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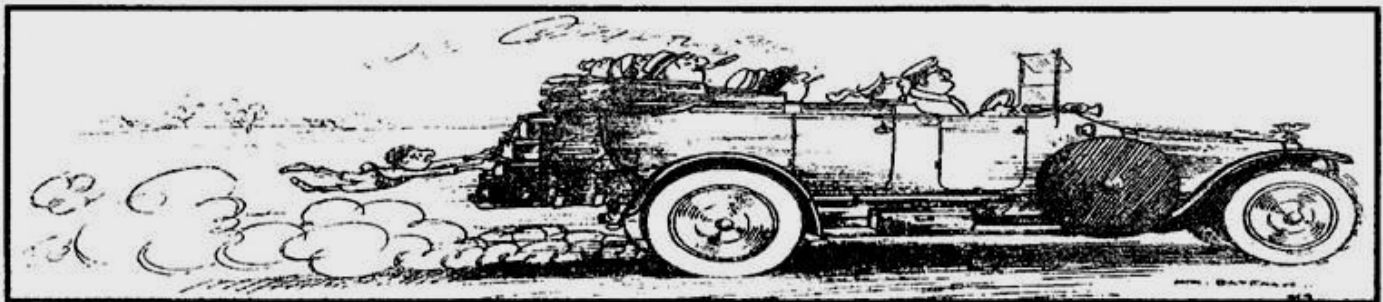
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EDITORIAL

Please excuse, what you might find a slightly disjointed edition of the Observer, but having decided that spending a week in Salisbury might not be the best idea, I decided to get this edition out as 'quickly' as possible. With the ever changing situation events have been cancelled or postponed and various articles had to be changed; however I trust you will find the contents informative and enjoyable.

As you will see, local traders are coming to the fore and offering help to residents of the village to get supplies and meals, when venturing outside one's house might not be considered an option - especially by some of our older residents. Please read the article on page 7 which gives details about what the Parish Council is doing to help. Inevitably there are those who will try to take advantage of the situation so do view with total suspicion any total stranger who approaches you with offers of help, especially if money is involved. All-in-all, it is only by acting together, with due care and consideration for others, that we shall pull through this crisis in good shape, resulting in our being an even stronger and cohesive community when life returns to 'normal'.

With the crisis expected to last for two to three months, at least, I should be very grateful of pieces to put in forthcoming issues. Short articles about matters that might well interest others. Memories in the form of short stories (together with photos? Which I promise to get back to you as long as you provide me with an address). Poems that you feel others might enjoy. Even a puzzle or two.

Finally, there is a pull-out section from the group working on a Neighbourhood Plan. They very much look forward to receiving your views. It is only by having a published Plan that we stand a chance of having the local environment that we wish for.

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During the present crisis it has become necessary to publish the Observer on the Walsham-le-Willows website. I'm sorry if you would have preferred to have the hard copy in your hands but hopefully hard copies will be with you again soon!!



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Police are urging residents to review the security of their sheds, garages and outbuildings following a number of burglaries in the County.

Two barns located in Rectory Road, Bacton were broken into over the weekend of Saturday 29th February and Sunday 1st March. A ride on lawn mower was stolen from one barn and gardening equipment was stolen from the other.

In light of this, we are reminded of the following tips:

- Always keep your shed or garage locked.
- Fit an alarm if you can.
- Use coach bolts to fasten hinges and hasp and staples or padbar.
- Security mark property and register it at www.immobilise.com
- Fit anchor points to secure items to.
- Avoid storing high value items in the shed.
- Avoid windows in the shed if possible.
- Use two good quality closed shackle padlocks to secure the shed door.
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Beware Coronavirus Scams

Since February 2020, the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau has identified 21 reports of fraud where Coronavirus was mentioned, with victim losses totalling over £800k.

Of the 21 reports, ten were made by victims that attempted to purchase protective face masks from fraudulent sellers. One victim reported losing over £15k when they purchased face masks that were never delivered.

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Some scams pose as the TPS and may contact you requesting you to renew your TPS registration at a cost. Remember the TPS is a free service and any call trying to charge you for it is a scam.

Register on the TPS website (www.tpsonline.org.uk) Contact the TPS on 0345 070 0707.

David Murray

VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

I would like to start my message, first and foremost, by wishing you and your loved ones good health during these uncertain times.

In the light of advice given by the Government and the World Health Organisation in the fight against Coronavirus, it was with a heavy heart that the Community Council were left with no option but to close the coffee shop at the Memorial Village Hall.

This extraordinary measure has been taken in the interests of our community. We have also postponed the start of the new Pilates classes, the Sporting Memories club and the organisers of Singercise have also had to postpone their planned activity. We look forward to reopening and welcome you all back as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.

There is a planned production of The Wind in the Willows to take place in July. Hopefully we will all be able to enjoy this production in the summer.

Amanda Ellis.



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Priority will be given to those older people who are living alone (or elderly couples) without nearby family support. The aim is simply to ensure that no-one in the village is left alone without support as evolving government advice (or orders) are put into practice.

Please contact the Parish Clerk (preferably by email clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk) to advise any of the following:

- If you need support
- If you know someone who needs support
- If you are willing to volunteer to support someone
- If you are already supporting someone
- If you and / or family are already in self-isolation due to illness

This information will greatly assist the Parish Council with co-ordination of responses and is especially important if someone is living alone even if the only requirement is to keep a close eye.

