

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllr G Williams (Chair)
Councillors G Baker, R Barber, R Breed, 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 J Fenty, S Harness and S Shreeve (Ward Councillors)
PCSO Robert Dove

		Action
15/120	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllr S Moore</p>	
15/121 (A) (B)	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u> Cllr Raper declared an interest in 15/124 Cllr North declared an interest in 15/127 – Pavilion</p>	
15/122 (A) (B) (C)	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u> Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 04th November 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Baker; seconded Cllr Raper; passed unanimously Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 08th September 2015: Received Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 09th October 2015: Received Minutes of the Pavilion Management Group meeting held on 05th October: Received</p>	
15/123 (A) (B)	<p><u>Police and Community Reports</u> PCSO Dove attended and read the current police report and answered questions. He explained that changes are taking place in the structure of Humberside Police with effect from 07th December and will be fully integrated by 22nd February. This should effectively give us a “South Bank” police force. The sergeant for this area will be named in December. A number of PCSO’s have applied to become PC’s. It is unclear whether the PCSO role will continue. The job of the police will be more investigation than policing/hi-viz foot patrol. The telephone system has undergone major staffing changes but the response time is improving. Cllr Williams thanked PCSO Dove for attending.</p> <p><u>Young People’s Drop In</u> Cllr Williams reported that during November there has been a serious drop in numbers down to just 3 people attending. It is proposed that hours should be changed to 6.00pm-8.00pm to see if this proves more popular. The Centre will be closed from 17th December to mid-January.</p>	

15/124	<p><u>Planning Applications</u> DM/1042/15/REM - No objections were raised to this application DM/0756/15/FUL – The same objections were raised as on the previous occasion this matter was before the Council</p>	
15/125	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u> It was agreed that NELC should come to New Waltham with clear proposals for the changes at Tollbar Roundabout. The issues should be properly publicised so that the public can attend. It was felt that the exhibition at the Methodist Church had been inadequate. This related to the proposed development of 400 homes adjacent to Toll Bar and not to the redevelopment of the roundabout.</p>	
15/126	<p><u>Future Dates</u> The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 06th January 2016 The Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 07th December The Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet on Thursday 10th December The Personnel Committee will meet on Thursday 10th December The Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday 15th December ERNLLCA District Committee meetings will be held on 21st April and 21st July 2016.</p>	
15/127	<p><u>Reports</u> Village Hall Committee Meeting Cllr Baker said that there was little to report. Concerns had been raised about the removal of publicity banners from public railings. On the basis of advice received from the Fire Service, seating capacity at the Village Hall is limited to 120.</p> <p>Town & Parish Council Liaison Committee – Cllr Raper reported that the issue of Emergency Planning had been raised. NELC have issued a number of templates for local councils to complete. A new charter has been adopted by North East Lincolnshire Borough Council and Town/Parish and Village Councils. The swimming baths in Cromwell Road will open on 4th January 2016 following the closure of Scartho Road baths on 20th December.</p> <p>Pavilion Management Group Cllr Williams reported that the Pavilion would be hosting the 7-a-side tournament for the Lincs FA Disability League on Sunday 6th December. Waltham Bowling Club will start using the green in 2016. An agreement needs to be drawn up for this. NELC will continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the bowling green for the next three years. The first table-top sale has been held. It was not brilliant but it was a start. A full schedule of events has been published. A page on the website will be dedicated to this as part of the publicity. Cllr Williams is continuing to pursue the brown signs. The Pavilion remains in a healthy financial position.</p> <p>Emergency Planning Cllr Matthews reported that proposals are now in place for the Pavilion to be used as a main emergency control centre for all rescue agencies. The Village Hall may be used as a receiving centre for people evacuated from their homes. Consideration has been given</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>Clerk GW</p>

