

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2014 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL**

Present: Cllr G Williams (Chair)
Councillors G. Baker, D Croy, C Mumby, J North
And D Raper

Officers: L Dyas, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillor Harness (Ward Councillor)
P Caswell and 2 Members of the public

		Action
14/116	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs Breed, Fenty, Matthews, Norton, and Simpson.</p>	
14/117 (A) (B)	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Cllr Baker declared a personal interest in agenda item 14/124 Village Newsletter</p> <p>There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.</p>	
14/118 (A)	<p><u>Minutes of meetings</u></p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st October 2014 Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record.</p>	
14/119 (A)	<p><u>Police & Community Reports</u></p> <p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>P Casswell said there were no police present due to Operation Kincorth and he would be presenting the police and community reports. In future, the police reports would reflect the previous month but due to the YPSS system, their report would be retrospective.</p> <p>There have been a total of 25 relevant crimes reported for October 2014.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 offences of theft from a motor vehicle, with 3 of these incidents involved vehicles that were left unlocked. P Casswell emphasised to ensure that you do not leave any items on show or any items of value in your vehicles. Also double check that your car is left secure. - There were 4 reports of damage offences, including a smashed car window and damaged fence panels. Youths also taped the doors of the YPSS bus shut and sprayed the van with de-icer whilst workers were inside causing them to leave the area. - There were two offences of theft from shops, one at Pennell's and the other at Jasmine store. A further theft occurred at Spar, Station Road whereby a wallet was stolen after the victim was distracted and left the wallet on the shop counter. - 5 burglary offences have been reported in the area, one of which was in a house where it is believed the back door may have been left unlocked. 3 involved sheds being broken into, with all having pedal cycles stolen. 	

Final offence was a garage left insecure where a further pedal cycle was taken. If high value cycles are being left in garages/sheds, please ensure the buildings are locked up securely and that the cycles are also locked to metal frames with high quality locks.

- Other offences are made up of three racial incidents at Kebab shop, Star supermarket and Jasmine store. Moped taken after being left unattended with keys in, suspect crashed into static car causing damage. Finally, a report of a vehicle being surrounded by 25-30 youths banging on the car and swearing.

- There were 13 reported incidents of Anti-social behaviour in the area.

The Chair said he was concerned as current ASB problems were being reported on social media sites rather than contacting the police on 101. P Casswell said that PCSO S Sutton would be attending the planned meeting on the 10th November to let people know they should be ringing 101. The Chair asked for PCSO Sutton to get this message across to residents. Cllr Baker agreed and said that if people did not get a response from 101, they should write to the Police Inspector to get their points across. However, there was no excuse for not locking cars up as this invited crime.

The Chair asked for an opinion about naming and shaming going on in the community. P Casswell said this was a dangerous practice as it was unregulated, and could also lead to slanderous allegations and comments. Any problems should be left to the professionals.

P Casswell said that ASB specifically relating to young people in New Waltham has increased from April to September 2014. However, there was also an increase across North East Lincolnshire. The Police and YPSS have responded quickly to ASB issues. PCSO Sutton has visited some families in the area to inform them about their children's behaviour. Some have been interviewed under caution in front of their parents or guardians. They are also looking at behaviour contracts. The Police and YPSS are working together to tackle ASB and to work with the young people. The Chair thought the problem had escalated over the summer, but was pleased that the Police and YPSS were tackling the issues to give New Waltham some reassurance. Cllr Baker asked if some of the offenders were transient and P Casswell said they tended to follow the mobile around. However, they did try and discourage transient young people coming to the village. The Chair thought that New Waltham was deemed to be a police less area and hoped the message would get across that the village did have a police presence.

(B)

YPSS

There is a funding SLA in place to continue the work around the provision for young people in the area for one evening per week between April-September, providing a mobile street based unit and one member of staff. P Casswell said the SLA had not been increased for 5 years. YPSS are also working with Lincs Aspire and Grimsby Town FC. There were 108 attendances in September, with the majority being over 12 years of age. P Casswell said the grass becomes waterlogged therefore they have made arrangements to

