

## NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 AT THE NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllr G Williams (Chair)  
Councillors G. Baker, R Barber, D Croy, J Dolphin,  
J Matthews, C Mumby, B Page, D Raper, P Simpson, L Brookes (co-  
opted) and R Thompson (co-opted)

**Officers:** S Heywood, Clerk to the Council

**Also present:** Councillors Fenty, Harness and Shreeve (Ward Councillors)  
D Poucher from Cofely

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15/062	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllrs S Moore, J North and R Breed</p>	
15/063	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u></b></p> <p>(A) Cllr Matthews declared a personal interest in agenda item 15/070(f) (B) Cllr Willilams declared a personal interest in agenda item 15/070(g) (C) Cllr Baker declared an interest in agenda item 15/070(g) (D) Cllr Matthews declared an interest in agenda item 15/070g) (E) There were no dispensations issued in respect of the business to be transacted.</p>	
15/064	<p><b><u>Minutes of meetings</u></b> – previously circulated</p> <p>(A) <b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2015:</b> As to <b>agenda item 15/55</b> Cllr Baker clarified that although he is still concerned about the time that the police are taking to answer calls to the 101 number, he is also concerned about the increase in lawlessness noted in the report. <b>Resolved:</b> That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record.</p> <p>(B) <b>Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015: Resolved:</b> in the absence of Cllr Breed the matter be deferred to the next meeting</p> <p>(C) <b>Minutes of the Communications and Newsletter Committee meeting held on 08<sup>th</sup> June 2015:</b> <b>Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2015:</b> <b>Minutes of the Governance Committee meeting held on 09<sup>th</sup> June 2015: Resolved:</b> That the minutes in respect of the above three meetings be accepted and agreed as a true record</p>	
15/065	<p><b><u>Election of Councillors</u></b></p> <p>(A) It was agreed that all Councillors present would sign Declarations of Acceptance of Office in the presence of the new Clerk. DPI's were also completed.</p>	

(B)	<p><b><u>Co-option of Councillors</u></b></p> <p>It was proposed and seconded to co-opt Mrs Rosemary Thompson and Mrs Louise Brookes as Councillors to New Waltham Parish Council. Both Councillors signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office and DPI's in order to inform NELC.</p>	
<p>15/066 (A)</p> <p>(B)</p> <p>(C)</p>	<p><b><u>Police &amp; Community Reports</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Police Report</u></b> – the police were not present but had sent the report which had been previously circulated. Priorities had been tackling anti-social behaviour by regular patrols in the Greenlands Avenue area. This has resulted in a reduction in such incidents with only one reported in June as at the date of the report. Cllr Baker congratulated the police and asked that an email be sent to Insp. Neil Pattison asking that this level of surveillance be maintained. Priorities for the next month will concentrate on other areas of policing. There have been 14 reported crimes in New Waltham in the last month. Residents are encouraged to call and report any issues. Cllr Baker expressed concern that the police no longer attended public meetings within the parish as they had previously.</p> <p><b><u>Community Pride Team</u></b> – no report received</p> <p><b><u>Young People's Drop In</u></b> – Cllr Williams reported that the scheme is working well. There are three supervisors with 18-20 children aged between 9 and 18 attending every week. The Pavilion Management Group have noted that 90% of those attending are male and recognises that something needs to be done to encourage younger females to attend as well. This will be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
15/067	<p><b><u>Planning Matters</u></b></p> <p>There were no planning applications received this month</p>	
<p>15/068 (A)</p> <p>(B)</p> <p>(C)</p> <p>15/069</p>	<p><b><u>Future Dates</u></b></p> <p>The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015. Cllr Ray Oxby, Leader of NE Lincs Council to be notified of the date.</p> <p>Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 06<sup>th</sup> July Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet on Monday 06<sup>th</sup> July. Environment Committee, Personnel Committee and Governance Committee will meet in September on dates to be agreed.</p> <p>ERNLLCA conference is on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. No training dates are currently listed.</p> <p><b><u>Reports</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Village Hall Committee Meeting</u></b> – The last meeting was on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. Cllr Baker reported that there is a new contract in place requiring users of the village hall to remove their own waste. There was discussion regarding the legality of this decision and the possible need for the Village Hall Committee to enter into a contract with a commercial waste contractor. Cllr Williams said that there had been a number of complaints regarding the barrier to the village hall carpark being closed. Cllr Mumby confirmed that the barrier is supposed to be opened every morning. Cllr Baker agreed to contact the Chair of the Village Hall Committee to ask that this agreement be honoured.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Baker</b></p>

