

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 06th JANUARY 2016 at the COMMUNITY PAVILION, NEW WALTHAM

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

Officers: S Heywood, Clerk to the Council

Also present: Councillors S Harness and S Shreeve (Ward Councillors)
Two members of the public

		Action
16/001	<p><u>Apologies for Absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Ward Cllr J Fenty</p>	
16/002 (A)	<p><u>Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012</u></p> <p>Cllr North declared an interest in 16/008 – Pavilion</p>	
16/003 (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)	<p><u>Minutes of Meetings</u></p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 02nd December 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Raper; seconded Cllr Baker; passed unanimously</p> <p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15th December 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Baker; seconded Cllr Page; passed unanimously</p> <p>Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 15th December 2015: held over to the next Parish Council meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the joint meeting of the Personnel Committee and the Communication & Newsletter Committee held on 10th December 2015: Resolved: That the minutes be accepted and agreed as a true record. Proposed Cllr Williams; seconded Cllr Barber; passed unanimously</p> <p>Minutes of the Pavilion Management Group meeting held on 07th December: held over to the next Parish Council meeting</p>	
16/004 (A)	<p><u>Police and Community Reports</u></p> <p>The police report had been received and circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that there are still too many opportunistic crimes where residents of New Waltham have left property insecure and with valuable items on display.</p>	

(B)	<p>The Ward Councillors had attended a meeting with Insp Pattison who had repeated what we had been told by PCSO Dove in December, that the old local system of policing would be re-instated by February. A representative of the police should be available to attend a Parish Council meeting once a quarter.</p> <p>Cllr Baker reported that there had been complaints from residents of Prior's Close and Station Road about people parking inconsiderately and leaving their vehicles to travel into town. The Ward Councillors have requested dealing with this by extending the yellow lines to prevent obstructing the road.</p> <p><u>Young People's Drop In</u> There was no report this month as there had been no activity in December.</p>	
	<p><u>Public Session</u></p> <p>Issues were raised regarding parking on Peaks Lane near the entrance to Trafalgar Park. There are three vehicles parked there regularly on the bend, causing passing traffic to have to cross the white line. There have been two severe accidents in the area recently. The Ward Councillors agreed to refer the issue to Cofely.</p> <p>A second issue related to parking on Charles Avenue. This is a narrow road where parking on the path is prohibited. As a result passing traffic is driving on the grass in order to get passed. Cllr Williams advised that the residents could make a joint application to ask for an exemption from the parking restrictions.</p>	
16/005	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>DM/1111/15/FUL – Land at Moorland Drive - No objections were raised to this application. Proposed Cllr Raper; seconded Cllr Thompson; passed unanimously</p>	
16/006	<p><u>Other Planning Matters</u></p> <p>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>	
16/007	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>Public Meeting on Wednesday 13th January. Councillors were reminded that this is a public meeting, not a formal meeting of the Parish Council. It was important to encourage the public to attend and to ask questions. The Ward Councillors had attended a presentation by Cofely demonstrating the advantages of the proposed changes. Cllr Harness was concerned that traffic flow will cut through the village using Peaks Lane. No study has been made of the effect the changes will have on the Hewitt's junction and Scartho Road junction. There is a possibility that the village will become trapped with traffic congestion at both ends.</p>	

	<p>The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, 20th January 2016 to set the precept. The usual monthly meeting will then be held on Wednesday 06th February.</p> <p>The Pavilion Management Group will meet on Monday 11th January 2016</p> <p>The Communications and Newsletter Committee will meet - tbc</p> <p>The Personnel Committee will meet - tbc</p> <p>The Environment Committee will meet on Tuesday 15th March 2016</p> <p>ERNLLCA District Committee meetings will be held on 21st April and 21st July 2016.</p>	
16/008	<p><u>Reports</u></p> <p>Village Hall Committee Meeting The next meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be on 18th January 2016.</p> <p>Pavilion Management Group December has been a quiet month. The football tournament went well. The drop-in has been closed until mid-January. The table-top sale went well and the Pavilion is in a good financial position. Permanent signs are now in place. Football is the biggest input at the Pavilion. Unfortunately Matt Bryant may not be in a position to continue maintaining the pitches.</p> <p>Emergency Planning This matter needs to be opened up to the village so that residents with the necessary skills can be involved. It should be publicised in the next newsletter. We should also seek involvement with Waltham Parish Council who already have an Emergency Planning group in place.</p>	Clerk
16/009	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>(a) Permanent postal address for the Parish Council Cllr Williams proposed that the Community Pavilion should be registered as a permanent address for the Parish Council. This would ensure continuity in the event of changes in membership of the Council or a change of Clerk. There was discussion about the need to have a secure post box so that the mail could not be interfered with. Provided that this can be achieved, the proposal was seconded by Cllr Baker and unanimously approved.</p> <p>(b) Membership of Campaign for the Protection of Rural England Cllr Breed recalled that membership had not been beneficial in the past. Cllr Barber proposed that there were no discernible benefits for New Waltham; seconded by Cllr Thompson; passed unanimously.</p> <p>(c) Discuss the recruitment of volunteers to the Emergency Planning Group This issue was dealt with at item 15/127</p> <p>(d) The right of Parish Councils to appeal planning decisions It was agreed that this was a matter of personal choice. It was left to the Clerk to re-circulate the email and for each Councillor to sign the petition if they so wished.</p>	Clerk

<p>(e)</p> <p>(f)</p>	<p>Historic Assets of Special Interest In addition to the assets already listed, it was proposed that the cottages in Anningson Lane and the railway cottages built in 1840 in Station Avenue were of local historical interest. There are the remains of the original Toll Bar, an Anglo-Saxon burial mound near Pennell's Garden Centre and the gates to the old Wireless Station are in the car-park of the Village Hall. Cllr Williams proposed that those conducting this research should be invited to contact local historians Malcolm Willey and Jenny Salt for information. Seconded by Cllr Thompson; passed unanimously.</p> <p>Environment Agency's regulation of small domestic sewage discharges It was agreed that this would be best publicised by placing the correspondence on the village notice board and on the website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>16/010</p>	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p><u>To review the budget</u> The budget was subjected to detailed examination. Cllr Shreeve complimented the Parish Council on its prudence and careful financial management. Cllr Williams proposed that the budget statement be accepted as an accurate record of the Council's financial position; seconded by Cllr Baker; passed unanimously.</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 Raper; seconded by Cllr Mumby and passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>15/130</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u> Cllr Williams reported that the amount of subsidy from NELC had been announced. It was essential that the precept be approved and requested by 31st January. It was agreed that an additional meeting would be held on 20th January to set the precept.</p>	
	<p><u>The meeting closed at 8.08pm</u></p>	