

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT
NEW WALTHAM VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2015 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Cllr Williams (Chairman)
Cllrs, North, Baker, Matthews, Croy, Page, Breed, Raper, Moore, Barber and Dolphin.

In attendance: Cllrs Fenty and Harness (Ward Cllrs), 1 members of the Public and 1 member of the Press (Grimsby Telegraph)

Temporary Clerk: Sue Booth (Clerk to Tetney)

15/52 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Mumby and Simpson and Ward Cllr Shreeve.

15/53 Declarations of Interest under Code of Conduct 2012.

- A) Cllr Matthews in Priors Green, Cllr North in the Pavilion, Cllr Dolphin in item 15/59i and Cllr Baker in the newsletter.
- B) There were no dispensations given.

15/54 To approve the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council meeting –20th May 2015 – Minutes had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Croy. Vote to accept the minutes, unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: The Minutes were approved.

Annual Parish meeting – 20th May 2015 - Minutes had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Page, seconded by Cllr Baker, unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved.

15/55 Police/Community reports

Police report -Police were not present but had sent report which had been previously circulated. May priorities were tackling antisocial behaviour. 34 crimes reported in the village and Humberston. Parish Council can help by getting the public to actively report incidents to local policing team or to ring 101. Reports from the policing team are gratefully received however the attendance of a consistent PCSO's to local meetings as previously happened would be welcomed. Cllr Baker echoed Cllr North's comments from the previous month that calls to the 101 line were taking over 20 minutes to be answered. **Cllr Williams to email the Divisional Inspector regarding this matter and copy all Cllrs in.**

Young people's drop in report – Centre was open on 7th May with 20 young people attending, 14th May had 15 people attending and 21st May had 20 people in attendance, this is a consistent start and by linking up with GYPO the up- take of the service will hopefully

increase. The Youth worker, Hayley, is a fantastic leader and importantly the young people feel secure and are enjoying the sessions.

No report from the Community Pride team.

15/56 Planning matters

DM/0220/15/FUL – No objections, all in favour of application.

Other planning matters - none

15/57 Future Dates

Parish Council meeting will be held on 1st July 2015.

Village Day meeting to be held on 22nd June 2015, Pavilion, 7pm. All welcome.

Pavilion Management group meeting to be held on 8th June 2015, Pavilion, 7pm.

Environment Committee – 16th June 2015, Pavilion, 7.30pm

Personnel Committee – Date to be arranged (Chairman to be notified within 24hrs of this meeting.)

Governance Committee – Date to be arranged (Chairman to be notified within 24 hrs of this meeting.)

Communications and Newsletter Committee – 8th June 2015.

15/58 Reports

Village Hall Committee meeting

Next Village hall meeting to be held on 3rd Monday in June at 2pm. Cllr Baker to ask for Minutes to be forwarded to him.

Town and Parish meeting

No meeting has taken place.

Any other reports

No reports received.

15/59 Parish Council Matters

a) Approval of Annual Return for year 2014/15 – Internal Governance statement read out and all Cllrs agreed with the statements. Audit was unanimously approved and signed by Cllr Williams and temporary Clerk Mrs Booth.

b) Update and recommendations from the Clerk Recruitment Committee – Several applicants had applied, with a short list of 3 candidates standing out. Committee put forward the recommendation to employ a retired solicitor and former Registrar, although she has no direct experience of working as a Clerk she has all the necessary qualities to fill the role. Cllr Baker endorsed these comments. Cllr Williams proposed making the applicant an offer of employment, seconded by Cllr Matthews, vote taken all in favour. New Clerk's induction session being run by ERNLLCA on 24th June in Barton, new Clerk to attend.

RESOLVED: Offer of employment to be made to applicant, once position accepted, Chairman to relinquish temporary Clerk role.

c) Village day update – 4th July 2015, on the village green, to be opened by Steve Norton at 11am, many attractions and events taking place on the day. **Cllr Baker to forward on to Cllr Williams the list of donors from last year.**

d) Pavilion Management group update – Agreement has been made with NELC for Cofely to repair the dilapidations highlighted at the Pavilion. The May car boot sale was a success, with future one planned. Cllr Page asked if more could be done to promote the car boot, Cllr Williams explained that the Grimsby Telegraph had been informed of the dates and he had put all information on relevant websites. Banner dates to be altered then can be displayed again.

