

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST 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, C Mumby, J North, B Page, D Raper, P Simpson and R
Thompson

Officers: S Heywood, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillors Fenty, Harness and Shreeve (Ward Councillors)
Mark Gibbons, Transportation Office, Cofely; Lucy Hudson from NELC
One member of the public

		Action
15/073	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr S Moore</p>	
15/074	<p><u>Declarations of Acceptance of Office</u></p> <p>Due to the absence of Cllrs Moore and North from the last meeting, it was resolved to extend the time for signing Declarations of Acceptance of Office to 12th August 2015 to enable both Councillors to take their seats, thereby avoiding unnecessary casual vacancies. Agreed unanimously</p>	
15/075	<p><u>Resignation of Cllr David Croy</u></p> <p>The resignation of Cllr Croy for personal reasons was accepted. A Notice of Casual Vacancy was posted on the day of his resignation.</p>	
15/084	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>(a) Waltham Tollbar Roundabout It was proposed by the Chair that this matter should be taken next as Mr M Gibbons and Ms L Hudson were present. Agreed unanimously.</p> <p>MG explained that there was no pot of money set aside for this project. At the present time NELC are trying to refine options to get funding. It is hoped to submit a bid for funding by October. MG explained the different options available – eg. two lanes of traffic in each direction; a footbridge; amendments to the roundabout; traffic signals; signalised pedestrian crossings – and pointed out the disadvantages to each option. MG also spoke of future developments that would result in an increased population and heavier volume of traffic.</p> <p>The Council raised a number of issues – eg. the dangers of relying on traffic lights; the majority of pedestrians being children from Tollbar Academy; that congestion only occurs for a limited period of time each day.</p> <p>MG confirmed that New Waltham residents will be consulted before any final decision is made although there has to be a trade-off between getting the bid in and engaging in consultation to ensure that the funding opportunity is not missed. At present the preferred option</p>	

	appears to be a junction controlled by traffic lights. MG agreed to send evidence of road usage and future predictions to the Clerk for further consideration by the Council. (Received and circulated.)	
15/076	<p><u>Welcome Cllr Ray Oxby, Leader of NELC</u></p> <p>Cllr Oxby was welcomed by Cllr Williams. Cllr Oxby said that he was here to listen. He explained that austerity was the name of the game and any political party faces the same challenges at this time. As the new leader he has to deliver a budget containing a further 10% of cuts. To a large degree front line services have been protected although there will now be cuts in adult social care.</p> <p>The Council is having to outsource core services and are looking at local parish councils to take on some services wherever possible. Cllr Oxby stated that nothing would be imposed but that support would be given where a Council felt that they could deliver a service more efficiently and economically than NELC. The role of NELC would be to support local ventures.</p> <p>There was discussion around the services that have already been taken on by the parish council and whether it was realistic to take on greater responsibilities. Doing so would require raising the precept. Cllr Oxby said that there was no new money available. Any services would have to be paid for out of existing funds.</p> <p>NELC is looking at linking with North Lincolnshire and seeking devolved powers from the government. By being bigger, the area would have parity of influence with other authorities. Locally NELC is trying to serve the community and to support and enable other bodies to take on essential services.</p> <p>Cllr Williams thanked Cllr Oxby for attending the meeting</p>	
15/077	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u></p> <p>(A) Cllr Baker declared a personal interest in agenda item 15/084(b) (B) Cllr North declared a personal interest in agenda item 15/084(d) (C) Cllr Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 15/084(e) (D) There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.</p>	
15/078	<p><u>Minutes of meetings</u> – previously circulated</p> <p>(A) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 01st July 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record.</p> <p>(B) Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 16th June 2015: Resolved: the matter be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
15/079	<p><u>Police & Community Reports</u></p> <p>(A) <u>Police Report</u> – the police were not present but had sent a report which had been previously circulated. Priorities had again been focussing on anti-social behaviour in the Greenlands Avenue area. As a result there have been no reported incidents in this area in July to date. There have been 11 crimes reported in New Waltham in the last month.</p> <p>Cllr Simpson reported that the young people on the Lifestyle 2015 scheme were doing a fantastic job and were to be congratulated. Cllr</p>	

