

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 02nd SEPTEMBER 2015 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr G Williams (Chair)
Councillors G. Baker, R Barber, R Breed, L Brookes, J Dolphin,
J Matthews, S Moore, C Mumby, J North, B Page, D Raper, P
Simpson and R Thompson

Officers: S Heywood, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillors Harness and Shreeve (Ward Councillors)
Two members of the public

		Action
15/087	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Ward Cllr J Fenty</p>	
15/088	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 20121</u></p> <p>(A) Cllr Raper declared an interest in item 15/091 (B) Cllr Baker declared an interest in 15/095(e) (C) Cllr North declared an interest in 15/095(b)</p>	
15/089	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u></p> <p>(A) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th August 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Raper; seconded Cllr Baker; passed unanimously</p> <p>(B) Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 16th June 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Mumby; seconded Cllr Matthews; passed unanimously by the members of the Committee</p> <p>(C) Minutes of the Communication and Newsletter Committee held on 17th August 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Williams; seconded Cllr Baker; passed unanimously by the members of the Committee</p>	
15/090	<p>(A) <u>Police Report</u> The police were not present but had sent a report which had been previously circulated. There was concern expressed regarding the increased number of crimes that had occurred in August, even though the majority of these had occurred in the Humberston Ward. Cllr Baker felt that there was a lack of a visible police presence in the area. The police no longer attend Parish Council meetings as a matter of course. It was agreed that the police should be invited to attend a future meeting.</p> <p>(B) <u>Young People's Drop In</u> Cllr Williams reported that there is an average attendance of 20-25 young people. New members have joined the scheme and the rounders is well attended. There have been reports of the children climbing over the Shoe Collection bank and on one occasion, one of</p>	Clerk

	<p>the goal posts was seen lying on the ground. Generally though there are few problems. The Youth Leader is getting adequate support and is coping well.</p>	
	<p><u>Public Consultation</u> A member of the public complained about the excessive parking on Enfield Avenue. It seems that the public are taking advantage of the lack of yellow lines to park there and to take the bus to other venues. This is causing inconvenience to the residents of Enfield Avenue and the side roads. Cllrs Harness and Shreeve promised to take the matter up with NELC. A second member of the public was concerned about the condition of Priors Green. Reassurance was given that a new gardener was starting immediately to deal with regular maintenance of the area. Also Creative Nature would be undertaking land management there in the next month. Public session closed</p>	
15/091	<p><u>Planning Matters</u> DM/0558/15/FUL This is a retrospective planning application. The general view of the meeting was that, whatever objections are raised, these are always disregarded by NELC Planning Department and that retrospective applications are invariably granted. There is no point in raising objections. DM/0756/15/FUL (Cllr Raper left the meeting during this discussion). Councillors were aware that this matter had been discussed at a previous planning meeting and that conditions had been imposed for a reason. There was nothing in the application that justified the removal of the condition as asked. Agreed unanimously – that a message be sent to NELC recommending that the condition be upheld.</p>	Clerk
15/092	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u> There were no other planning matters to consider</p>	
15/093 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)	<p><u>Future Dates</u> The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 07th October 2015 The Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 07th September Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet on a date to be agreed Governance and Personnel Committees will meet on Monday 07th September ERNLLCA conference is on 23rd October. ERNLLCA District Committee meetings will be held on 15th October 2015, 21st April and 21st July 2016. No training dates are currently listed</p>	
15/094	<p><u>Reports</u> Village Hall Committee Meeting Cllr Baker reported that NELC has undertaken to empty the litter bin at the hall on a weekly basis. There is now a new caretaker at the hall. Quotes are being obtained to deal with the overhanging trees. Weed treatment is required on the pathway. Bookings for the hall are reasonably buoyant. Cllr Baker re-introduced the proposal that the car-park should be available as a community asset. The Management Committee was adamant that the car-park will only be open when there is a booking for the hall. Further advice will be sought on this issue.</p>	

