance. New equipment for the Play Area was also discussed.

A request for funding of £3,055 for the coming year was to hand. It was felt that the Parish Council were unable to pay the £500 reserve fund for equipment repairs and unplanned maintenance requested but in the eventuality of anything cropping up in the year we could look favourably to offering help. Therefore a cheque for £2,555 is to be forwarded.

The Clerk was requested to remind the Play Council committee of the date, time and venue of the Annual Parish meeting and also request that they inform the Parish Council when they intend to hold their AGM.

FOOTPATH WARDEN The 'NO HORSES' signs are being prepared for installation.

TREE WARDEN Nothing to report.

CLERKS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR PAYMENTS.

A report of income/expenditure against budget to the 31st March, 2017 was presented.
All cheques were passed for payment and duly signed.

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

COMMUNITY PAY BACK TEAM – WORK WITHIN THE VILLAGE. No further progress.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN Cllr. Roberts and Cllr. Bloomfield to arrange a meeting to finalize this.

LOCAL HERITAGE LISTING Still progressing.

WATER IN WATTISFIELD ROAD

The Clerk reported that she has had notification that Wattisfield Road will be closed on the 31/5/17 between the hours of 09.00 hours to 16.30 hours to replace a manhole cover and frame.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. Still ongoing.

TRANSPARENCY CODE AND FUND APPLICATION.

This can now be found on the website – walshamlewillows.suffolk.cloud
A request for funding has been made.

PARISH CLERK VACANCY

Interviews were held and Kevin Boardley was the successful applicant and will take over the post from Averil on the 1st May, 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

LITTER PICK

This was held on Sunday 2nd April and was once again very successful.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN None.

Cheques passed for payment were as follows:-

Walsham Play Council £2,555 (grant to Play Area).
Walsham Sports Club £141 (new defibrillator pads),
T.Hunter £137. 40p (Street cleaning).
A.Clancy £331. 58p. (Clerks wages/expenses).
Suffolkbiz £540 (Transparency code).

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