	<p>move to the Trin Youth Club for the winter as the young people want to continue the football and they have floodlights. The Chair said that enquiries had been made to Toll Bar Academy and asked the Clerk to let P Casswell have the correspondence.</p> <p>Cllr Baker enquired about funding and P Casswell said they would be looking at alternative forms of funding. They had already secured some funding and they would be using this to hold a Rock School at the Pavilion on a Tuesday night.</p> <p>P Casswell said it would be worthwhile attending the meetings on a quarterly basis. The Chair said he was pleased with the content of the report.</p> <p>The Chair asked for a copy of the SLA to be provided Resolved: That the report be received with thanks.</p> <p><u>Community Pride Team</u> No report was received</p>	Clerk
14/120	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> <u>DM/1121/14/FUL-90 Peaks Avenue, New Waltham</u> Erect single storey rear extension with roof lantern Resolved: That the application is supported</p> <p><u>DM/1020/14/FUL-4 Anningson Lane, New Waltham</u> Erect single storey extension to rear Resolved: That the application is supported</p> <p><u>DM/1088/14/FUL-246 Station Road, New Waltham</u> Demolish existing garage and erection of new garage with roof Resolved: That the application is supported</p>	
14/121	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 3rd December 2014. Town & Parish Liaison Committee – 27th November 2014</p> <p>14/122 <u>Reports</u> Village Hall Committee Meeting - Cllr Mumby attended the NWWH Committee meeting in October. The Chair asked for the minutes to be circulated when they were received. Community Speed Training – Cllr Williams did not attend this free training due to a vehicle breakdown.</p> <p>14/123 <u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>(a) Review of 2014/15 Budget - The Chair said the budget was tight and proposed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To ensure we do not overspend and have to draw down our reserves b) The newsletter for February 2015 is cancelled and will be issued in April when the new financial year begins. c) Training expenditure is restricted to the Clerk only. d) The Youth Action funding to be paid in April 2015 <p>Resolved: The proposed points were supported</p>	

b)	<p>Transfer of Assets – A recent workshop was held where a list of questions was discussed. However, we don't seem to have progressed very far with a proposed business plan as we require more information from NELC. There was concern that the income did not match the expenditure details provided by NELC. The Chair asked whether the Clerk could send the list of questions to NELC so a business plan could be put together. Cllr Mumby asked who the contact in NELC was now that Marc Cole had left. Cllr Williams said it was Wendy Fisher.</p> <p>Resolved: The Council supported the proposal to put the list of questions to NELC</p>	
c)	<p><u>Review of Gardener's Work</u> The Chair said he had not been impressed with the standards up to know and it was requested that the Clerk contact the gardener to let him know. It was also requested that when the Clerk next meets with the gardener either Cllr Breed or the Chair be present</p>	Clerk
d)	<p><u>Response to Anti-Social Behaviour</u> The Chair said that P Casswell's report was adequate and addressed the issues. It is also being tracked through the Neighbourhood Watch.</p>	
e)	<p><u>Closure of New Waltham Post Office</u> The Post Office will be closing next week and it was proposed to write to Mr and Mrs Wainwright to thank them for their hard work and to wish them well in their retirement.</p> <p>Resolved: The Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Wainwright</p>	Clerk
f)	<p><u>New Notice Board</u> As the noticeboard on the newsagent's wall had seen better days, the Chair had approached a local business to fund a new notice board. The Council would not have to pay anything for the supply and erection of the notice board. He proposed to site it at the side of the village green as there was more footfall.</p> <p>Resolved: The proposal was supported</p>	
g)	<p><u>External Audit Report</u> The external audit report was received and the comments made were noted.</p> <p>Resolved: To ensure that action is taken to address all areas of weakness</p>	
14/124	<p><u>Village Newsletter</u> The next edition is now due in April 2015. The Chair was concerned about advertising income and Cllr Baker said he would see the Clerk about this. Cllr Baker enquired about increasing the distribution rate and the Chair said this will be put on the next agenda to discuss.</p> <p>Resolved: That the Chair/Cllr Baker and the Clerk would meet to discuss the strategy behind the newsletter.</p>	Cllr Baker/ Clerk
14/125	<p><u>Finance</u> Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement</p>	
14/126	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Cllr Raper enquired about the state of the shops. The Chair said it was the responsibility of the landlord and asked the Clerk to enquire</p>	Clerk

	<p>From NELC regarding the absent landlord.</p> <p>Cllr Baker said that nearly all the buses in the area are now kneeling ones for disabled people, apart from the No 12 buses. However, there are plans afoot to replace them.</p>	
	<p>To consider exemption of public and press for these items under Public Bodies Admission to Meeting Act 1960, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussions of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.</p> <p>Shaw Trust - G Major's Employment Contract</p> <p>A meeting was recently held with Shaw Trust. However, G Major's appraiser has now been moved to another area. Shaw Trust wish to move G Major's employment across to NWPC and the Chair explained the implications behind this move from a TUPE point of view and pension liability.</p> <p>Cllr Baker suggested we remain as we are and inform Shaw Trust that NWPC do not wish to take on his employment contract. Resolved: The Council supported Cllr Baker's proposal</p> <p>Do we put something in writing now to express our wishes, ready for G Major's review in January 2015? Resolved: The Council supported this motion</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.18pm</p>	

