

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2015 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

Officers: L Dyas, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillor Fenty and Harness (Ward Councillors)
PCSO C Barber and S Sutton
5 members of the public

		Action
15/001	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Simpson and Norton</p>	
15/009 (c)	<p><u>Co-option of Councillors</u></p> <p>Cllr Williams asked to bring forward agenda item 15/009(c) so the new councillors could sit on the Council tonight. It was proposed and seconded to co-opt Mrs Ruth Barber, Mrs Julie Dolphin and Mr Brian Page as Councillors on to New Waltham Parish Council. The Clerk requested a DPI to be completed and returned in order to inform NELC.</p>	
15/002 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u></p> <p>Cllr Matthews declared a personal interest in agenda item 15/009(b)</p> <p>The Chair said that all councillors needed to declare an interest In the outline planning development at Shaw Drive/Glebe Road by Cyden Homes as they are sponsoring the village noticeboard.</p> <p>Cllr Dolphin declared an interest in DM/221/14/FUL</p> <p>Cllrs Breed and Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 15/009(i)</p> <p>Cllrs Barber and Dolphin declared an interest in agenda item 15/009(h)</p> <p>There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.</p>	
15/003 (A)	<p><u>Minutes of meetings</u></p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December 2014: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record.</p>	
15/004 (A)	<p><u>Police & Community Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>PCSO Barber read out the police report for December 2014. There were 10 reported crimes and 4 ASB incidents. The Chair said it was a better report than 2 months ago. Cllr Baker queried whether the increased patrols had commenced. PCSO Barber replied they had a hotspot hit list and will continue to patrol these areas. Cllr Williams said it was still disconcerting about the opportunistic incidents. The Chair also requested that the SLA is chased up as the council would like to sort this out by the end of the financial year</p>	

(B)	No reports were received from the Community Pride Team or the YPSS	
15/005	<p><u>Public Consultation</u> Alan Duckworth, from Friends of Priors Green, along with Ben Burgess of Creative Nature, presented a report on the future vision of Priors Green. A plan was produced and A Duckworth proposed some actions. He said that the Chair of Governors at Enfield School was very keen to involve the school and a suggestion had been made for the school to possibly construct bird, bat and owl boxes. There would be a large initial outlay but the FOPG would then be able to look after it and maintain in the future. B Burgess said there would be some ecological benefits but it was just a matter of tweaking what was already there. Cllr Williams said the next consideration would be to look at the costings later on in the meeting. Cllr Breed thought the scheme looked very good. However, there was a concern regarding the proposed housing development on the eastern side. A Duckworth said he would be approaching the developer to enquire whether they would contribute to the scheme. Public consultation closed at 7.30pm</p>	
15/006	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> Cllr Dolphin left the meeting <u>DM/1221/14/FUL 10 Thornton Court, New Waltham</u> Alterations to roof inc front and rear dormer extensions Resolved: That the application is supported Cllr Dolphin re-joined the meeting <u>DM/1217/14/OUT Land adj to Toll Bar Farm, Louth Road, New Waltham</u> Outline application to erect one detached dwelling with means of landscaping to be considered Resolved: That the application is supported <u>DM/1216/14/OUT Land adj to Toll Bar Farm, Louth Road, New Waltham</u> Outline application to erect one detached dwelling with means of landscaping to be considered Resolved: That the application is supported <u>DM/1038/14/FUL R/O 98 Peaks Lane, New Waltham</u> Variation of Condition 7&8 attached to DM/0227/14/FUL (Erect 1 bungalow and one 5 bed roomed dwelling) for roof lights and generator Resolved: That the application is supported <u>DM/1231/14/FUL Land off Station Road, Waltham</u> Erection of 51 dwellings inc garages, vehicular access, landscaping and attenuation ponds (re-submission of DM/0502/14/FUL This application is not in New Waltham. However, Cllr Williams said there was a petition presented by residents with 338 against the development. There was also concern that 51 dwellings would equal a probable 100 additional cars using Station Road. The Chair proposed we should support Waltham Parish Council Resolved: that the application is not supported</p> <p><u>Other Planning matters-</u> Appeal to Planning Inspectorate in respect of outline residential development of up to 160 dwellings at Shaw Drive/Glebe Road – App Ref DC/281/13/SCA-Information only</p>	

