



WALSHAM le WILLOWS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 2024 commencing at 7.00 p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

[Informally approved. Formal approval, at the next meeting with any corrections]

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bartholomew, Belson, Brookes, Mecrow, Roberts & Winch.

ALSO PRESENT: District Councillor Richard Winch, County Councillor Fleming

1. OPENING STATEMENT (if any required) None	Action
2. APOLOGIES a. None received.	
3. DECLARATIONS of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests a. To receive declarations of pecuniary, local non-pecuniary interest(s) including personal interests in items on the agenda and to include declarations of any gifts of hospitality – none received b. To receive declarations of lobbying for planning matters on the agenda – none received c. To receive requests for dispensation – none required.	
4. MINUTES a. Minutes of 13th November 2024 were approved as true and accurate record of the meeting for signing.	
5. PUBLIC FORUM - To receive questions and matters of concern from members of the public in attendance with regard to items on the agenda and any other matters – No members of the public were present.	
6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, LICENCING, ENFORCEMENT & RELATED MATTERS a. APPLICATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT - DC/24/04267 Proposal: Application for Advertisement Consent - Construction of 2No externally illuminated Fascia signs. Location: Linton House, The Street, Walsham Le Willows, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP31 3AZ. THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTED ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS: i. The Parish Council welcomes the reduction in number of signs in the revised plan. However, the size of the signage remains excessive for the location and should be reduced to occupy area comparable with the original longstanding signage. ii. The Parish Council remains concerned that the proposed Illumination will be a distraction to drivers of passing vehicles especially as it appears that this is to be directed at a predominately "gloss white" signage background area. iii. The Parish Council remains of the opinion that the lighting of the signage should be allowed during opening hours only, following the precedent set by the other retail outlet in the village.	
7. SETTING OF BUDGET & RELEVANT CORRESPONDENCE	

So signed by the Chair at the meeting of 11th December 2024

a. The Clerk referred to correspondence from Nurture Landscapes about changes to method of charging to a monthly basis based on annual contract value rather than a per cut basis. This was noted. b. The draft budget for 2025/26 prepared by the Clerk was considered against projected spend to year end 2024/25 and Parish Council projects and priorities. c. The budget for 2025/26 was approved with Income of £28,105.98 and Expenditure of £37,120.98 which produces a planned deficit of £9,015 in order to reduce the balances held by the Parish Council which have to be kept with certain limits for audit purposes. General reserves are maintained at between 6 and 12 months of the value of the annual precept. d. The precept was set for 2025/26 at £25,995	
8. CLERK ACTION LOG, COUNCILLOR REPORTS & CORRESPONDENCE (if not dealt with elsewhere) i. To consider clerk's action log and any other matters of concern/note. ii. Cllr Bartholomew asked again about the growth of vegetation on the banks outside Millar's Bridge since it was cut earlier in the year. The Clerk was asked to contact MSDC to ask if it could be cut again. iii. Cllr Bartholomew also asked if the Clerk could remind Cllr Fleming again about the enquiries she has promised to make about the Elmside bank cutting so that this can be resolved at the next meeting. iv. Cllr Winch asked the Clerk if the email agreed at last meeting had been sent to SCC and Cllr Fleming re the agreed positions on locations for traffic surveys. The Clerk thought this had been done but will check. v. The Clerk was asked to write to the Parochial Church Council to ask if the CIL awarded for the footpath lighting project at the closed churchyard is still required and to set a time limit of 31/03/2025 for drawing it on the evidence of paid invoices, after which it may be reallocated to other priorities. vi. Next Parish Council Meeting – 11th December 2024 7pm – Memorial Hall.	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk

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