

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 04th November 2015 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

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

Officers: S Heywood, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillors J Fenty, S Harness and S Shreeve (Ward Councillors)

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15/109	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs L Brookes, J Matthews, P Simpson and R Thompson.</p>	
15/110 (A) (B)	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u> Cllr Baker declared an interest in 15/117(b) Cllr North declared an interest in 15/116 - Pavilion</p>	
15/111 (A) (B) (C) (D)	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 07th October 2015: Cllr Baker wished to record that the representative of the Traveller community had stated that they were not looking for a site within New Waltham. They would prefer a site within the Grimsby Borough. Cllr Baker had asked if they had a site earmarked and suggested from a personal point of view that the Bird's Eye site may be appropriate. This was not said to be the view of New Waltham Parish Council. Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Dolphin; seconded Cllr Mumby; passed unanimously Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 08th September 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be held over to the next meeting of the Parish Council Minutes of the Personnel & Governance Committees meeting held on 07th September: Resolved: That the minutes be held over to the next meeting of the Parish Council Minutes of the Pavilion Management Group meeting held on 07th September: Resolved: That the minutes be held over to the next meeting of the Parish Council</p>	
15/112 (A) (B)	<p><u>Police and Community Reports</u> The police were not present but had sent a report which had been previously circulated. PC Steve Sutton has been off work but has now returned. There has been no police presence on the streets recently. It is hoped that this situation will improve now that PC Sutton has returned. <u>Young People's Drop In</u> Cllr Williams reported that there is an average attendance of 20-25 young people. Attendance on the Halloween themed evening was disappointing with only seven young people there. For the regular attendees the Pavilion is proving to be a safe place to go on a Thursday evening.</p>	

15/113	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> No objections were raised to any of the three applications received this month.</p>	
15/114	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u> Cllr Williams together with the Ward Councillors had attended the planning meeting regarding the development of the site opposite Tollbar School. Cllr Williams had raised objections regarding the lack of local consultation; the manner in which changes to the junction were being forced on residents in order to accommodate the 400 houses proposed; the number of houses already approved and being built in the area; and the availability of brownfield sites instead of using this agricultural land. The decision on the development has been deferred pending a decision on the future of Tollbar Roundabout. At a meeting in August, the Parish Council had been assured that proper consultation would take place before any final decisions were made regarding the roundabout. Cllr Baker said that a representative from Highways Department (Lucy Hudson) and also from the developers (Barton Wilmore) should be asked to address a future Parish Council meeting to clarify their proposals. It was stressed that it was important to involve Tollbar Academy in any consultation. Cllr Williams thanked the three Ward Councillors for their help in this matter</p>	
15/115	<p><u>Future Dates</u> The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 02nd December 2015 The Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 09th November The Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet on a date to be agreed The Governance and Personnel Committees will meet on Monday 09th November The Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday 15th December ERNLLCA District Committee meetings will be held on 21st April and 21st July 2016. There are dates available for training for new Councillors from October to December 2015.</p>	
15/116	<p><u>Reports</u> Village Hall Committee Meeting As the meeting had only recently taken place, the Minutes are not yet available. The question was raised whether a Deputy can attend Village Hall Committee Meetings, if the appointed representative (Cllr Baker) is unavailable. Cllr Breed proposed that a Deputy be appointed; seconded by Cllr Williams; passed unanimously save that Cllr Baker abstained having an interest in the matter. Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee – the next meeting is due to take place on 26th November Pavilion Management Group Cllr Williams confirmed that the financial situation is healthy with £2,000 in hand. The football is bringing in a regular weekly income. The Halloween Event realised a profit and was very good, thank you to Cllrs Dolphin and Barber. Unfortunately the last car boot sale of the year was a washout. There will be monthly table top sales starting on the last Saturday in November. It is hoped that these will attract more people to the Pavilion and bring in more revenue. Matthew Bryant continues to work as the facilitator between the</p>	