It is everyone's responsibility to do what they can to stop Covid 19 from spreading if particularly vulnerable members of the community are to be protected. **Particularly vulnerable people are those who meet one or more of the following criteria:**

- are 70 or over
- have a long-term condition
- are pregnant
- have a weakened immune system

email the Parish Clerk | or call on 01359 259 794 **(please leave a message with name and number)**

If you do not have an email account, or need help, do ask someone to make contact on your behalf.

Prescriptions can be collected for you

You just need to advise the pharmacy who will be collecting for you. If you have not been able to arrange this and cannot collect medication yourself then contact the Parish Clerk who will try to arrange this for you.

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You will all no doubt be aware by now that Acts of Worship within our churches have regrettably had to be postponed for the foreseeable future. I understand that Services are to be streamed from both the Cathedral at Bury St Edmunds and by our Bishops. For further information on these please do get in touch with me.

Our churches across the Benefice will remain open for those who may wish for a time of private prayer or indeed just quiet time to themselves, all are welcome. I shall as an individual Priest still be saying the Daily Office of both Morning and Evening Prayer, and lighting candles, in one of our churches, on a daily basis.

Although Baptisms have been put on hold, Weddings can still go ahead but with the restriction of only five people; Priest, Wedding couple and two witnesses. Cremations will be held at the chosen Crematorium, where I understand guidelines are to be issued with regard to numbers attending, Burial services will still take place, albeit around the Graveside.

Elsewhere within this magazine are details of a Neighbour Watch Plan to see that people are not isolated; remembering especially the elderly, vulnerable and those on their own. As ever let us all be mindful of the needs of those around us at this rather challenging time; and also mindful to keep ourselves healthy so that we are able to carry on assisting those in need within our Communities.

If I can be of any help whether fetching/carrying/delivering, or merely listening on the end of a phone, please do contact.

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Every Blessing both now and throughout our approaching Easter Season,

Philip Merry

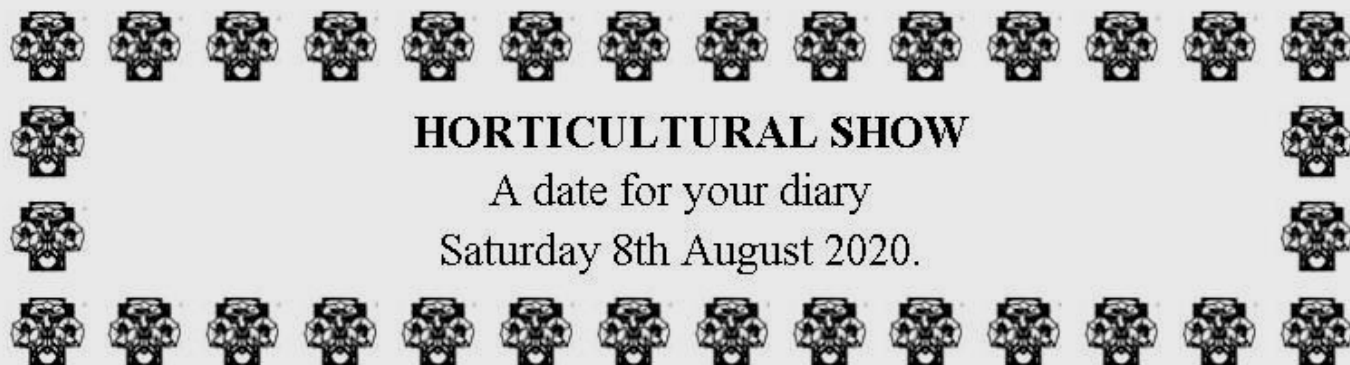
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COMMUNITY LUNCH

Due to Coronavirus there will be no Community lunch in April 2020. Coffee Shop has also been cancelled from Tuesday 17th March 2020. We will be in touch with you all as soon as it is safe to get back to regular events in the Memorial Village Hall.

Meanwhile try and stay well everyone.

*Best wishes
Shirley White*



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Peter Maddison from the Suffolk Butterfly Conservation Trust conjured up a kaleidoscope

of colourful butterflies and moths together with some exotic looking caterpillars to brighten our March meeting. In Peter's fact filled talk we learned that of the UK's 59 butterflies 35 are to be found in Suffolk, if you know where to look and where they like to feed and breed or even hibernate. Telling a large white from a Brimstone or Green veined white or a lady Orange tip will probably still be beyond us but we do now know not to assume everything white is heading for the cabbages. There was plenty of advice for gardeners hoping to tempt more species to visit. Despite the fact that there are 2,500 species of moth in the UK over 60 have become extinct in the last 150 years and Interestingly there are more moths flying about in daytime than butterflies. Some moth's rival butterflies for beauty and most feed on plants and it is only 1% who relish natural fibres! The dedication of the Trust volunteers in recording huge and detailed data was impressive. However there are still some 'black holes' where new recorders could make a difference and perhaps help preserve and protect these wonders of nature for generations to come. We shall all look more closely in future at these creatures and their ability to work the magic of metamorphosis.

Jill Newell



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For the uninitiated, the rules of So-Doku are very simple.

