



WALSHAM-LE-WILLOCKS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of meeting Tuesday 13th June, 2017

PRESENT Cllrs. Barber, Belson, Bloomfield, Kinnair, Lunken, Roberts and 4 members of the public. **APOLOGIES** Cllrs. Dunn, Fleming

1	AGENDA
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1.1 Richard Belson was re-elected, unopposed, as Vice Chair. Proposed by Cllr. Kinnair and seconded by Cllr. Bloomfield.

1.2 Apologies: Noted above.

1.3 Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9th May, 2017 were confirmed and signed.

1.4 TO RECEIVE PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS OF MEMBERS. Cllr. Barber declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application 1785/17.

1.5 TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION. None.

1.6 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Known and documented but ongoing issues with the Mid Suffolk Planning web site brought to the attention of councillors again.

In response Cllr. Barber said that although not ideal, this is why the Parish Council suggested sending in information for posting on the Parish Council website. Also, that Parish Council comments were present on the planning web site.

Cllr's Barber and Lunken mentioned that the consultation period had been extended.

Cllr. Barber advised that the issue will be taken up again with Planning and Cllr. Jessica Fleming.

In view of the public comments, Cllr. Belson suggested that maybe we should consult Jessica Fleming on a separate objection on basis of total failure of transparency given the state of the official Planning web site.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

plus any received after the publication of this agenda

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1785/17

The Parish Council wish to object to the proposal suggesting that a 9am opening would accommodate expected customers as per the original application, i.e. 'foot traffic/custom'. And that the introduction of passing builders and related vehicles, especially at an exceptionally busy time of the day with car and pedestrian traffic en route to school, would raise parking and traffic concerns.

Cllr. Barber refrained from commenting on this application as she is a near neighbour and could be affected by the plans

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PLANNING OUTCOMES

PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 1400/17

MSDC Granted

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REPORTS

4.1 Play Area

Cllrs. Barber, Kinnear, Lunken, Roberts and Clerk Kevin Boardley attended the Paly Council AGM at the Six Bells which was the first in over 2 years. Only three members of the committee were present and emphasis was placed on the need to have additional members in order to fulfil the terms of the lease. Owing to Transparency requirements, Parish Council have requested copies of invoices and a meeting with Play Council to discuss finances. Parish Councillors, on a reading of the lease concluded that the Parish Council are most definitely the tenants and the Play Council are acting on behalf of the Parish Council being the active managers.

ACTION: Clerk to advise that work should go ahead on ditches and hedges on basis of quote for £650 plus vat

Conclusion of the Parish Council was that work on the fallen apple tree and damaged fence quoted at £250 plus vat by David Brown was supported in principle and that Parish Council would in the interim pay for the tree removal but an assessment outcome from the insurers was needed from the Play Council asap.

4.2 Footpath Warden

Cherry Tree cuttings seen on the footpath en route to Betty's Bridge and cardboard and other rubbish by Gallant's Meadow. It is the responsibility of the landowner to make sure that any Public Footpath is clear and passable. Cllr. Barber will bring the matter to the attention of Richard Martineau.

Cllr. Bloomfield received a complaint about encroachment of undergrowth into footpath down to allotments by the sports club. Tricky because of difficulty getting access for machinery when crops are growing.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to speak to previous Clerk to try to find out who owns field next to footpath.

4.3 Tree Warden

Nothing to Report

4.4 Clerks financial report and request for payments

- Transparency Funding received for 2016/17 £819.26 - **Noted**
- HMRC VAT repayment due in June £947.01 - **Noted**
- Previous YTD budget reports – **To be referred to auditor on 5th July for advice.**
- Santander – online banking – **To be referred to auditor on 5th July for advice.**

Cheques Passed and signed for Payment 13/06/2017				
#	Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
1	T Hunter	002035	£109.92	Street cleaning
2	K Boardley	002034	£237.48	Clerks wages & expenses
3	Walsham le Willows Play Council	002036	£2555.00	Reissue of cheque. Original cheque 002022 returned and destroyed
4	Clarkes of Walsham	002033	£54.43	Sharp sand for churchyard
5	SALC	002032	£418.39	Subscription
6	Crocodile Trading Ltd	002037	£44.99	Bungee Cords
7	Maggie Barber	0020308	£256.00	Reimbursement – Bench seat

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

5.1 Community Pay Back Team – work within the village

Agreement to pay reparation for properly painting posts and railings on Swan Pathway.

ACTION: Cllr. Barber to contact painter. £1130

5.2 Community Emergency Plan

Ongoing – report next month

5.3 Local heritage listing

Awaiting response from History Group

5.4 Water in Wattisfield Road

No known problems at the moment

5.5 The development of a Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr. Jessica Fleming not present and Parish Council needs advice. Will need a number of volunteers from the village. It needs to be kicked off. **ACTION** Parish Clerk to instigate ad in Observer for an Open Meeting about the instigation of a Neighbourhood Plan which would help to control and manage development within the village. Cllr. Barber noted that it would be expected that all Parish Councillor's would attend.

ACTION

Cllr. Barber to contact Jessica and Jim at SALC re a NP presentation.
Clerk to investigate Memorial Hall availability early July.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.1 Note £3,500 award to Sports Club from Suffolk Community Foundation - **noted**
- 6.2 Tour of Britain – Friday 8th September - £150 grant available road closures – Rob Barber will raise the matter at Community Council AGM
- 6.3 Parish Liaison Meetings - 27/29th June 10:00 and 18:00 – **no interest**
- 6.4 SNT meetings – 29th June / 11th July, 10:00 Stowmarket Police Station – **no interest**
- 6.5 Mid Suffolk North Area Meeting - 5th June Eye Town Hall (and subsequently 21 Sept & 4 Dec) – **no interest**
- 6.6 Restoration of War Memorials - **noted**
- 6.7 Village of the Year Competition – **no interest**
- 6.8 Open Spaces Survey – **Cllr. Belson has completed the online ‘Open Spaces Survey’** on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 6.9 Anglian Water Pump – **passed to Jeannie for the Observer**
- 6.10 Data Protection changes - **noted**
- 6.11 Road Closure C655 11-13th July - **noted**

7 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 7.1 Cllr. Trevor Roberts to be confirmed as PC representative on Community Council - **Agreed**
- 7.2 Recommendations from Internal Audit Report – **to be discussed with Auditor on 5th July**
- 7.3 Agree and sign annual return – **Agreed and Signed**
- 7.4 Davis Sparkes’ reply to Maggie re Land Bids - **noted**
- 7.5 Cllr. Belson’s suggestion re communications between School and PC re 1352/17 – **Agreed. Jennie Moynihan to be cc’d in to all relevant correspondence**
- 7.6 SALC - Clerk’s Info and Networking 13th June – **Clerk advised would not make this one**
- 7.7 Play Council AGM – **Covered under 4.1**

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

- 8.1 David Murray – cutting of stream banks? To cost £50 based on hours – **Agreed**
- 8.2 Weedkilling of churchyard wall – **Issues re health and safety - ACTION: Clerk to contact highways to ask if this service is available from the District Council.**

9 MEETING CLOSED AT:

21:40

Kevin Boardley
Proper Officer & Clerk to Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

Maggie Barber – Chair - Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council

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