<p>15/070 (a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>(e)</p> <p>(f)</p>	<p><b>Town &amp; Parish Councils Liaison Meeting</b> – The next meeting is on the 30<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Raper reported that the Town &amp; Parish charter is to be discussed at this meeting.</p> <p><b>Parish Council Matters</b></p> <p><b>National Citizen Service</b> – Cllr Shreeve was invited to explain the scheme which benefits young people between the ages of 16 – 18, which is managed by the community arm of Grimsby Town Football Club. There are 250 children on the scheme which runs for four weeks. During weeks 3 and 4 the children are encouraged to take part in community based projects. There was discussion around local projects which may be suitable, such as clearing the footpath by the Village Hall or undertaking some task at Priors Green. Cllr Shreeve said that a decision needed to be made quickly as the scheme was starting imminently. Cllr Simpson agreed to be the contact for the scheme. <b>Resolved:</b> to go forward with the suggestion of the footpath by the Village Hall and to add other projects as they became available.</p> <p><b>Speeding Traffic on Peaks Lane</b> – Dave Poucher from Cofely was invited to speak. He confirmed that he had been out with Richard Marriot, the road safety officer, checking speeds. The area has a good casualty record with only three slight injuries being sustained in the last year. There is no significant amount of traffic exceeding the speed limit. Without a proven accident problem there is no action that can be taken now. However as the issue has been raised, the area is now part of the Speed Reduction Scheme and will be monitored. Cllr Williams said that he will respond to the complainant and explain the steps that have been taken.</p> <p><b>Complaint of dog fouling and egg throwing on Peaks Lane</b> – Cllr Harness reported that he had been to see the complainant who has agreed to continue monitoring the situation.</p> <p><b>Village Day update</b> – Cllr Williams reported that everything was in place and simply asked for help on the day. Members of council offered help and support.</p> <p><b>Pavilion Management Group</b> – NELC have re-marked the carpark, provided new doors and repainted some of the interior. The pavilion now has a 5* environmental health certificate. The last car boot sale was not so well supported with only seven cars present. Future car boot sales will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 19<sup>th</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> October. There have been issues with New Waltham social bowlers over payment of weekly fees and a SLA is needed to set out the terms. There has been a lot of interest from local teams wanting to use the football pitches on a regular basis. There is also interest in a six-week summer school involving outdoor games and activities. On 2<sup>nd</sup> August there is a <b>Picnic at the Pavilion</b> event – further details can be found on the New Waltham Parish Council website – <a href="http://www.newwalthamparishcouncil.com">www.newwalthamparishcouncil.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Priors Green</b> – A meeting is to take place on Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> with Friends of Priors Green and with Creative Nature who are contracted to undertake landscaping work on the site. Cyden Homes are building on Scout Lane which is adjacent to Priors Green. There are ongoing discussions as to whether</p>	<p>Clerk/Cllr Williams</p>
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	<p>Humberston PC or New Waltham PC should assume future responsibility for the belt of trees that lies between the development and Priors Green.</p> <p>There have been concerns expressed over the condition of the car park and of the mown path around the field. Both the gardener and the litter picker have been asked to address these issues.</p> <p><b>(g) Stagecoach Bus Service</b> – although cuts to the service have been rumoured, there is some doubt as to the accuracy of this information. Cllr Baker will continue to monitor the situation and report back.</p> <p><b>(h) Flower Beds on Station Road and Enfield Road junction</b> – the Environment Committee has inspected the area and has proposed that work should be undertaken to shape the shrubs, remove those that are unsightly and to grass under the bushes. Council approved unanimously.</p> <p>The gardening contract is due for renewal from 01<sup>st</sup> September. During work on Station Road, Northern Powergrid have caused damage to one of the flower beds. The clerk will write to Northern Powergrid asking for remedial work to be carried out or to be paid for.</p> <p><b>(j) Commonwealth Flag Day</b> – a message had been received from Cllr Ken Browse, chair of NALC, asking for support to celebrate Commonwealth Flag Day on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Further information is available at <a href="http://www.flyaflagforthecommonwealth.co.uk">www.flyaflagforthecommonwealth.co.uk</a>. The proposal was approved unanimously and a letter will be sent to NALC confirming the Council's support.</p> <p><b>(k) Newsletter content and publication date</b> – articles to be contributed were agreed at a previous meeting. The deadline for articles to be sent is 14<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><b>(l) Brown tourist signs to the Pavilion</b> – David Poucher agreed that the brown signs will be ordered before the end of July.</p>	<p>Cllr Baker</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
15/071	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting.</p>	
15/072	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b>(a)</b> Cllr Dolphin expressed concern about the condition of the footpath outside the shops. A child recently was injured when the wheel of his scooter was caught in a pot-hole.</p> <p><b>(b)</b> Cllr Simpson said that the grass in Sidney Taylor Court is overgrown and the fence on one of the bungalows has been down for several weeks. Shoreline have been contacted and have said that it's in hand.</p> <p><b>(c)</b> Cllr Mumby mentioned the litter bin at Tollbar by the bench on the Holton le Clay side of the road and thought that it could be better positioned.</p> <p><b>The meeting closed at 8.35pm</b></p>	