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WALSHAM OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND

SUNDAY 30th & MONDAY 31st August 2020

The members of the committee have been meeting under the chairmanship of our very own Robin Newell and plans are underway for another massive weekend in the Walsham calendar. We are really hoping that the weather will be good and that we can have another bumper year. **2020 will be the 40th year of the event** so that's really something to celebrate and we are planning some special celebration things that will become clearer as the year progresses.

For the newcomers amongst you and to remind other folk, the event raises money for the upkeep of the fabric of St Mary's, and that's why it was started in the first place, but importantly it also supports many village clubs and organisations and from last year's i£10K plus surplus we awarded nine grants in addition to the money for the church.

As many people will know the weekend is a really special and fun thing to get involved with and there is always lots to do and it's a great way to meet your neighbours SO if you would like to help then I can assure you that you will be welcomed with open arms and we will be getting back to you on all of this BUT a couple of things for now.....

- We always need more gardens to be opened of course and without those we would have nothing. In our 40th year we are really looking to have 40 gardens.. a big ask but we know Walsham can do it so as spring gets going please think about opening if you can....
- With the Parish Council's support we have agreed to organise and fund a partial stream clearance and a general tidy up of the banks sometime in mid April. We know that we have to respect the water vole habitat that is said to exist along the main stretch and we hope that the 'riparian owners' will support us in the venture BUT please get in touch if there are any concerns...

So if you have any questions or if you want to get involved then contact either:

Robin Newell on 01359 259450 robin-newell@supanet.com

John Stebbing on 01359 259061 john@architectatwork.co.uk

John Hall on 01359 259653 davidjohnhallwlw@gmail.com

Frances Jenner on 01359 259242 frances.jenner@hotmail.com

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Walsham le Willows as a community will, no doubt, rise to the occasion to support and look out for the more vulnerable members of our community.

We would like to remind everyone of Walsham Wild Wood as a place to walk around and have some space – please come and make use of it.

The trees are in bud, the birds are singing and the one bench (we must make a couple more!)

gives a contemplative view down to the church.

See you at an appropriate social distance.



STANTON AND DISTRICT BRANCH RBL



Due to the coronavirus all activities mentioned or advertised last month have been cancelled or postponed, and hopefully will take place at later in the year.



Some of you may have read the report in the East Anglian Daily Times of the death of Andrew McGowan Devine age 53years and a former member of the Suffolk Regiment who when the Felixstowe branch of the RBL heard he had no family and was to have a paupers funeral they got involved and the response was amazing with so many offers of help. Ivor Bowden from our branch attended the funeral with the Branch standard with other former service personal.

We had planned to commemorate VE Day on Friday 8th May at the Walsham War Memorial, followed by a Church service, but under the circumstances this may be postponed and remembered with VJ Day later in the year,

It's a matter of watching this space if anyone wishes to be kept informed , please contact me on 259724 if you need any information .

On another note my book has now been released by the History Group entitled A Walsham Life, my memories of living in Walsham, the cost is £5.

Our next meeting scheduled for the 14th April has been cancelled.

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The Abingdon Trio

Sunday 17th May 2:30pm
Carol Kellman's Pupils

Saturday 11th July 7:30pm
The Churchgate Wind Octet

Saturday 25th July 7:30pm
Yalda Davis (cello)

*This is at Watfield Church

The two concerts for
Wednesday 1st April &
Monday 6th April
have been postponed
New dates TBA





LOCAL ARTISTS EXHIBITION AND SALE IN THE CHURCH OVER GARDENS WEEKEND

Lorna and I have been running the Local Artists Exhibition and Sale in the Church over the annual Walsham Gardens Weekend since 2013. It has been both fun and rewarding; we have raised just over £2,500 for Gardens Weekend in those seven years (we take 25% of the sale price of each piece we sell i.e. we have taken just over £ 10,000 in sales).

It is now time to hand on to someone new who could bring fresh energy to the exhibition. We will be doing it for the last time this year so it would be ideal if our successors could join us this year to see how it is done before 'going solo', next year.

Apart from the initial contact to the artists at the beginning of July, 90% of the work is in the week before and the week after the event, both of which are quite busy. On the weekend itself the sales desk needs manning (4 half-day shifts) and we have a super band of volunteers who act as stewards doing one hour shifts while the exhibition is open (11am to 6pm). Payments are made by cash, cheque or, for the first time last year, a card reader.

If you might be interested or know of someone else to suggest please contact us.

*Ian and Lorna 01359-259140
igghar@btinternet.com*



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AUGUST

Saturday 8th

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SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Saturday 31st

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W W W 10:30am to 12:30pm

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Have noticed is that herds
Of wandering birds may come with buns
And steal the bags to hold the crumbs.

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THE RABBIT

The rabbit has a charming face;
Its private life is a disgrace.
I really dare not name to you
The awful things that rabbits do;
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HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

After much deliberation the committee reluctantly made the decision to postpone the Annual General Meeting on the 18th March and the talk on Samuel Pepys by Dr David Dougan, author and broadcaster. I know from your e-mails and messages that many of you were disappointed with this decision as we were all looking forward to hearing about the colourful 17th century diarist. However, on looking at our membership profile, many of our members are older, on paper that is, but still young in mind, heart and spirit, therefore with this in mind and based on government advice about social distancing we decided to postpone the meeting in order to keep our members, speakers and our community safe.

