

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2014 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

Officers: L Dyas, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillors Fenty and Harness (Ward Councillors)
Members of the public

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| 14/91 | <p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Gibson, North and Norton. Cllr Williams had notified the Clerk that he would be late attending the meeting therefore Cllr Baker would be covering for him Cllr Gibson had notified the Clerk that, due to work commitments, she might able to attend the end of the meeting</p> | |
| 14/92 (A) | <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Baker declared a personal interest in agenda item 14/1 Village Newsletter</p> | |
| (B) | <p>There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.</p> | |
| 14/93 (A) | <p><u>Minutes of meetings</u></p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th August 2014 Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record.</p> | |
| 14/94 (A) | <p><u>Police & Community Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report</u> PC Copley had submitted a report but did not attend due to a previous appointment. Cllr Baker read out the report and said there had been a total of 24 crimes for August 2014, including dwelling burglaries, damage and theft offences. There were also 8 anti-social behaviour, mainly around the shops. Cllr Baker said it was not a good report and with the prospect of darker nights coming, he requested a higher level of vigilance. Resolved: That the report be received with thanks.</p> | |
| (B) | <p><u>Community Pride Team</u> No report was received</p> | |
| (C) | <p><u>Young Peoples Support Service/Football Scheme</u> The Clerk said a report had been received re the football scheme but had not been circulated yet. Cllr Baker said the YPSS report would be discussed after the public participation session.</p> | |
| | <p><u>Public Participation</u> Resolved: That the meeting be closed to allow for a period of public participation (7.10pm)</p> | |

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| | <p>Cllr Fenty said there had been some changes to the YPSS but the Parish Council, including the Ward Councillors, had not been informed. He had requested Rob Walsh to look into the matter. As a result a meeting will be arranged between the Parish Council and NELC officers and this should form a basis for moving forward. Cllr Baker said he was upset that no consultation had taken place with the YPSS, even though we have a SLA in place.</p> <p>A member of the public, Cazzie Adams, said she worked at the Young People's Centre. She said we should be supporting the young people in New Waltham and they were currently working in partnership with GYPO voluntarily providing services. Cllr Baker requested she give her contact details to the Clerk.</p> <p>The public session finished at 7.20pm Cllr Williams joined the meeting</p> | |
| <p>14/95</p> <p>14/96</p> <p>14/98</p> <p>14/99</p> <p>a)</p> | <p><u>Planning Matters</u> DM/0649/14/FUL-Tesco Extra, Hewitts Avenue, New Waltham Improvements to vehicle exit from site on Hewitts Avenue Resolved: That the application is supported DM/0883/14/OUT-Land at Hewitts Avenue, New Waltham The Council objects to the outline planning application on the grounds of insufficient infrastructure and drainage problems with possible flooding. No road impact surveys seems to have been carried out. Resolved: That the application is not supported DM/0892/14/FUL-23 Peaks Avenue, New Waltham Remove conservatory and erect sunroom to rear of dwelling Resolved: That the application is supported.</p> <p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 1st October 2014. ERNLLCA AGM – 18th September 2014 – Cllr Baker to attend Town & Parish Liaison Committee – 27th November 2014</p> <p>Cllr P Simpson left the meeting at 7.30pm.</p> <p><u>Reports</u> Village Hall Committee Meeting - Cllr Mumby said no meeting had been held</p> <p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p><u>Verge or Footway Parking Restrictions</u> The Council supported to continue the restrictions and the questionnaire was completed outlining the following streets to be excluded from the verge and footway parking prohibitions: Holme Avenue, Weelsby View, Alberly Way, Earl Avenue, Marquis Avenue and Baron Avenue. Cllr Baker said additional resources were required to police the enforcement. Cllr Williams said it happened at the weekend, but not during the week. Resolved: To continue the restrictions imposed under the ETRO. To enquire from D Poucher whether additional streets can be exempted in future.</p> | |