<p>(e)</p> <p>(f)</p> <p>(g)</p> <p>(h)</p> <p>(i)</p>	<p>Garden Waste Consultation – Cllr Williams said the proposal is either pay £40.00 or lose the service. Cllr Mumby said we have been encouraged to use this facility and it would be false economy to stop the service as it would lead to fly tipping. Cllr Baker had carried out a survey down Louth Road and nobody wanted the service to stop. However, it is a non-statutory service and the Council can withdraw the facility. The Chair said that as we are a village with lots of gardens, we would like to see the service continue and would therefore have to pay for it. It was proposed that the Clerk write to NELC to say the Parish Council think it is a bad decision to either pay for the service or lose it as this could potentially lead to fly tipping. However, we will support the annual charge with the caveat that it is an individual choice. Resolved: The Council supported the proposal, except Cllr North.</p> <p>Transfer of Assets – We are still awaiting information from NELC but it seemed clear that NELC did not know the amount of income generated from the Pavilion and the bowling green. The Chair did not think we could afford to take on the facility with the information we already have from NELC. He proposed an extra-ordinary meeting to be organised so we could go through all the information. Cllr Baker thought we should go back to NELC and re-negotiate with them. Resolved: The Council supported Cllr Baker’s proposal</p> <p>Minutes from the Personnel Committee Meeting – The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair of the Personnel Committee</p> <p>Support for Teddy Bears Group – Cllr Barber and Dolphin left the meeting. The Teddy Bears Group have been supported for the past 5/6 years in order to pay their rent to St Matthew’s Church. The service they provide to pre-school children is excellent and it was proposed to donate £300.00 to the group. Resolved: The proposal was supported Cllrs Barber and Dolphin re-joined the meeting</p> <p>Fire at Allotment – Cllrs Breed and Matthews left the meeting. Cllr Baker asked why the Parish Council was paying for the replacement fencing. The Chair said it was due to liability. Resolved: The proposal to pay for replacement fencing was supported Cllrs Breed and Matthews re-joined the meeting</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>15/010</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p>	<p>Finance Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement</p> <p>To agree Clerk’s salary for 2015 regarding new NJC payscales for 2014-2016 – The new NJC payscales had been circulated from ERNLLCA regarding the Clerk’s salary for 2015-2016. Cllr Baker proposed to enhance the Clerk’s salary from the 1st April 2015 due to the hard work carried out. The Chair said this proposal should go to the Personnel Committee for them to decide. Resolved: The proposal was supported</p> <p>To consider quarterly budget statement for 31st December 2014 The Chair said the only contentious area was the SLA to be paid to YPSS in this financial year as an invoice and SLA had still not been received. The Clerk was also looking at sold advertising in the newsletter.</p>	

(d)	<p>To consider NWPC precept for 2015/16 – The Chair and the Clerk Had met and put together a budget for 2015/16.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Breed queried the amount of £250.00 for allotment income. A year's notice had to be given to amend the allotment charges. - An amount of £100.00 for newsletter income was inserted and any other income received would be additional. - The Employer's NI amount might not be applicable - The Clerk's expenses were split down - Cllr Baker asked whether training costs should be increased due to possible new councillor training - Chairman's allowance of £120.00 has been included - An amount of £1000.00 has been included for Village Day - A quote of £500.00 each for the supply and installation of village signs has been received - Cllr Baker queried the amount for the newsletter. The Chair said we would be looking at the format of the newsletter in order to reduce costs. Cllr Baker proposed to increase the cost to £3,500 but the Chair thought this was too high. - <p>The Chair proposed a precept of £33,550 with total expenditure of £37,141 for the year.</p> <p>Resolved: The proposal was supported</p>	
15/011	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>(a) Cllr Baker said a consultation on Children's Services would be starting soon</p> <p>(b) Cllr Mumby said that starting next year, it would be compulsory to tax dogs.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.54pm</p>	