	<p>Williams thanked Cllr Simpson for all the hard work she had put into the scheme.</p> <p>(B) <u>Community Pride Team</u> – no report received.</p> <p>(C) <u>Young People’s Drop In</u> – Cllr Williams reported that the scheme is running well. There were 37 young people there on the 16th July. The average number is in the mid-twenties. Artiez have organised a rounders session which has encouraged young females to attend. There will be a further session during August. It was noted that GYPO has not yet billed NWPC for the Youth Leader’s services however provision has been made for this in the pavilion accounts.</p>	
15/080	<p><u>Planning Matters</u></p> <p>DM/0118/15/OUT This is an amended application that has been submitted previously and is very little changed from before. It was agreed that NWPC does not support this application. The infrastructure is not in place. The Council’s earlier objections still stand.</p> <p>DM/0684/15/PAT There was no objection to the removal and replacement of the monopole in this application</p> <p>DM/0694/15/FUL The temporary building is hidden on the Tollbar Academy site. No objections were raised.</p>	Clerk
15/081	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u></p> <p>There were no other planning matters to consider</p>	
15/082	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>(A) The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 2nd September 2015.</p> <p>(B) The Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 17th August</p> <p>(C) Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet on Monday 17th August</p> <p>(D) 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>	
15/083	<p><u>Reports</u></p> <p>Village Hall Committee Meeting – The meeting took place on 12th July. Business centred around the new contract requiring users of the village hall to remove their own waste. A report had been made to Cofely regarding trees overhanging the walkway. No Parish Councillor had any involvement in reporting that issue.</p> <p>The barrier to the village hall carpark is still an issue with a number of complaints being made. The view of residents is that this is a community car park for the use of the community but that view is not shared by the Village Hall Management Committee. It was proposed that there should be a rota of Parish Councillors who would open the barrier when the VHMC was not prepared to do so. There was a brief public session when a member of the public raised the question of the legal ownership of the village hall. This will be investigated.</p>	Clerk

	Town & Parish Councils Liaison Meeting – The meeting due to take place on 30 th July has been postponed to 17 th September.	
15/084	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>a) Proposed changes to Tollbar Roundabout It was agreed that this matter cannot be further discussed until it comes to public consultation</p> <p>b) Rates of pay for Newsletter distributors Historically distributors have been paid at a rate of £5.50 per hour. The issue will be discussed at the forthcoming meeting of the Communications and Newsletter Committee.</p> <p>c) Tenders for Ground Maintenance Only one tender has been received this time, as a result of advertisements placed in the Grimsby Telegraph and the Cleethorpes Chronicle. As the tender is competitive and value for money, and as proper steps have been taken, it was proposed that the tender should be accepted. Agreed unanimously</p> <p>d) Update from Pavilion Management Group There was a very successful picnic and the last car-boot sale was better than the previous one. The bowling is well attended. NELC is marking out the football pitches and there is plenty of interest in using them. Matt Bryant from Grimsby Borough Junior FC will continue to monitor the usage of the pitches for wear and tear. There have been proposals from the Art Group and from the Alzheimer's Society to use the Pavilion for meetings. It is believed that NELC had funding to install a cricket pitch. Some enquiries will be made.</p> <p>e) Development of Priors Green The work was due to start in August. Enquiries will be made of Creative Nature regarding this.</p> <p>f) Flower Beds - Enfield Road and at Tollbar The shrubs have been pruned and the area tidied. A large quantity of good quality top-soil will be required to level the beds. Grass seed will be sown so that the area will only require regular mowing. Cllr Matthews offered to calculate how much top-soil will be required. The flower-beds at Tollbar do not belong to NWPC. They are the responsibility of NELC who should be taking care of them</p> <p>g) "Personalised" village signs There is money available in the budget to take this project forward. Before proceeding it is necessary to agree a design. It was resolved that a competition to design the new signs will be advertised in the November issue of the newsletter.</p> <p>h) Newsletter content and publication date There has been very good feedback on the August edition. Articles are now needed for the November edition. The closing date for these is 15th October. It would be appreciated if all content for the newsletter could be typed and emailed to the Clerk.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
15/085	<p>Finance</p> <p>Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting. A discrepancy was discovered which resulted in Cllr Williams being underpaid by £6.00. This will be rectified on the next statement</p>	Clerk

15/086	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Cllr Baker reported that the issue around the Stagecoach bus service was “something and nothing”. There are no concerns regarding the future of the bus service</p> <p>Cllr Page reported that, following the resignation of Cllr Croy, Cllr Thompson has been co-opted to the Personnel committee.</p> <p>Cllr Brookes has been co-opted to the Communications and Newsletter Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Raper said that it was time to review emergency planning orders for dealing with flooding and other major incidents. This will be placed on a future agenda.</p> <p>It was reported that specific receptacles for dog-waste are no longer provided. It is acceptable to place such waste in public litter bins as the contents are all incinerated.</p>	Clerk
	<p><u>The meeting closed at 9.26pm</u></p>	