

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 03rd FEBRUARY 2016 at the COMMUNITY PAVILION, NEW WALTHAM

Present: Cllr G Williams (Chair)
Councillors G Baker (Vice Chair), R Barber, R Breed, J Dolphin,
S Moore, C Mumby, 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)

		Action
16/017	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Brookes and Cllr Matthews.</p> <p>The meeting was opened and chaired by Vice-Chair Cllr George Baker for items 16/017 – 16/020 pending the arrival of Cllr Williams</p> <p>A minute's silence was held in memory of and out of respect for Mr Roy Goring who passed away on Sunday 10th January 2016</p>	
16/018	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u></p> <p>(A) Cllr Page declared an interest in 16/025(f) – parking exemptions</p>	
16/019	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u></p> <p>(A) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 06th January 2016: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Simpson; seconded Cllr Raper; passed unanimously</p> <p>(B) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20th January 2016: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Simpson; seconded Cllr Raper; passed unanimously</p> <p>(C) Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 15th December 2015: held over to the next Parish Council meeting</p> <p>(D) Minutes of the Pavilion Management Group meeting held on 07th December: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Thompson; seconded Cllr Barber; passed unanimously</p>	
16/020	<p><u>Police and Community Reports</u></p> <p>(A) The police report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Breed confirmed that the police had been notified of the change of venue for Parish Council meetings. It was noted that there had been no incidents of anti-social behaviour this month. It</p>	

	<p>was observed that the majority of crimes are committed in Humberston. Cllr Fenty suggested that this was due to there being more commercial premises there. It was agreed that a letter be sent to PC Claire Barber to thank her for her many years of service.</p>	
	<p><u>Public Session – opened at 7.10</u></p> <p>There were no members of the public present. Cllr Baker invited the Ward Councillors to speak on any issues they wished to raise. Cllr Fenty urged Councillors to tell residents about the petition relating to the proposed development of Tollbar Roundabout. Concerns had been raised regarding speed limits, the lack of lighting and the pressures that would be placed on the roads by additional housing. The Ward Councillors would be meeting with the Highways Department later in the month.</p> <p><u>Session closed at 7.15</u></p>	
(B)	<p><u>Cllr Williams resumed the Chair at 7.15</u></p> <p><u>Young People’s Drop In</u></p> <p>Cllr Williams reported that the Drop In is not going particularly well at present. Recently there have only been three or four people. This is possibly due to the dark evenings and cold weather. Hayley is confident that the situation will improve in February and wishes to keep the Drop In going. It was suggested that Hayley should be asked to provide an article for the next newsletter.</p>	
16/021	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p><u>DM/0118/15/OUT – Land at Louth Road</u> – amended application to erect up to 400 houses.</p> <p>Cllr Williams reported that he would be meeting with Debbie Hulme from Barton Wilmore on the 5th February to discuss this development and to make clear the strength of local objections. In a telephone conversation, Debbie Hulme had stated that “all issues were now resolved”, that there was agreement with Tollbar Academy and that there was “no reason to oppose this planning application”. Cllr Williams proposed that this development cannot be properly considered until all the issues relating to the roundabout have been resolved. It was agreed unanimously that the response to NELC should be made in those terms.</p> <p>There was some discussion as to whether Waltham and Holton le Clay Parish Councils had been properly consulted on these issues.</p> <p><u>DM/0063/16/FUL – Pennell’s Garden Centre</u> – replacement of monopoles. No objections were raised to this application.</p>	
16/022	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u></p> <p>No other planning matters were raised.</p>	
16/023	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 02nd March (subsequently amended to 09th March) 2016</p> <p>The Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 08th February 2016</p> <p>The Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet - tbc</p>	

