

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2014 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr G Williams (Chair)
Councillors G. Baker, R Breed, D Croy, J Matthews,
C Mumby and D Raper

Officers: L Dyas, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillor Fenty, Harness and Norton (Ward Councillors)
PCSO S Sutton and 3 members of the public

		Action
14/127	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs North and Simpson.</p>	
14/128 (A) (B)	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Baker declared a personal interest in agenda item 14/135 Village Newsletter</p> <p>There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.</p>	
14/129 (A)	<p><u>Minutes of meetings</u></p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th November 2014 – Cllr Baker pointed out at the bottom of page 41, it should read Lincs Inspire not Lincs Aspire.</p> <p>Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record.</p>	
14/130 (A)	<p><u>Police & Community Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>PCSO Sutton read out the police report for November 2014. The Chair said there seemed to be a trend in New Waltham whereby sheds and doors are left unlocked. He enquired whether the Police were carrying out roadshows to warn the public of the consequences. PCSO Sutton said they had previously done this in the past. However, they will print and circulate leaflets and get the message across on social media sites to ensure doors and windows are locked in the run up to the Christmas period. The Chair asked if anything was in place for a prevention roadshow rather than just using social media. The Police replied they can put the time and energy into a roadshow, but the responsibility lies with the public. The Chair requested if a roadshow can be planned for the Village Day on the 4th July 2015. Cllr Baker queried the current mini crime wave – was it just New Waltham or was it all over North East Lincs? PCSO Sutton said he covered other areas and had not seen an increase in crime. The Chair asked whether the 101 number was being used rather than social media. Cllr Fenty enquired whether egg throwing was continuing or had it stopped. The Chair enquired about PEG (Public Event Group) regarding Remembrance Sunday and said we would ensure an application was submitted earlier for next year.</p>	

<p>(B)</p> <p>(C)</p> <p>(D)</p>	<p><u>YPSS</u> In the absence of P Casswell, PCSO Sutton presented the YPSS report. With regard to the bus incident, all the parties concerned had been visited and a SARA initiative had commenced. The Police were working with YPSS and had increased patrols. ASB letters were hand delivered to the New Waltham area to ensure parents were aware of what was happening. Presentations have also been carried out at schools outlining what is expected of young people in the community. The Police had also attended the meeting at Enfield School which was to discuss improving the provision for young people in New Waltham and to establish new neighbourhood watch areas. However, it had been poorly attended. The Chair thought the forum meeting had been badly communicated. Another meeting will be planned to start later after work. The Chair said the council is still awaiting a copy of the SLA for 2014/15 for services rendered and funds cannot be released until that has been received. Resolved: That the report be received with thanks.</p> <p><u>Football Scheme</u> A report was received from G Rodger and it was noted that sessions had now been suspended for winter pending gaining access to an outdoor facility.</p> <p><u>Community Pride Team</u> No report was received</p>	
<p>14/131</p>	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> <u>DM/1156/14/FUL-239 Station Road, New Waltham</u> Variations of conditions 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12 granted on application DM/0127/14/FUL Resolved: That the application is supported</p> <p><u>DM/1167/14/REM – 17 Enfield Avenue, New Waltham</u> Reserved matters application pursuant to DM/0173/14/OUT to erect one detached dwelling and siting of static onsite van for accommodation during construction work Resolved: That the application is supported</p> <p><u>DM/1183/14/FUL-NW Post Office 275 Station Road, New Waltham</u> Change of use from commercial/domestic to domestic, increase height of perimeter front fence to that of the side fence (to 1.8m) and remove external ramp and install bow window Resolved: That the application is supported</p> <p><u>DM/1005/13/FUL-117B Peaks Lane, New Waltham</u> Variation of Condition 12 attached to planning application DC/452/12/HUM to erect first floor extension with roof alterations, alterations to garage inc position, installation of car port, new timber fence with brick pillars and tree works Resolved: That the application is supported</p>	
<p>14/132</p>	<p><u>Future Dates</u> The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 7th January 2015.</p>	

