

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15th December 2015 AT THE PAVILION, St CLEMENT'S WAY

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

Officers: S Heywood, Clerk to the Council

Also present:

		Action
15/131	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs L Brookes and D Raper	
15/132 (A)	<u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u> Cllr Baker declared an interest due to proximity but asked to speak at the meeting.	
(B)	No dispensations were granted	
15/133	<u>Planning Applications</u> DM/1127/15/FUL – Erection of a new sports hall on existing playing field at Tollbar Academy, Station Road. Cllr Williams opened the debate saying that this was “another building too far”. Previous development had been carried out with no regard to its impact on the area. There were existing problems with access/egress to the site; considerable traffic congestion at peak periods; no consideration had been given to the future development of the roundabout and related traffic flows; parking was already limited on the school site and this development could reduce it still further; this new building may limit the scope for building a footbridge if that is the preferred option when developing the roundabout. Cllr Baker said that it should be suggested to the Council that until parking is sorted out, the application should be opposed. A further argument against it, is its position in front of an existing building. Its proximity to the houses on Louth Road could inflict light pollution and would have an effect on passing traffic. There was general debate surrounding the issues of pedestrian safety; the problems associated with having a footbridge and the hazards that this could pose to both pedestrians and traffic. Proposal by Cllr Williams: that NWPC cannot support this development until access and egress and parking issues on the site have been properly considered; and until the ongoing proposals to the road system at Tollbar roundabout have been finalised. Seconded by Cllr Simpson. Carried by a majority. Cllr North against.	
15/134	<u>Finance</u> Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting. Passed unanimously.	
15/135	<u>Any Other Business</u> Cllr Dolphin said that signage for the exempt parking streets is needed. Cllr Williams reported that the brown signs to the Pavilion are now in place.	
	<u>The meeting closed at 7.10pm</u>	