	<p>The Personnel Committee will meet on Monday 08th February 2016 The Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday 15th March 2016 Town & Parish Councils Liaison Committee will meet on Thursday 17th March 2016 ERNLLCA District Committee meetings will be held on 21st April and 21st July 2016.</p>	
<p>16/024</p>	<p><u>Reports</u></p> <p>Village Hall Management Committee Meeting Cllr Baker reported that the Committee are considering putting in a planter in memory of Mr Roy Goring. Another committee member has recently passed away. A new committee member had been elected from the Women’s Guild. The VHMC’s constitution does allow members of other groups in New Waltham to be elected. The AGM will be held on 15th February 2016.</p> <p>Town & Parish Councils Liaison Committee Cllr Raper reported that the meeting had begun early to formally accept the new Charter, a copy of which was handed to the Parish Council. Cllr Ray Oxby spoke about “devolution” and the benefits to the area of the Northern Powerhouse. He urged that the area should be joined with Lincolnshire and stressed that the government is looking for an elected mayor. The future success of this area depends upon “skills, housing and infrastructure”.</p> <p>Pavilion Management Group January has been a quiet month with little happening. Unfortunately, the car-boot sale was a wash-out and there is some doubt about continuing them. At present it is only the football that is bringing in any income. The outstanding jobs in the Pavilion have been completed. The installation of the broadband line has yet to be completed by BT.</p> <p>Emergency Planning This matter needs to be opened up to the village so that residents with the necessary skills can be involved. Other local groups need to be consulted – schools, care homes and the village hall.</p> <p>Tollbar Meeting on 25th January 2016 Cllr Williams reported that the meeting closed with no consensus being reached on any of the points raised. There was a lot of talk about bridges and underpasses. A drop-off point has been offered but there are doubts about the adequacy of this; the safety of the children crossing from the drop-off point to the school and the impact of these extra vehicles pulling out onto Station Road. There are numerous issues that have yet to be resolved.</p>	
<p>16/025</p> <p>(a)</p>	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>National Minimum Wage. This item was mentioned to record the fact that the National Mimimum Wage will increase to £7.20 per hour with effect from 01st April 2016. Proposed by Cllr Williams; seconded by Cllr Thompson; approved unanimously.</p>	

(b)	<p>Recruitment of Volunteers to the Emergency Planning Group It was agreed that this issue will be deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
(c)	<p>“Clean for the Queen”. A number of areas were suggested that would benefit from being cleaned up on March 5th – A16 laybys, Peaks Lane to the traffic lights and the cycle track. About 30 people will be involved. Sue Pearson at NELC is to be informed.</p>	Clerk
(d)	<p>Commonwealth Flag Day. Cllr Breed confirmed that he will be responsible for raising the flag. Cllr Baker will read the Declaration prior to the flag being raised at 10.00am.</p>	
(e)	<p>Exemption from Parking Restrictions. It was agreed that the following list of roads be exempt – Baron Avenue, Earl Avenue, Marquis Avenue, Holme Avenue, Anningson Lane, Weelsby View, Thornton Court, Charles Avenue in the turning area, Margaret Place and Hawthorn Avenue. Cardiff Avenue would benefit from double yellow lines. Engie/NELC is to be informed. Proposed by Cllr Baker; seconded by Cllr Barber; approved unanimously.</p>	Clerk
(f)	<p>Provision of “dog bins” Cllr Barber reported that the area near Enfield Avenue Academy is particularly bad. It seems that people walk their dogs there on the way to Priors Green. Cllr Williams said that NELC no longer provide bins specifically for the purpose. They want owners to deal with cleaning up after their pets. The ordinary litter bins can be used. Cllr Dolphin asked whether the public are aware of this and suggested that an appropriate notice be put in the newsletter. The Ward Councillors agreed that NELC should be asked if another litter bin could be placed on Enfield Avenue to deal with that specific issue.</p>	
(g)	<p>Resignation of Cllr North The resignation of Cllr North was formally accepted. Proposed by Cllr Baker; seconded by Cllr Mumby; unanimously agreed.</p>	
(h)	<p>Audit Training for the Clerk Cllr Williams explained that in previous years there have been difficulties in complying with the requirements of the Audit. This year he proposed that there should be a “pre-Audit” which would provide fore-warning of any problems and would be useful to the Clerk for future years. There is enough money in the budget to finance this. Proposed by Cllr Williams; seconded by Cllr Baker; approved unanimously.</p>	
(i)	<p>“Carols and Tree Lighting” It was agreed that this should be deferred until there had been discussions with Rev. Kimberley Bohan who is currently on leave.</p>	
(j)	<p>“Design a Village Sign” competition The Clerk reported that no entries had been received from New Waltham Academy and that these would be chased up. There was discussion around appointing judges and it was agreed that these should be two or three Parish Councillors, one Ward Councillor. Cllrs Simpson, Mumby, Page and Shreeve were appointed. In addition four local businesses would be invited to take part – Neil Hirst, Sue Cartwright, The Bakehouse and Tanya O’Brien at The Farmhouse.</p>	

16/026	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><u>To approve this month's expenditure</u> Resolved: To agree the list of cheques as per the statement displayed at the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Baker; seconded by Cllr Williams; passed unanimously.</p>	
16/027	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Cllr Thompson reported that the bin men require a key for the Pavilion.</p> <p>Cllr Mumby raised the issue of the state of the road outside the Spar shop. Cllr Harness said that he will refer the matter on.</p> <p>The condition of the road outside a development in the area of Tesco's was raised. Cllr Harness said that it would be a condition imposed on the developers to have wheel washing facilities and would raise this issue.</p> <p>Cllr Williams reported that large parts of the village had been affected by power outages. Those affected were urged to complain to the appropriate networks.</p>	
	<p><u>The meeting closed at 8.15 pm</u></p>	