Sadly, we are also having to delay the launch of Hubby Frost's book 'A Walsham Life' for the present. This is a lovely read full of amusing tales and reminiscences of traditional village life in Walsham and beyond, illustrated with many interesting photographs. For those who have lived in the village for a long time this book will invoke many memories and for newcomers who have only been here for twenty years or less it will provide a fascinating insight into the past and very different times. We would like to thank Hubby Frost for writing this book and sharing his memories with us, also James Turner and John Martineau for their work in bringing the book to print. As soon as is sensible we will make the book available for purchase.

This year we were pleased with the planned programme of talks and events for 2020-21 as we felt there was something of interest for everybody (see the events calendar in this edition of the Observer). For this reason, it is our intention to only postpone the talks to a later date and not cancel them completely, but when that will be, we are unable to say at present. Due to this we are also suspending the annual membership fees. We will keep you informed of any changes by e-mail, phone and through the Observer but we expect some subsequent meetings to be cancelled as well.

In the interim, should you feel like brushing up on your local history then why not go onto the village website: www.walsham-le-willows.org where you will find a 'History' tab at the top, click on this and the history of Walsham and its folk will appear before your eyes. You can also find the Quarterly Reviews here going back to 1997. More reviews to be put on soon, It's fascinating stuff and worth a look.

If you have lived in Walsham for a long time and in coming weeks find yourself with time on your hands, why not write down some of your memories and stories. The more scurrilous the better (disclaimers can be added later)! Seriously, I am sure there are a wealth of stories in this village just waiting to be told and read. It doesn't have to be a book, little snippets would be just fine. If there were enough of these from different sources, then we could compile them into a book of reminiscences about Walsham.

So, until we meet again as a group, keep healthy and keep smiling.

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In 1912 a huge passenger liner was launched at Belfast, and a gigantic-sounding name was chosen for it. Unfortunately RMS Titanic was not unsinkable. The pronunciation is interesting. The metal *titanium* is usually pronounced with a short 'i' in the opening syllable, as in *Titania*, Shakespeare's shape-changing fairy queen who was also named after the Titans.

R. Goodfellow



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Soon up they'll go,
And you'll be blithe and funny,
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Into hey money, money.

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On stocks so dull and heavy.
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7th June 2020

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The next meeting of the PMRGCA East Anglia support group will be held on Thursday 23rd April 2020 at Needham Market Community Centre, School Road, Needham Market, IP6 8BB.

The hall will be open for refreshments and socialising from 10.30am. At 11.00am, a short AGM will be followed by a presentation with Q & A session.

Mr Simon Hardman Lea Consultant Ophthalmologist

Mr Hardman Lea will talk about the structure of the eye, visual problems, eye care and treatment, particularly with respect to PMR and GCA

We look forward to hearing from Mr Hardman Lea and hope you to join us to listen to the talk and to meet others who suffer from these conditions.

Entry costs £1.00, it is not necessary to be a member of the organisation to attend.

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I have confirmed this with the performers and the helpers who kindly assist with refreshments and other support. We are very sorry to have to cancel recitals we were all looking forward to, but we feel that it would be contrary to prevailing advice to continue, especially as we know that several of our regular players and audience have health issues that would make them vulnerable to infection. The Bishop has already instructed that no refreshments should be provided at church functions, so we would be a cake-free zone.

From my own perspective working in primary care, I think the overall situation will become clearer over the next 6 weeks, and we will know if we can plan future dates for these recitals. I have not cancelled the May/July events yet, and will keep you updated.

Best wishes to you all for Easter, and for continued good health,

Matthew Lockyer

SPORTS CLUB REPORT

In normal circumstances we report on all the activities going on at the club but due to the Coronavirus all **organised sports** have ceased for the time being. No bingo, Darts, football, events and I suspect that at the very least the start of the Cricket and Bowls seasons will at the very least be delayed. It's a challenging time for all of us but it is important we keep both the residents of Walsham and members of the Sports Club as safe as is possible. Events such as Cheryl's Quiz scheduled for April will be rescheduled as soon as it is safe to do so. On the football front the first team have recently changed their management line up due to a poor run of form losing 9 straight games since the turn of the year. Trevor Collins and Trevor Newman have replaced Fergus O'Callaghan and Darryl Tate. We thank Fergus and Darryl for everything they did for the club and wish them well for the future. The Reserves, under 18's and A and B teams and the Veterans teams were all having excellent seasons but for now football is having a break and I fear the season will remain unfinished.

These are difficult times but we must all rise to the occasion.

For information on these notes please contact Mrsp@hotmail.co.uk or gordonaross2@gmail.com or phone him on 07742 111892.

P.S. Any people who would like to spend an hour or two on ground maintenance or cleaning the buildings would be most welcome - as long as they keep at a social distance.

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WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

of meeting Tuesday 10th March 2020

PRESENT Cllrs. Arbon, Bartholomew, Belson, Kinnair, Mecrow & Roberts. Cllr Fleming for the County & Cllr Meyer for the District.