	<p>to appointing key holders for both buildings and emergency teams of volunteers to be available at all times. This issue needs to be opened up to the village so that local people with the necessary skills can be involved.</p> <p>ERNLLCA Cllr Breed reported that an issue had arisen as to the resolution of disputes should they arise within a Council that Personnel cannot resolve. Currently only the Chair and the Clerk can seek advice from ERNLLCA. It was felt that every Councillor should have the right to phone ERNLLCA and seek advice. This has yet to be agreed.</p>	
15/128	<u>Parish Council Matters</u>	
(a)	<p>Provision of CCTV All the finances and planning issues have been resolved. BT will be installing broadband the Pavilion, after which the order for the cameras can be placed. Insurance still needs to be obtained.</p>	Clerk
(b)	<p>Commonwealth Flag Day It was agreed that the Parish Council will support this event on 14th March 2016 and that an appropriate flag will be purchased.</p>	Clerk
(c)	<p>Changes to Waste Disposal Services This had been raised by another Parish Council which had suffered damage to roadside verges. It was agreed that this is not an issue in New Waltham and no changes to the present service are required.</p>	
(d)	<p>“Clean for the Queen” Event A similar event was well-supported last year. There was discussion around involving local schools. NELC will provide bags and picking sticks if we are to be get involved. The event will take place over the weekend of 4th – 6th March 2016. Proposed by Cllr Williams; seconded by Cllr Thompson; passed unanimously.</p>	Clerk
(e)	<p>Christmas tree lighting ceremony in 2016 Cllr Williams proposed that there should be a ceremony to mark the turning on of the lights next year. Seconded by Cllr Barber. Passed by a majority; Cllrs North and Baker against.</p>	
(f)	<p>Placing Minutes of meetings on main village notice board. Cllr Williams proposed that the minutes should be displayed on the main board only, due to the fact that there is limited space in the board outside the village hall. Seconded by Cllr Baker. Passed unanimously. Cllr Breed suggested that we should obtain a larger notice board and should make enquiries about getting one free or donated.</p>	
(g)	<p>Signage for the Priors Green area Cllr Williams reported that dog fouling and grass tipping is a problem in this area. Signs are needed at both entrances. Proposed by Cllr Williams; seconded by Cllr Raper; passed unanimously.</p>	Clerk
(h)	<p>Village Sign competition. Cllr Williams proposed that the date for entries to the competition would be extended to 31st January in order for the schools to be involved. Seconded Cllr Barber; passed unanimously.</p>	

(i)	<p>Representative for the Village Hall Committee Cllr Baker proposed Cllr Mumby as Deputy Representative. Seconded by Cllr Thompson; passed unanimously.</p>	
(j)	<p>Employment of an Enforcement Officer. This discussion arose from a letter received from Humberston PC regarding the possibility of jointly employing an Enforcement Officer. The issues raised were regarding the powers such an officer would have and their enforceability. Where would the fines go? Would the officer require a vehicle and a uniform? Isn't enforcement a matter for the local authority not the parish council? Cllr Barber proposed that this matter was not of interest to New Waltham parish council; seconded by Cllr Mathews; passed unanimously.</p>	
(k)	<p>NELC and transfer of assets Concerns were expressed as to the manner in which the issue had been raised with Kathy Pears being used to alert other Parish Clerks instead of the matter coming directly from NELC. Cllr Baker proposed that the matter should be raised with the appropriate officer in NELC; seconded by Cllr Raper; passed unanimously.</p>	Clerk
(l)	<p>Last meeting in the Village Hall Cllr Williams proposed a vote of thanks to the Village Hall committee for the use of the hall. Seconded by Cllr Mumby; passed unanimously.</p>	
15/129	<p><u>Finance</u> Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Raper; seconded by Cllr Mumby and passed unanimously.</p>	
15/130	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Cllr North said that a tree had come down near the Pavilion. He had asked the Council if the tree would be replaced. Cllr Williams said that this should be referred to the Pavilion Management Group. Cllr Dolphin said that the residents of Thornton Court had been asking whether they had been granted an exemption from the parking regulations.</p>	Clerk
	<p><u>The meeting closed at 8.22pm</u></p>	