15/095	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p>	
a)	<p>Waste Management Strategy Cllr Williams urged everyone to engage in this consultation, and to encourage others to do so, in order to get the best service available.</p>	
b)	<p>Pavilion Management Group When the pavilion opened in 1999, it was recorded that £22,000 was given by the developers for a cricket square. Steps are being taken to locate this fund. Cllr Simpson reminded everyone of the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 25th September. There are car-boot sales on 19th September and 24th October. The brown signs need to be chased up. A Hallowe'en Party is being organised. It has been decided to close the Drop-In centre on 5th November for obvious reasons. The Drop-In is only contracted to be open for 48 weeks a year. There are now 8 football teams playing on a rota. Matt Bryant is co-ordinating fixtures and 5-aside. He is also monitoring wear and tear. It was suggested that an article could be inserted in the Sports pages of the Grimsby Telegraph asking interested teams to come forward to play at the Pavilion. The Pavilion is in a good financial position and income will increase once the football season is underway. It was agreed that a professional fundraiser should be contracted to increase funding as they are unpaid and only take a percentage of the money they raise. Other groups are still interested in using the Pavilion. There are ongoing discussions with a bowling group, an art group and the Alzheimer's Society. The NCS teams did a fantastic job and the Pavilion is very clean and tidy. They are coming again in October, February and Summer 2016 and would like to paint some murals. The implications of this will be discussed at the next PMG meeting.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>PMG</p>
c)	<p>Prior's Green Work on this area has been delayed but Creative Nature are now scheduled to start in September. Cllr Matthews will arrange a meeting of the Friends of Prior's Green.</p>	<p>JM</p>
d)	<p>Circulation of Documents It was noted that a councillor had requested that documents be sent out by post due to health problems caused by reading from a computer screen. A number of objections were raised. It was regarded as a retrograde step as all information from NELC and other authorities is received by email. Postage is expensive and unreliable. It is no longer acceptable to be printing documents unnecessarily. Cllr Williams proposed that a concession should be made, on medical grounds only, to send out the Agenda and the Minutes in one envelope once a month. Seconded by Cllr Raper. Opposed by Cllrs Baker and Page. Passed by a majority.</p>	
e)	<p>Newsletter It was agreed that the content of the recent newsletter had been very good. There was discussion regarding articles needed for the next issue. The deadline for this is 15th October.</p>	
f)	<p>CCTV for Greenlands shops and the Pavilion The Police and Crime Commissioner's Office has offered £7,000 towards the cost of installing CCTV on these two sites. The amount originally requested was £12,500 following a quote given by NELC. It was suggested that commercial quotes be obtained from two companies. Meanwhile it was proposed that the sum of £7,000 be accepted from the P&CC, with the balance of the money to be</p>	<p>GW</p>

g)	<p>provided out of funds held by the Parish Council up to a maximum of £5,650. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Change of venue for Parish Council meetings</p> <p>Now that the Pavilion is available for holding meetings, it was proposed that for most purposes Parish Council meetings should be held there. It is not financially responsible to pay for a room at the Village Hall. Cllr Simpson proposed that three months' notice be given to leave the Village Hall. Seconded by Cllr Raper and passed unanimously. An advertisement will be placed in the next issue of the Newsletter.</p>	Clerk
15/096	<p>Finance</p> <p>Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Raper; seconded by Cllr Moore and passed unanimously</p>	
15/097	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Williams reported that he had received a telephone call from Roy Goring saying that due to health problems he was no longer able to continue working for the local community as previously. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Goring to thank him for the 65 years he had dedicated to New Waltham.</p> <p>Cllr North reported a willow tree on Station Road needs cutting back. He will report this to NELC.</p> <p>Cllr Moore expressed concern regarding the absence of waste bins by the shops and the disappearance of the bin by New Waltham Academy. A swing in the playground is broken. Cllr Baker will report this to the Village Hall Management Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Simpson asked for support for the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 25th September. Cllr Williams offered £20 from his monthly allowance towards prizes for the event.</p> <p>Cllr Baker reported that the Tollbar Roundabout was being reinstated now that the movement of abnormal loads has been completed.</p>	GB
	<p><u>The meeting closed at 8.39pm</u></p>	