[Pending formal approval at the next meeting, these minutes have been informally approved by Parish Councillors as a true record. If any corrections are required these will be minuted at the next meeting prior to formal approval]

1 FIRST BUSINESS

- 1.1 **Acceptance of apologies** – Cllr. Ellis, apologies unanimously accepted.
- 1.2 **Minutes of the last meeting** held on 11th February 2020 were unanimously approved and signed with correction of minute 4.2 (last sentence) as follows: ...
The issue with UK Power networks attending to lamps requiring overhead power were reiterated again by SCC. The Clerk suggested that these lamps be excluded from the upgrade programme for now so they can all be dealt with at once when all others have been upgraded.
- 1.3 **Pecuniary and Non-pecuniary interests of members** – none declared
- 1.4 **Applications for dispensation** - none
- 1.5 **Public Open Forum** – fourteen recorded members of the public present (some did not sign the register)

Mr Pateman-Gee, Area Planning Manager for MSDC was invited and attended for discussion with Parish Councillors of planning considerations/process with regard to application 1352/17 and related applications and discharge of conditions. The Parish Council heard Mr Pateman-Gee's responses to the concerns previously summarised to him. The Chair then heard follow up questions from the appointed spokesperson for the residents which were then put to Mr Pateman-Gee for responses.

- 1.6 **County and District Reports** – Cllrs Fleming & Meyer presented their respective reports. The full reports can be found on the village website at: <https://www.walsham-le-willows.org/explore/governance-community/parish-council/>
- 2 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED** (plus any received after the publication of this agenda)

Enforcement Reference No: EN/20/00117

Nature of Problem: Alleged breach of condition 14 as per PP 1352/17-
LANDSCAPING & PROTECTIONS FOR EXISTING TREES AND HEDGROWS Location: Land West Of, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk NOTED

APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION WITHOUT COMPLIANCE OF CONDITIONS – DC/20/00672 Proposal: Application



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under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act for removal or variation of condition following grant of application 1352/17 decided 05/07/2018 to allow variation of condition 5 (provision of footpath)- to amend wording to read "Before the occupation of the eleventh dwelling, a footway is to be provided along Wattisfield Road from the application site to link with the existing footway to the south of Mill Close. The footway shall be provided in accordance with layout and design details that shall be submitted to and approved by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter it shall be retained in the approved form." **THE PARISH COUNCIL WISHES TO OBJECT with following comments**

1. The occupation of any houses on the site would create pedestrian movement along Wattisfield road without a suitable footpath. We find that unacceptable as it creates a potential safety risk to said pedestrians.
2. The figure of 10 houses is an arbitrary number with no foundation to why that number is requested

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S) - DC/19/05262

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for 1352/17 - Condition 5 (Footway) **Location:** Land West Of, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk **Reason(s) for re-consultation:** Revised Proposed Footway and road narrowing **COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY LETTER 12/12/2019 and 14/02/2020 - DC/20/00525 is effectively a duplicate of this application**

3 PLANNING OUTCOMES (decided by Mid Suffolk District Council, Planning)

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA - DC/20/00224

Proposal: Notification of Works to a Tree under a Tree Preservation Order (MS32/G2) and Works to Trees Within a Conservation Area - T1- Cherry. Crown reduction by 2-3 metres, lift canopy 3 metres and lop 2 limbs T2- Lime. Re-Pollard back to previous pruning points. Lift canopy of remaining trees to 3 metres to rear of church. **Location:** St Mary's Church, The Causeway, Walsham Le Willows, Suffolk

MSDC GRANTED CONSENT

APPLICATION FOR WORKS TO TREE(S) IN A CONSERVATION AREA

- DC/20/00225 Proposal: Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - T1-Silver Birch- Fell to ground level. **Location:** 3 The Maltings, Wattisfield Road, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3BD **MSDC DID NOT WISH TO OBJECT**

Application DC/19/04273 Address Land West Of Wattisfield Road Walsham Le Willows Suffolk **Proposal** Submission of details under Outline Planning Application 1352/17 - Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale for erection of up to 60no. dwellings – **MSDC – RESERVED MATTERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED**

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Development & Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Belson reported back on the last

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meeting where he felt that the focus of the deliberations appeared to be on redefining previously agreed priorities and focusing on environmental and green issues rather than putting forward sites for development. The next meeting is due to take place on 12th March but it was noted that some key people would probably be absent.

- 4.2 **Streetlighting conversion** – The Clerk referred to costing from SCC which for phase II were half the costs for phase I, noting this would be due to there being less work required on individual lamps in phase II. Clerk asked Cllrs if they still anted to obtain more quotes based on the detailed specification from SCC. **Action Clerk** to obtain at least one more quote. Clerk is clarifying if we can now expect a new contractor to have competed phase I upgrades soon.
- 4.3 **Community Council** Cllr Bartholomew gave a detailed update on the situation and the steps that were now being taken with the full knowledge of the Charity Commission.
- 4.4 **Parking Finningham Road blind bend** – Cllrs Arbon and Bartholomew gave updates on the position about concerns raised by residents about the wording of the minutes from last meeting and ongoing interAction with Flagship Housing. To be clear, the Parish Council has concerns about the parking/traffic issues on the bend just outside Oak Cottages on the Finningham Road and is of the view that parking restrictions should probably be applied for at some point. But before any decision is made on that, the Parish Council has been engaging with Flagship Housing in order to ascertain what options there may be to mitigate any loss of on road parking space parking restrictions would entail. The Parish Council is also liaising with SCC Highways on the same point. To reassure residents, before anything was Actioned Consultation exercises would have to be carried out by Flagship and SCC. The Clerk notes that minutes of Parish Council meetings are not verbatim records of discussions in those meetings. Attendance at the meetings where these issues are discussed may help to reassure parishioners that Parish Councillors are only trying to address an identified safety issue but at the same time properly considering options that might be available to reduce impacts elsewhere. **Action Cllrs Arbon and Bartholomew** to follow up
- 4.5 **Four Ashes Triangle** – Cllr Belson advised that this was in hand and could be removed from matters arising.
- 4.6 **Churchyard Tree Work** – Clerk advised that this will take place on April 16th and that the vicar had advised he was happy with the work taking place on that date.
- 4.7 **GWE stream and bulb planting** – Cllr Belson advised that this was in hand and could be removed from matters arising.
- 4.8 **Street Cleaning** – Clerk reported no progress due to other priorities. **ACTION Clerk** to draw up contract for next meeting.
- 4.9 **Re-designating the Six Bells as an Asset of Community Value** – Clerk advised that application requires some information on the reasoning for the application. Whatever was submitted before could not be found in records. Cllr Belson