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| <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p> <p>g)</p> <p>h)</p> <p>i)</p> | <p><u>Local/Village Plan</u> Cllr Baker had requested this agenda item. If we put together some sort of village plan, would it be acceptable to NELC, in order to stop the influx of prospective developers? Cllr Fenty suggested looking at a ward plan which could feed into the local plan. Resolved: The Clerk to enquire from NELC re viability</p> <p><u>Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places</u> Cllr Williams asked for any comments. It was resolved that the village hall is central, accessible with adequate parking. Cllr Fenty agreed but said this could possible change if more houses were built.</p> <p><u>Shaw Trust – G Major’s Employment Contract</u> Due to any possible implications and the nature of this issue, it was resolved to defer this to the end of the meeting and discuss as an exempt item.</p> <p><u>Co-option of Member – Mr Dave Croy</u> It was proposed and seconded to co-opt Mr Dave Croy as a Councillor on to New Waltham Parish Council. The Clerk requested a DPI to be completed and returned in order to inform NELC.</p> <p><u>Greenlands Youth Project</u> Cllr Fenty said he had been in contact with Karen Linton, Head of Young Peoples Support Services to arrange a meeting to discuss the removal of one of the services that YPSS provide within the SLA between NWPC and YPSS. Cllr Williams requested that Cllr Baker and the Clerk be involved in this meeting as it needed to be sorted out.</p> <p><u>Appointment of Personnel Committee</u> Cllr Williams asked to defer this until the next meeting until we had reached some resolution. Resolved: To defer this item to the next meeting</p> <p><u>Merger of Communications & Newsletter Committee</u> Cllr Baker proposed the Communications and Newsletter Committees should be merged together. He enquired whether the New Waltham Community page on Facebook should be included. Cllr Williams said this had nothing to do with NWPC but thought we should have our own Parish Council Facebook page administered by the Clerk. Cllr Baker proposed we should design a Facebook page which would serve as the mouthpiece of NWPC. Both the newsletter and Facebook page would be administered by the Clerk and all communications would go through the Clerk. Resolved: To merge the Comms & Newsletter Committees and for the Clerk to administer the newsletter and a newly designed NWPC Facebook page</p> <p><u>Priors Close Management Plan</u> Mr Matthew Onn had given a presentation at a Parish Council meeting and had made some recommendations for re-shaping Priors Close. Cllr Williams thought the Council was not adhering to the management plan and asked for comments. Cllr Williams enquired whether the Friends of Priors Green were on board with this.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
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| | <p>Cllr Matthews will arrange a meeting and present the management plan to the Friends of Priors Green, and will come back to the Council with their findings.</p> <p>Resolved: Present the management plan to the Friends of Priors Green and come back to the Council with their findings.</p> | <p>Cllr Matthews</p> | |
| j) | <p><u>Consultation on NELC Draft Street Naming & Numbering Policy</u> Cllr Williams asked for any comments. Cllr Breed said that as and when these outline planning applications for additional houses are drafted, can the PC have some input.</p> | | |
| k) | <p><u>Proposed upgrade to telecommunications radio base station installation</u> It was noted that Vodafone and Telefonica are in the process of upgrading their existing telecommunications radio base installation on Carrington Drive, Cleethorpes.</p> | | |
| l) | <p><u>Financial Regulations and Standing Orders</u> The minor amendments advised by Alan Barker have now been incorporated. Resolved: To adopt the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders</p> | | |
| m) | <p><u>Village Day 2015</u> Cllr Williams reported that another working party meeting had taken place. An additional £500.00 had been raised which gave a total of about £1000.00 altogether. The Village Day for 2015 will be held on the 4th July and will be re-located back to the village green. The next meeting will be held on the 19th January 2015. Cllr Baker said it wasn't all about raising money and it was interesting to hear people say what a good day it had been. Cllr Williams had received a letter of thanks from St Matthew's Church for the donation and Cllr Raper presented Cllr Williams with a certificate of thanks on behalf of SSAFA. Another donation of £15.00 had also been received. Cllr Williams requested a free advert be put in the newsletter as way of apology to the newsagent for not thanking him for his support. Resolved: Insertion of free advert in the newsletter</p> | | |
| 14/100 | <p><u>Information Update</u> The ERNLLCA newsletter has been circulated</p> | | |
| 14/101 | <p><u>Village Newsletter</u> Cllr Baker to arrange a meeting with the Clerk to hand over his newsletter responsibilities</p> <p>Cllr Gibson joined the meeting and sat in the public gallery</p> | | |
| 14/102 | <p><u>Finance</u> Resolved: That the cheques are authorised for payment as per the circulated cheque list. To present findings from Item 8 of internal audit report The Clerk was asked to carry out an investigation into item 8 of the internal audit report. The Clerk confirmed that the payments to the ex-Clerk from April – October 2013 were in order and the amounts on the P11 and P45 submitted to HMRC were correct. She has e-mailed all the members and ex-Clerk accordingly with her findings. The former Clerk had asked for an apology from Cllr Gibson regarding</p> | | |
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a statement which had been made relating to payments made to the former Clerk.

Cllr Williams proposed to defer this to the next meeting as it was not on the table and this was seconded.

As Cllr Gibson had joined the meeting late, she had requested a statement be read out by the Chair in her absence. Cllr Williams said he had not yet read the statement and proposed it should be deferred to the next meeting. Cllr Gibson requested that it not be circulated.

Resolved: It was proposed and seconded to defer these issues to the next meeting.

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Any Other Business

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Cllr Baker said there will be changes to the No 8 and No 12 bus services from the 8th September 2014.

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A working party has also been set up to look at public toilets within NELC and to see how they can be kept open.

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Cllr Baker said the Council are looking at privatising the libraries

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Cllr Simpson said she would not be attending any meetings for the next 3 months but she would like to be kept in the loop.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm