

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors M Archer, Church, Kiddle-Bailey, Sadler, Shaw, Surtees, Teanby and Woodliff, 1 member of the public and the Parish Clerk.

01: 7/17 Declarations of Interest:

(a) To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared.

Cllr Teanby declared a Personal Interest on item 10: 7/17(b)(1) as he is a friend of the owner. Cllr Archer and Surtees declared a Personal Interest in item 13: 7/17 as they have been questioned by members of the WRAG group they did not feel it appropriate to vote on their application to erect a banner in the village. Cllrs Archer and Surtees also declared a Personal Interest on item 10: 7/17 (a) planning compliance as this also relates to the WRAG group.

(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below.

None.

The Chairman reminded members that should an interest become apparent further in the agenda this should be declared at the time. The Chairman also read out the procedure on the recording of Waltham Parish Council meetings.

02: 7/17 To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting:

Apologies were received from Councillors Barrett, Conolly, Gilliatt, Gordon and Moss. Ward Councillors Iain Colquhoun and Philip Jackson also offered their apologies.

03: 7/17 Open Forum Under Suspension of Standing Order No 21.

No residents wished to speak.

04: 7/17 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2017.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meeting of 6th June 2017 were considered and approved, the Chairman then signed these as a true record.

05: 7/17 To receive a police report and response regarding the 101 question raised.

The Clerk read from the report attached.

The Parish Council were most concerned at the crime numbers during June and a discussion took place over Neighbourhood Watch. It was felt that Neighbourhood Watch should be promoted to aid crime reduction in the village.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to promote Neighbourhood Watch on the website and Facebook page.

The Clerk read correspondence received regarding changes to the 101 staff within the Hub and new IT programme that has also been introduced. The Parish Council asked the parish representatives to discuss this further should the opportunity arise at the next Town and Parish Liaison meeting.

06: 7/17 Clerk's Report & Correspondence received since meeting of 6th June 2017.

The Clerk has received one request for information. Following advice given by ERNLLCA she confirmed to the requester that there has been no contact from Europa Oil and Gas and their agents and representatives. Should there be any correspondence received from them this would be presented in our minutes which are freely available on our website.

The Clerk has received one piece of anonymous correspondence regarding an overgrown hedge. As the Parish Council do not action anonymous correspondence and as NELC are currently looking at overgrown hedges in the village, no further action was taken.

Correspondence has been received informing the Parish Council that National Grid has been transferred to Cadent Gas Ltd. As such the request for a new lease has been sent in for consideration. The Clerk will add this to the next agenda.

09: 7/17 To receive and confirm progress on the action sheet since publication

The Clerk was asked to check on the strimming around the tennis courts as this had not been carried out at the same time as the BMX track.

10: 7/17 Planning.

a) *Planning decisions, correspondence and planning matters:*

(i) The following planning decisions have been received from NELC:

None at time of publishing the agenda.

(ii) The following planning matters are to be considered:

To receive a letter from a resident regarding planning compliance.

Cllrs Archer and Surtees having previously declared a personal interest in this matter left the room.

Vice Chairman Cllr Woodliff in the Chair.

A resident has written to the Parish Council questioning the planning compliance of the banners erected around the village that say “Waltham Says No”. The letter writer also objected to the assertion made that the group are speaking on behalf of the whole village when they do speak for the letter writer or his friend.

The member present felt that this matter should be referred to North East Lincolnshire Council as the local planning authority in planning compliance.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to forward the resident’s letter to the NELC planning department.

Cllrs Archer and Surtees returned to the meeting. Cllr Archer was asked to re-take the Chair. The Chairman explained that he had been approached by a resident over the noise in the street at a live music event being held in Kirkgate. The members wondered if the same restrictions were in place as with other establishments in the village regarding open windows during a live music event. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries on this matter with the licencing department at NELC.

b) *Planning applications received and to be considered:*

1. DM/0607/17/FUL Helsenor, Cheapside, Waltham

Erection of seven dwellings, including garages, landscaping, access and extension to footpath.

Cllr Teanby declared a personal interest on this matter, however the applicant for this application is not his friend, who previously owned this site but the developer who has bought the site. Cllr Teanby took no part in the vote on this application.

RESOLVED: Waltham Parish Council recommended refusal of this application due to the following reasons:

The plot numbers 6 & 7 have an over intensive height for the neighbouring bungalow properties, this will have a dominant impact due to the proximity of the proposed houses to the boundary of the bungalow properties.

The roof height and design of plots 6 & 7 (plots adjacent to existing bungalow properties) are similar to plot 3 lending themselves to the possibility of third storey development. The Parish Council are mindful that should the application be successful a condition should be included to remove permitted development rights from these two plots.

The Parish Council’s reason for refusal is that the proposed development (of plots 6&7) by reason of their size, depth, width, height and massing would have an unacceptably adverse impact on the amenities of the properties immediately adjacent to the site and the surrounding area by reason of overlooking, loss of privacy and visually overbearing impact.