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suggested the Clerk contact John Stebbing who he thinks made the last application. **Action Clerk.**

- 4.10 **Annual Parish Meeting** (between 1st March – 1st June incl) Clerk had circulated feedback and proposed flyer. Agreed that this year's event should go ahead with changes to format as were previously discussed and which were pretty much as suggested in feedback from parishioners. Date to be set. **ACTION** Clerk to check availability of the Memorial Hall and send out invitations.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 **Annual risk assessment by PCC on the Cemetery.** This was discussed. **Action Clerk** to contact PCC to ask for background.

6 REPORTS

- 6.1 Clerk's report & financial report to 29th February 2020 & request for payments

#	Payee	Amount	Description
1	HMRC 120PT00294459	£27.00	PAYE deducted from Clerk's pay
2	West Suffolk CAB	£45.00	Final cheque confirmed as bounced by Santander. s.137 donation plus reimbursement of bank charge
3	Thomas Hunter	£56.00	Play Area Maintenance
4	Thomas Hunter	£114.96	Street Cleaning
5	Kevin Boardley	£9.56	Expenses
6	Parish Council Employee	£358.70	Wages

#	Payments In	Ref	Amount	Description
1	MSDC Precept Due		£10,824.50	First payment 1 st April
2	MSDC Street cleaning Claimed		£373.56	Street Cleansing Grant 4 th Qtr.

- 6.1.1 **Bank Mandates** – Clerk very happy to report that the deposit account with Santander had finally been closed and the balance transferred to the Parish Council's new bank.
- 6.1.2 **Internal Control Check** – Parish Council agreed that the template for internal controls should be adopted in full including the appendix (previously removed) which will be used to apply random checks on a quarterly basis. It was agreed that prior to the quarterly checks (dates as agreed annually at the AGM), and agenda item will require Councillors to request the Clerk produce selected

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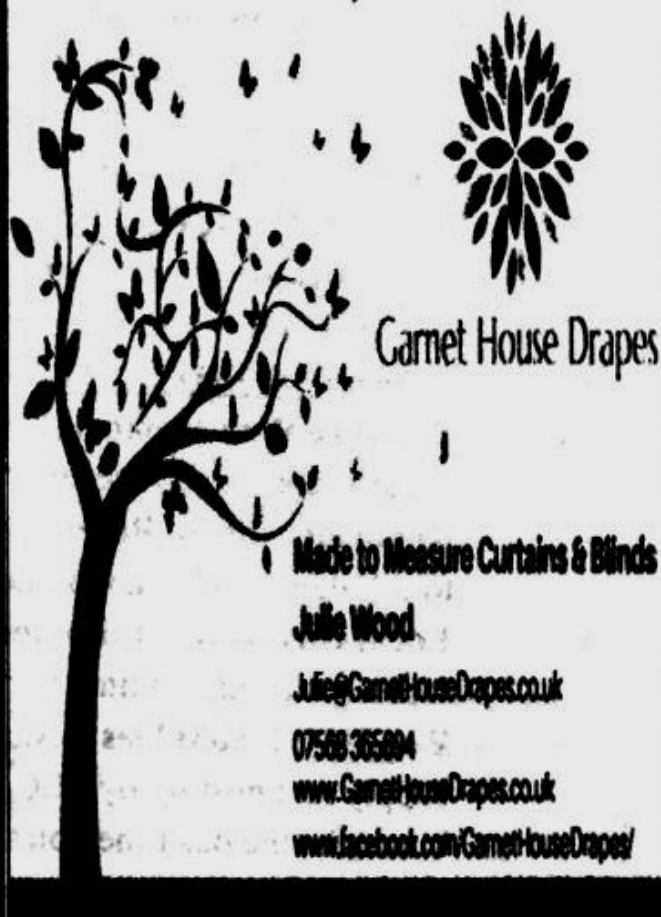
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records at next meeting so that these can be validated.

6.1.3 Annual Review Policies and Procedures – Cllrs unanimously agreed to accept the changes as suggested by the Clerk (circulated by email in advance) and confirm for re-adoption at the AGM, the following policy documents: Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Internal Control Statement, Data Protection, Risk Assessment, Health & Safety and Litter Pick.

6.1.4 Problem Reports SCC – Clerk reviewed position on outstanding items. The items relating to broken bridge walls and fences are all in hand. The leaking water on Grove Road is back with SCC as Anglian Water have confirmed by testing that this is neither clean, nor waste, water so not their responsibility. ACTION Cllr Ellis making enquiries through her contacts.

