

**NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF  
NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7PM  
AT ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, PEAKS LANE**

**Present:** Councillor R Breed (Chairman)  
Councillors J Matthews, Mumby and Simpson

|   |   | <b>Action</b>                         |
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| <b>15/E01</b>   | <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b><br>Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baker  |                                       |
| <b>15/E02</b><br><b>(A)</b><br><b>(B)</b>                         | <b><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u></b><br>There were no declarations of interest<br>There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.  |                                       |
| <b>15/E03</b><br><b>a)</b><br><b>b)</b><br><b>c)</b><br><b>d)</b> | <b><u>Priors Green – Future Plans</u></b><br>The Clerk said that an advert would be placed in local newspapers asking for expressions of interest from suitably qualified contractors regarding the procurement of maintenance for the conservation area.<br>The grit bin has been delivered and will be installed<br>Cllr Simpson enquired about bird boxes. Cllr Matthews said there are no big trees in the area and wondered whether it would be suitable to put bird boxes on residents' garages.<br>Cllr Breed talked about the possibility of sponsoring a tree in the future. |                                       |
| <b>15/E04</b>   | <b><u>New Waltham in Bloom 2015</u></b><br>The Chair said this will go ahead this year and will enquire from the new post office whether they would be responsible for accepting application forms.<br><b>Resolved:</b> To advertise in the GET/Chronicle/NWPC website/Facebook/newsletter and Pennell's.   | <b>Cllr Breed</b>                     |
| <b>15/E05</b>   | <b><u>Flower Beds/Gardener</u></b><br>Cllr Simpson thought the flower beds looked alright for the time of year but debris had been left when the bushes had been cut.   |                                       |
| <b>15/E06</b>   | <b><u>Village Green/War Memorial</u></b><br>Cllr Breed said weed killer was required on the grass at the war memorial and also the posts around the village green needed treating. There was also rubble around the posts which needs collecting; Cllr Breed to inspect.<br>The Clerk to look at previous income and expenditure to identify where the flag was sourced from as a new one was required.   | <b>Cllr Breed</b><br><br><b>Clerk</b> |
| <b>15/E07</b>   | <b><u>Allotments</u></b><br>The fencing has now been repaired and the site has been cleared of rubbish and debris. G Major now has 2 bins on site for general rubbish and cans/bottles. G Major will now deposit any excess rubbish in the bin at the allotment rather than at the Village Hall.<br>The Chair said 2 enquires had been received for an allotment and they had been put on the waiting list.   |                                       |
| <b>15/E08</b>   | <b><u>Cycle Tracks</u></b><br>The Chair has not heard from A Snell (Cycling Officer at NELC) with regard to linking the village to Peaks Parkway and also linking up the paths around the village.  |                                       |
| <b>15/E09</b><br><b>a)</b><br><b>b)</b>                           | <b><u>Problem areas within the village relating to environmental issues</u></b><br>The grass verges at Station Road, Pretymen Crescent and Peaks Avenue are not in a good state<br>The layby near Tesco has now been cordoned off and the rubbish has been cleared away. However, there was still a problem at Toll Bar Farm with regard to fly tipping.  |                                       |

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| <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p> | <p>The parking area in front of the shop fronts in Peaks Lane was in a bad state of repair. The Chair had been informed that repairs were going to be carried out but one of the shops had objected saying that trade would be lost. As a result, the repairs did not go ahead.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact NELC with regard to the shop which is boarded up and was now an eyesore.</p> <p>There were overhanging hedges and soil spilling on to the path from the house at the start of the route, near the Village Hall.</p> <p>Cllr Mumby asked if cars were still being advertised for sale; however, it did not seem to be such a problem now.</p> <p>Cllr Breed had been informed about noise disruption at the weekend from a development in Enfield Avenue. It was reported that a clause was usually inserted regarding working time restrictions on the developer when planning was approved.</p> | <p><b>Clerk</b></p>                     |
| <p>15/E10</p>                                     | <p><b><u>Street Cleaner</u></b></p> <p>The Chair reported that G Major's hours had been cut by 50% and he was therefore only carrying out 1 hour/week. Cllr Simpson suggested looking at G Major's schedule.</p>   |   |
| <p>15/E11</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>                 | <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Regarding the stump on the Village Green, Cllr Simpson asked the Clerk to obtain a price for a wood carving. The Clerk to ask NELC re a date when the stump will be ground down.</p> <p>There were 3 flowerbeds near the Toll Bar roundabout which were over grown and full of weeds. Cllr Breed asked the Clerk to contact NELC to find out who was responsible for the maintenance.</p>   | <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> |