	<p>Junior Teams and the League and has taken on marking out the 9-a-side pitches.</p> <p>ERNLLCA Conference Cllr Baker reported that he had enjoyed a constructive day at the Conference. There had been an opening session on e-learning and e-communications. NELC have facilitators who would be able to offer training on the use of social media. Cllr Baker attended workshops on Community Planning and has examples from other councils that may be helpful for NWPC to refer to. A private company called StreetScape provided a session on Outdoor Learning Facilities. The materials from all the sessions attended by Cllr Baker can be made available to any Councillor who wishes to see them.</p> <p>Emergency Planning As yet no progress has been made on this matter. Contact will be made with NELC and a meeting will be arranged.</p> <p>ERNLLCA District Meeting Cllr Breed reported that other Parish Councils are concerned at the prospect of NELC transferring assets to them without adequate financial support.</p>	
<p>15/117 (a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>(f)</p>	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>Development of Priors Green Management plan Some of the landscaping work has been completed. Hedge laying will be carried out in December along the eastern boundary. There is evidence of ash-dieback on some of the trees. Creative Nature will quote for dealing with this. Creative Nature will also be asked whether the chestnut trees are showing signs of disease. Paul Speed from the Grimsby Telegraph has been to visit Priors Green for the “Down Your Street” feature in the paper. It has been reported that residents feel safer now that the work has been carried out. People are still dumping grass and hedge cuttings and there is a problem with dog fouling. Some signage is needed to remind residents that this is an amenity area for which they are all responsible.</p> <p>Newsletter There was rather too much empty space in the last newsletter. It was proposed that future printing of the newsletter should be put out to tender. Proposed Cllr Williams; seconded Cllr Mumby; resolved unanimously</p> <p>Gypsy & Traveller stopover site Cllr Williams proposed that no recommendations be made in this regard. There are no suitable sites in New Waltham and it is not within the Parish Council’s remit to recommend other sites. The Gypsy & Traveller spokesperson had made it clear that the community were looking for a site within the Grimsby borough. Seconded Cllr Raper; passed unanimously.</p> <p>Mince Pies for the Village Carol Concert Cllr Williams proposed that the Parish Council should provide 100 mince pies for the Carol Concert. Seconded Cllr Baker; passed unanimously. Cllr Williams will place the order.</p> <p>Tables for the Pavilion Two quotes had been received to provide 8 tables for meetings and table top sales at the Pavilion. Cllr Baker proposed that the lesser of the quotes be accepted; seconded by Cllr Mumby; passed unanimously.</p> <p>Response to ERNLLCA’s consultation Cllr Breed and Cllr Baker are both knowledgeable regarding ERNLLCA and the way it is managed. It was agreed that they would</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GW</p> <p>GW</p>

	<p>be responsible for completing the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>(g) Sites for publicity banners There was discussion about NELC's policy of allowing banners to be displayed for some events and not others. There is no clear thinking on what is allowed or which sites are acceptable. Cllr Baker proposed that the Parish Council be responsible for selecting sites in New Waltham and then policing the sites locally; seconded Cllr Breed; passed unanimously.</p> <p>(h) Update on provision of CCTV Cllr Williams reported the P&CC has been advised that an alternative quote has been obtained for less than the £7,000 that had been asked for, but there are additional costs, such as planning consent, installing a broadband line and possibly protecting the cameras. BT will install the broadband line for £115.00. No protection is required for the cameras. Cllr Williams confirmed that the shop-owners on Greenlands have been consulted and are happy with the proposed introduction of CCTV. Once confirmation is received from NELC regarding planning consent, then the work can be carried out.</p> <p>(i) Broken post on the village green Cllr Breed proposed that the broken post should be replaced "like for like" with those already in place. Seconded by Cllr Mumby; passed unanimously.</p> <p>(j) Update on provision of employee's pensions It is now a legal requirement that any employee in receipt of more than £10,000 per annum should be offered a workplace pension. Cllr Williams proposed that he and Cllr Breed will speak to relevant employees. Seconded by Cllr Raper; passed unanimously.</p>	<p>RB/GB</p> <p>RB</p> <p>RB/GW</p>
15/118	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Update on the Budget for 2015/2016 A half-year review of the Parish Council's budget was carried out. The Parish Council is in a good position financially. Cllr Baker proposed that the budget be accepted; seconded by Cllr Raper; passed unanimously. Cllr Harness mentioned that a sum of £600.00 had been granted to the Parish Council from the Ward Fund. He asked that NELC be asked to bill the Parish Council in respect of this sum. Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Baker; seconded by Cllr Mumby and passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
15/119	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> It has been reported in the Telegraph that the Environment Agency are not going to dredge the Beck this year. This matter to be placed on next month's Agenda. No wreath had been ordered for Remembrance Day. Cllr Williams will pursue this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>GW</p>
	<p><u>The meeting closed at 8.48pm</u></p>	