6.2 Play Area

- **Play Council/Parish Council governance relationship** – It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should pursue option 2 i.e. the revision of the constitution to effect transfer of all assets, including the bank account balance, to the Parish Council, the revision of the lease with Old Town Trust to remove any reference to the Play Council and effecting the closure of the Play Council Charity with the Charity Commission. Plans are in hand for the last elected members of the Play Council to meet in order to assist the Parish Council in effecting this change so that, as a non-charitable entity, the Parish Council can proceed with plans for development of the play area without contravening Charity law or statute law relating to the powers of Parish Councils.
- **Tree inspection** – Update Cllr Belson requested that he deal with this under item 6.4
- **Keys for the gate** – Clerk in receipt of two keys one will be kept by the Clerk the other will be given to the current contractor for their use.

6.3 Footpath Warden – Nothing to report. ACTION Cllr Roberts still to make enquiries about who it is who flails the Fishponds Way hedge before the Parish Council takes any further Action.

6.4 Tree Warden – Nothing to report other than the site meeting with contractor was successful and work is to commence shortly. ACTION Cllr Belson to check for the two trees recently felled by the wind and get these included.

7 OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Induction Course for Cllr Arbon – It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council pay for Cllr Arbon to attend the Councillor's induction course. ACTION Clerk to book and confirm to Cllr Arbon.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/QUESTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN (No decisions made under AOB)

8.1 Cllr Meyer asked if the Parish Council had been aware of any major problems with the **discharge of fireworks** in their area. The Parish Council advised that there was nothing other than one previous report from a parishioner.

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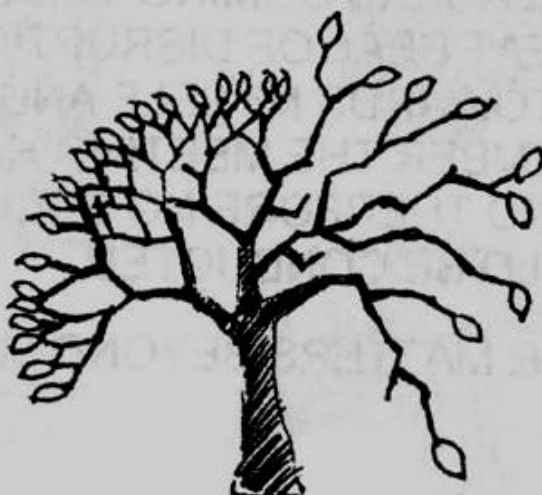
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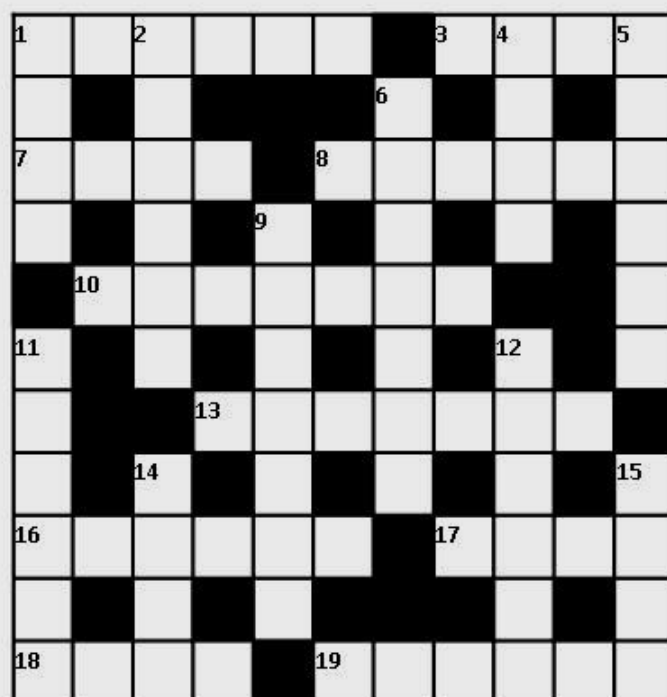
- 8.2 **Emergency preparedness Coronavirus (Emergency Plan).** Cllr Mecrow asked if there was anything the Parish Council should be doing. Clerk advised that advice received SALC had already been uploaded to the website with links as to where the most recent reliable advice can be obtained. This has also been sent to the Observer editor. ACTION Cllr Meyer to send Clerk an example of very good Community Emergency Plan that he recently had sight of.

MEETING CLOSED 21:50

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



WALSHAM OBSERVER CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Work for ages on musical productions. (6)
3. Maybe whine as it goes back. (4)
7. Little cloth has lost its finish. (4)
8. Policeman on patrol avoids confrontation. (3,3)
10. Mister O'Connor takes a piece and leaves. (7)

13. Sounds like a lord has a story to tell. (7)
16. Well built in the stock yards. (6)
17. Intend to be miserly. (4)
18. It isn't the fifth letter's sound. (4)
19. Calms down at the southern end of the northern line. (6)

DOWN

1. He'll find a race in Bond's prefix. (4)
2. Aye! Aye! It looks like a side. (6)
4. Go up to the highest points to find the place. (4)
5. Each has a go at working for nothing. (6)
6. Float a card game. (7)
9. Flatten the makeup. (7)
11. The average boy becomes a cleric. (6)
12. Save vets in turmoil. (6)
14. Montana Street, in brief is the greatest. (4)
15. Singularly on the church. (4)



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On-line booking of appointments is suspended, as all cases are screened on the telephone to avoid Covid-19 cases attending general practices.

