



## WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018

PRESENT Cllrs. Belson, Bloomfield, Roberts.

### FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 Apologies: Cllr's. Barber, Kinnair and Lunken
- 1.2 The minutes of the last meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 (as corrected) were duly approved
- 1.3 No pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests declared
- 1.4 No applications for dispensation
- 1.5 Public Open Forum – one member of the public present
  - The issues with the drain at the top of the Causeway by Green Hill were raised again. This is an ongoing issue which hardly ever disappears totally. **ACTION CLERK:** Contact Highways
  - After the recent heavy rains it was noticed from the bridge on The Causeway that the water in the brook was 'milky' in appearance. Concerns about impact on wildlife. Not clear from exactly where it came but was spotted just near the end of Priors Close or the cottage a bit further down. **ACTION CLERK:** contact Mr and Mrs Leake to inform of some sort of leak in the vicinity and ask that if they see it again if they could contact Anglian Water.
- 1.6 County and District Reports – Jessica Fleming presented her reports which are available at on the Parish Council website at <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/governance-community/parish-council/> – Jessica's report included for the County, Home to School Transport, Highways Programme Review, Consultation on Specialist Education and 'We are Listening' events. And for the District, Planning, Statement of Community Involvement, Needham Market Middle School Site, Joint Housing Strategy Consultation, Solar Panels and Date to Meet Jo Churchill MP.

Cllr Belson raised issue with Cllr Fleming of the relatively recent phenomenon of planning applications for the conversion to residential dwellings of agricultural buildings which are entirely devoid of any architectural interest and which are an eyesore. Cllr Fleming advised that there is no specific policy change that she is aware of.

## 2 PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)

**PARISH COUNCIL STRONGY OBJECTS** Reference: DC/18/03312 Address: West Street Farm Walsham Le Willows Suffolk IP31 3AP Proposal: Notification of Prior Approval Application under Part 3, Class Q (a) and (b) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - Conversion of existing agricultural barn to a dwellinghouse.

### GROUNDS:

- Total failure to meet basic standards of good design expected of a residential building
- The building of the grain store would have almost certainly been driven by cost and suitability for purpose with no attention to quality of design or aesthetic standards

- This is an ugly, utilitarian building with no qualities deserving of conversion to a residential home
- Application is inappropriate given that the building is no longer used for agricultural purposes
- The proposed conversion would be an unmitigated eyesore

**THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORTED THIS APPLICATION** Application: DC/18/03353 Proposal: Planning Application. Erection of a B8 commercial building. Location: Land To The West Of The R&D Construction Depot , Summer Road, Walsham Le Willows, IP31 3AJ

### 3 PLANNING OUTCOMES - NOTED

**GRANTED** Application no. DC/17/05256

**Location:** Land South Of School Road, Hinderclay, IP22 1HH

**Proposal:** Planning Application - Change of use of agricultural land to provide airfield for light aircraft aviation operations. Erection of temporary aircraft hangar. Siting of storage container.

**GRANTED PARISH COUNCIL in SUPPORT** Application DC/18/02589 Address Willow Tree Farm Palmer Street Walsham Le Willows Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BZ **Proposal** Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act - To vary Condition 2 of Planning Application 1613/15 (Demolition of an existing garage block and the erection of a four bedroom detached house on land to the South West of the host property together with a cart lodge for the host property).