Paperwork has been completed for permission to serve hot food at events. Most of the decorating has been completed with just the feature wall still to do.

e) Development of Priors Green management plan – Advice has been taken from ERNLLCA as agreed. As long as the Council is guided by the financial regulations and standing orders then can continue with management plan. No interested parties have come forward even after advertising, apart from Creative Nature. Cllr Baker proposed waiving the financial regulations and proceeding initially with Creative Nature in order to start the project, seconded by Cllr Croy, all in favour.

Cllrs Breed and Baker suggested leaving the boundary alone until the neighbouring builder has created a boundary as part of the s106 agreement. Specific sections of the quote need to be done immediately and will cost approx. £3270. Cllr Baker proposed and Cllr Croy seconded going ahead with the initial work, all in favour.

The Friends of Priors Green to monitor the contractors and work will be paid for as it is completed.

f) Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. – Anonymous emails have been received stating that the Council are not compliant with the code which came into place in April 2015. However the Council has an annual turnover exceeding £25,000 therefore the Code does not apply. Cllr Williams has contacted NELC over the matter, who are preparing advice for all Parish Councils. In the meantime Cllr Williams has placed on the notice board a list of all Cllr names and addresses and a list of the committees they sit on as per the Code.

g) Flower beds at junction of Station Rd and Enfield -

Cllr Breed asked if the flower bed matter could be left with the Environment Committee as they were putting ideas together to address the issue.

Resolved: To rollover to next meeting.

h) Village Hall bunker top replacement – *Cllr Baker declared an interest.* Request received from Village Hall committee for the Parish Council to contribute to the replace of the bunker top at a cost of £180. After doing some research Cllr Williams advised this seemed excessive and suggested not supporting the request particularly as the bunker is no longer needed. **Cllr Baker to ask for the matter to be place on the Village Hall agenda so comments could be**

passed back. Cllr Williams proposed declining the village hall's request, seconded by Cllr Breed, all in favour. **Resolved: To decline request.**

i) Verge and footway restrictions – Thornton Ct – Residents are unhappy with the parking restrictions implemented in this area as it is a narrow road with a roundabout at the end of the cul-de-sac. By making vehicles park entirely on such a road, concern has been raised about accessibility for emergency services as the refuse lorry has problems getting round as do normal cars. Majority of the residents who live there wish to see the restrictions removed and added to the current list of dispensations. It is the same situation in Margaret PI however residents from there and other roads need to come forward with their concerns. Ward Cllrs present were not aware of the problem however Cllr Shreeve has had a site meeting.

Cllr Dolphin retired from the room whilst a discussion and vote took place.

Cllr Moore proposed asking Dave Poucher for regulations on Thornton Ct to be removed, seconded by Cllr Barber. Vote taken all in favour.

Resolved: To ask for parking restrictions to be removed from Thornton Ct.

Cllr Dolphin returned to the meeting.

j) Newsletter content and publication date –. Contributions needed by 14th July deadline. Communications committee looking into changing the colour of the front cover to reflect the seasons. Layout is to be altered so adverts are interspersed throughout the newsletter rather than being grouped together. Cllr Baker open to ideas for the newsletter and has back copies available for each issue. Copies also available from the reference library.

k) Shaw Trust and the transfer of the street cleaner to NWPC – Cllr Williams didn't meet the deadline for the new payroll so Shaw Trust agreed to continuing paying the street cleaner until 1st July. Cllr Williams asked if members of personnel committee could meet with payroll company Care4all to finalise payroll hand over.

l) Co-option of Councillors – **Cllr Williams to inform NELC there are 2 seats available so the necessary paperwork can be issued.**

15/60 Finance

April payment to D. Jackson authorised due to clarification of hours and pay stated on contract.

Pavilion account is now active so cheques has been written to put the funds held for the Pavilion in the main Parish Council account into the new Pavilion account and for the Pavilion account to repay money "borrowed" from the Parish Council account before its own account was set up. Cllr Baker proposed the payment list, seconded by Cllr Raper. All in favour for payments to be made.

RESOLVED: To agree cheque payments as per circulated list. Cllr Baker authorised cheque list due to 1 cheque written to Chairman Williams.

15/61 Any other business

Travellers on Louth Rd did not stay long and have now gone.

Chair closed meeting at 8.14pm.