In line with self-distancing, a lot of routine medical care is temporarily being given as telephone advice, rather than face to face consulting.

If you think you may have Covid-19, assess your symptoms on the NHS111 website. Only call NHS111 if you do not have internet access, or if you cannot self-care at home because of your symptoms. Do not go to A&E or a GP practice, but follow instructions from NHS111. In the case of an emergency 999 call, tell the service if you may have Covid-19.

Please do not order your repeat medicines before they are due. There are no shortages of drugs because of Covid-19. Practices and pharmacies are working with communities to cope with an increased demand for home delivery of prescriptions. Walsham is covered by several surgeries, so check on the village website or the Parish Council contact number, whether your pharmacy has a group delivery service to Walsham arranged. Try to avoid telephoning the pharmacy unless necessary.

If any third party collects your prescription for you, they will need to be able to confirm your name, date of birth and address. For some medicines, such as strong painkillers, the person collecting will need to show identification.



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Sometimes cards are dropped through doors with the Red Cross branding in advance of someone knocking. There have also been reports of callers pretending to be youth offenders trying to mend their ways by helping out and the usual telephone scams again asking for money in return for something that is bogus related to Coronavirus.

Don't give money to anyone for shopping or accept help from anyone if you do not know them. The Parish Council is organising a list of trusted volunteers who can assist you. Please register with the Parish Clerk

Could all volunteers and neighbours please get this message out to anyone you know who may be vulnerable in this way.

REPORT any scam approaches to Trading Standards 0808 223 1133 | Suffolk Police on 101 | Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133



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Tuesday	Netball Sports Club 10:00am Coffee Shop, Post Office, Table Tennis & Garden Club MVH 10:30am Tai Chi MVH 6:30pm till 9:30pm	Friday	Bell Ringing St Mary's 7:30pm (beginners welcome)
Wednesday	Parents & Toddlers MVH 9:30am till 11:15am Sound Bath & Meditation MVH 7:00pm till 8:00pm Women's Institute Priory Room Every 2nd Wednesday In the month 7:45pm		

‘GOOD’ VIEWS & BAD NEWS

Dear All,

As you can guess any thoughts of keeping the Sports Club open on Friday and Saturday evenings looks as though that is no longer possible; it will give us some losses as beer in draught has a limited lifespan. I happened to spot this comment in the BFP this morning which I thought I would share with you; ‘We think the Club is great but nice to see others think so to after Sunday’s last organised football matches at the Club for the season.

Ian Campbell

Dear All

Sometime overnight Thursday 19th and early hours today Friday 20th someone has stolen 5 x 20 litre containers of “Olleco” rapeseed cooking oil from the Blue Boar pub in the village. Word of warning to everyone to be aware that people are out and about looking for insecurities and valuable items to steal. Any information about the theft would be gratefully received by the NHW co-ordinator or indeed Joe at the pub.

David Murray

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Community Council Secretary		Surgeries	
Ian Bartholomew	01359-258349	Ixworth	01359-230252
		Stanton	01359-251192
Police		Botesdale	01379-898295
Suffolk Police	01473-613500	Woolpit	01359-240298
Stowmarket	01473-383400	Parish Council Chair	
Neighbourhood Watch		Trevor Roberts	01359-251144
wlwnhw@gmail.com		Parish Council Clerk	clerk@
David Murray	07740 123585	Kevin Boardley	walshampc.
Rev. Phillip Merry			myzen.co.uk
	01359-258806	District Councillor	
	07526 271784	Richard Meyer	01359-251760
Anglian Water			07771 703668
Emergencies (24hr)	0845 7145145	County Councillor	
Accounts	0800 919155	Mrs Jessica Flemming	01449-711065
Eastern Electricity	0800 7838838	Suffolk County Council	03456-066067
British Telecom		Member of Parliament	
Customer Service	150	Jo Churchill	0207-2198487
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Walsham Wild Wood

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Women's Institute

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If your group has not been included and you would like it to be please contact Ian

Notice from Walsham le Willows Parish Council

CORONAVIRUS

Register for Vulnerable People & Volunteers

The Parish Council are in the process of building confidential registers of vulnerable people in the village and of volunteers who will make themselves available to assist where required. Obviously information from these registers will need to be shared appropriately but with due regard to General Data Protection Regulations.

Priority will be given to those older people who are living alone (or elderly couples) without nearby family support. The aim is simply to ensure that no-one in the village is left alone without support as evolving government advice (or orders) are put into practice.

Please contact the Clerk preferably by email (see below) to advise any of the following:

If you need support

If you know someone who needs support

If you are willing to volunteer to support someone

If you are already supporting someone

This information will greatly assist the Parish Council with co-ordination of responses and is especially important if someone is living alone even if the only requirement is to keep a close eye.

Kevin Boardley | Clerk to Parish Council | Walsham le Willows

Send email to | clerk@walshampc.myzen.co.uk

Or telephone | 01359 259 794 (please leave a message with name and number)

If you do not have an email account or need help, do ask someone to make contact on your behalf.