### 4 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8th May 2018

- 4.1 Community Emergency Plan – Ongoing. Cllr Bllomfield has identified some names that need to be removed. **ACTION CLLR BLOOMFIELD:** Conclude for next meeting
- 4.2 CIL bid submission – **ACTION CLERK:** Contact Robert Hobbs at MSDC for some dates in second half of October into November and then liaise with Neighbourhood Plan Chair to agree a date.
- 4.3 Neighbourhood Plan – The Parish Council noted that Walsham le Willows is now a designated Neighbourhood Plan Village. Next meetings on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. and 25<sup>th</sup> October
- 4.4 Data Protection – no further progress – the Clerk hopes to progress this for the next meeting
- 4.5 SID devices – ordered 11/08 2-3 weeks delivery time – kill speed signs delivered **ACTION CLERK:** Contact Highways for resident contact details. **ACTION CLLR ROBERTS:** Approach resident who has objected to one of the locations on Wattisfield Road to ascertain reasons for objection.
- 4.6 Streetlighting conversion – Clerk informed that this has been delayed and Highways will endeavour to have the cost assessments with us for next Parish Council meeting.
- 4.7 Play Area Insurance – waiting for previous Treasurer to contact CAS. **ACTION CLERK:** update valuation list to exclude vat and have another go to try to ascertain value of boardwalk from invoice documentation to hand.
- 4.8 New signage for footpaths – Progressing. **ACTION CLLR ROBERTS:** Contact John Dorling
- 4.9 Cllr Roberts was proposed as Parish Council representative on newly established Sports Club CIO by Cllr Belson and seconded by Cllr Bloomfield; carried unanimously

- 4.10 Cutting under hedge on The Causeway – Clerk reported that Highways had declined to attend but will keep under review. Clerk also relayed message from Cllr Barber re the bank opposite Vine Cottages and environs. **ACTION CLERK:** Contact David Murray to ask for quote.
- 4.11 Speedwatch – **ACTION CLLR BLOOMFIELD:** Cllr Bloomfield reported that he would have to ask another contact to see if this can be resurrected.

## 5 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 Enquiry from Bury Free Press – Clerk noted that no further enquiry was received, or comment made on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council had no comment to make.
- 5.2 Email re dog fouling signs – Clerk read out email from parishioner. **ACTION CLERK:** To try to source some dog fouling signage

## 6 REPORTS

- 6.1 Clerk’s Financial report was agreed by Cllr Bloomfield and requests for payments were authorised as follows.

#	Payee	Chq No	Amount	Description
1	Parish Council Employee	002140	£376.25	Wages
2	PCC	002141	£200.00	Priory Room Hire
3	K Boardley	002142	£17.38	Expenses
4	H.Reeve	002143	£171.37	Footpaths Cutting 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018/19 payment
5	G.Pollard	002144	£38.65	
6	M.Hawes	002145	£62.25	
7	Martineau Farms LLP	002146	£153.95	
8	P.Dryden	002147	£40.00	
9	Tom Hunter	002148	£56.00	Play Area Maintenance
10	Tom Hunter	002149	£109.92	Street Cleaning
11	Aluscreen Ltd	002150	£6476.40	Invoice for SIDs which will be delivered to Aluscreen for some minor modifications before being passed to Parish Council.

#	Payment In From	Ref	Amount	Description
1	Footpaths Grant Received		£466.22	1 <sup>st</sup> Cut End May

- 6.2 **Play Area** – Cllr Roberts noted the report of an accident at the Play Park which was reported to Cllr Barber. Child in attendance with an adult, fell off equipment resulting in broken arm.
- 6.3 **Footpath Warden** – Cllr Belson had nothing to report
- 6.4 **Tree Warden** – Cllr Belson reported tree at 4 Ashes has been dealt with

## 7 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 7.1 Councillor Vacancy – As there were no representations from Parishioners concerning an election, the Parish Council will now proceed with co-option to be completed before 3<sup>rd</sup> October. **ACTION CLLR ROBERTS:** to make enquiries
- 7.2.1 Laser printer – **ACTION CLERK:** It was agreed that Clerk should investigate costs and bring back to next meeting.

## 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN

- 8.1 Clerk asked if Councillor's thought that there was anything in this month's agenda that did not need to be there. Consensus was not and that practice of circulating all correspondence to Councillors with recommendation for agenda or not should continue.
- 8.2 Cllr Bloomfield reported complaint about noise from a parties held on Townhouse Road at one of which there was some violence. This is a matter for Environmental health and or Police and concerned residents should keep records and report to the appropriate authorities. **ACTION CLLR BLOOMFIELD:** Put notice in the Observer.

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