d)	<p>Increase in newsletter distributor rate – Cllr Baker said the rate had been set when the minimum wage was £5.50 and it was now £6.50. The Chair said this can be looked at when a budget is set Resolved: The Council supported the proposal</p>	
e)	<p>Increase in cost of street cleaner charged to NNVH Management Committee The Clerk had requested that the current rate of £4.50 be increased in 2015 to take into account the rise in the minimum wage, which is now £6.50. The Chair asked the Clerk to write to NNVH Management Committee to seek an increase in their contribution Resolved: The Council supported the proposal</p>	Clerk
f)	<p>Response to NW Village Hall Management Committee regarding car parking – The Chair said he had not been happy with the minutes from the October NNVH Management Committee stating that the car park “was private and not public”. In 1964, the parish council handed over control of the village hall to NNVH Management Committee and the Chair reminded them it was a public asset. Cllr Mumby said he would like to check this out as he would like to be certain of the facts, and will bring this up at their next meeting.</p>	
g)	<p>Request for CCTV to be installed at Hewitts Circus – fly tipping hot spot – Cllr Breed had proposed this issue due to the amount of fly tipping there. The Chair thought at this stage, we should make representation to NELC. He also thought that NELC Enforcement officers could look through the fly tipping to see if there was any identification evidence. The Clerk was requested to write to NELC. Resolved: The proposal was supported</p>	
h)	<p>Newsletter Advertising Revenue – The Chair said the council needed to recoup some revenue for this financial year. It was proposed that Cllr Baker and the Clerk will sort out this out by the end of the month. Going forward, it was proposed that adverts should be pre-paid, and if payment was not received, to withdraw the advert. Resolved: The proposal was supported</p>	
i)	<p>Personnel Committee – 17th November 2014 – The Chair requested that if any councillor could not attend a meeting to let the Clerk know in advance so the room could be cancelled. The council still had to pay for the room even though the meeting did not take place.</p>	
j)	<p>Environment Committee – 20th November 2014 – There were some good points brought up in the meeting. Resolved: The minutes were accepted as a true record</p>	
(k)	<p>Request for a grit box – It was identified that a grit box was required for Priors Close car park. Resolved: The proposal was supported and the Clerk to obtain a cost from NELC</p>	
(l)	<p>Carol Service – 15th December 2014 – It was agreed that the council would supply the mince pies. The service will commence at 6pm on the village green and then the Salvation Army will be singing carols in the church from 7pm.</p>	

	<p>The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Breed regarding the ruts on the village green.</p> <p>(m) Update on transfer of assets – The Chair proposed that he will escalate this issue with R Walsh at NELC as we still have not received sufficient information to put together a business plan. It is now business critical. Cllr Baker said this had also happened at other parish councils as they are not receiving enough information. Resolved: The proposal was supported</p> <p>(n) Village Noticeboard update – The Chair reported that Cyden Homes will provide the full cost of a new noticeboard along with the installation on the village green. The Chair proposed that we pursue the offer from Cyden Homes. Resolved: The proposal was supported</p>	Clerk / Cllr Breed
14/135	<p><u>Village Newsletter</u> The next edition is now due in April 2015. Cllr Baker said we should look at a new format and will discuss with Clerk. Resolved: That the Chair/Cllr Baker and the Clerk would meet to discuss the strategy behind the newsletter.</p>	
14/136	<p><u>Finance</u> The Chair said the cheque for the repairs to the fencing at the allotments could not be approved for payment until it had been approved by the council. He proposed to defer it until the next meeting. Resolved: To defer the payment until the next meeting Resolved: To agree the list of the other cheques as per the statement</p>	
14/137	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>(a) The Chair said there was a Christmas Fayre at St Matthew’s on Saturday, 6th December from 2-4pm, with a fancy dress at 3pm.</p> <p>(b) Cllr Baker said that following on from the report from the Town & Parish Council Liaison meeting re parking outside Tollbar Academy, he would like to approach the Deputy Principal to enquire if they have any ideas on the issue.</p> <p>(c) Cllr Baker reported that at the ERNLLCA conference, the Police Commissioner’s Assistant had reported there was a crime reduction fund and said we could access it. The grant can be used to combat ASB and lawlessness. The Chair asked for this to be put on the next agenda.</p> <p>(d) Cllr Breed said it was discussed at the ERNLLCA Executive meeting whether the public session of a parish council meeting can be filmed or recorded.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.27pm</p>	