The proposals show an entrance width of 5 meters but on site the road width, which is a shared space with pedestrians, narrows to 3.7 meters. The Parish Council have concerns that the narrowness within the site and the restrictive hammer head proposed would mean that service vehicles including waste collection vehicles would not manage manoeuvres on site which would lead to this development being classed as a “Hard to Reach” area and will result in refuse bins having to be brought to the roadside as there is no dedicated provision within the development area for bin storage/collection area off the main road. This will result in problems such as the parish experiences at Tannery Close and Green Acres in Waltham.

The proposal shows the developer has consented to construct a pedestrian connection to the existing footpath which terminates at Golf Course Lane, where the speed limit of 40mph ends and Cheapside then becomes the national speed limit of 60mph.

The recommendation to the developer, in producing these plans, has been to construct the footpath on the eastern side of Cheapside, whilst the development which it is meant to serve is on the western side of Cheapside.

This Parish Council strongly believes that this will place pedestrians at risk by having to cross from the eastern side of Cheapside to the proposed development on the western side on a stretch of road where the traffic will be travelling at 60mph. Cheapside has been identified by Safer Roads Humber as a high risk, high user route.

The Parish Council recommends that the footpath be re-sited to the western side of Cheapside as it is a wider, safer verge, and would then cross over to the existing footpath within the 40mph limited area. The proposed route for the footpath is on a narrower and steeply inclined verge.

11: 7/17 Pavements/Street Lighting/Highways

- a) To receive confirmation that NELC Enforcement team are looking into overhanging shrubs and hedges.

The enforcement team at NELC have written to confirm that they are looking into the overhanging shrubs and hedges that are causing an obstruction to pedestrians. Councillors raised questions over the workload for the enforcement team and felt that this should be a matter discussed at the next Town and Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: Representatives are to question the effectiveness and workload of the enforcement team at NELC at the next Town and Parish Council meeting and report back.

- b) To receive confirmation that the Sunningdale land will only be cut once per year. This information has been passed onto the petitioners.

The Parish Council were most upset that this area was not to be cut on a more regular basis and have asked the residents to provide further support for this action to be taken. Residents of Cheapside have written to complain about the grass cutting service and others had concerns over Toxocariasis and other diseases caused by dog waste being left in the long grass.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to pass on residents’ concern over the unkempt grass verges to North East Lincolnshire Council who is responsible for the maintenance of these areas.

- c) To receive a resident’s concern of rats in the ditch on Barnoldby Road.

A resident has written asking for assistance as rats have been seen in the ditch outside of his house. As the Parish Council do not own this land they took advice from a drainage engineer and it would appear that it all depends upon who owns the ditch. If under riparian ownership then both the house owner and land owner share the responsibility for maintenance, this would also include the eradication of any pests.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to pass on the drainage engineers’ recommendations to the home owner who had written in.

- d) To receive a response from the Road Safety Team over additional sites for speed enforcement.

Safer Road Humber has identified two further sites in Waltham for speed enforcement. These sites are Barnoldby Road and Brigsley Road. These areas will be scheduled in for enforcement because of the analyst report of speeding traffic in these locations. Enforcement will be undertaken by the Bike Tru-Cam system.

- e) To receive information supplied on bin usage by Parish Councillors and agree to submit suggestions to NELC for consideration.

The Parish Council viewed a map showing all the bin locations in the village. Councillors have been regularly monitoring their use over the last 3 months and put forward suggestions to the table.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to forward the information collated on bin usage in Waltham to the neighbourhood services team at North East Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr Shaw wished to raise concerns over the uneven footpaths in the village and the Chairman agreed to take this to the highways meeting being held later in the month.

12: 7/17 To receive any reports from the following working groups:

(a) Waltham in Bloom/ Best Kept Village.

- (i) To consider items for expenditure.

The Clerk explained that the judging has been put back 1 week due to the volume of contestants who have entered this year. The members discussed the cleaning of the seating area on the village green and the Clerk explained that paths around the office are covered with algae and are slippery when wet.

The Parish Council has asked for quotations for the cleaning of this area; however they have not arrived in time for this meeting. It was felt that this work was too much for volunteers to undertake and the Clerk should be granted delegated powers to consider the quotations when they arrive and approve the work providing it is within her emergency limit.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was granted permission as a matter of public safety to consider the quotations for the cleaning of the seating area and paths around the village green and arrange to have the work carried out as soon as possible.

(b) Parks and Open Spaces.

- (i) To act upon any recommendations regarding Fairway land at extra meeting of 27th June 2017.

The Parish Council discussed the future use of Fairway land and it was felt that a plan of the area should be drawn up incorporating two phases of work. The area in phase one should include a nature walk, orchard and pond.

RESOLVED: Cllr Teanby offered to draw up a rough sketch showing the future use of the land at Fairway. Members of the Parks & Open Spaces Working Group are to assist if required.

As the land is now under parish council ownership, it was felt that a tree inspection should be carried out.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to instruct a tree surgeon to take a look at the poplar trees within the land at Fairway.

(c) Bowling Green.

- (i) To consider for payment of the turf for croquet lawn.

RESOLVED: Having inspected the new croquet area the Parish Council agreed to make payment for the turf on this new facility for the village.

The Clerk informed the Council that they were not successful in their funding bid for the Petanque area through Grantscape Funding. The Parish Council agreed that they would now fund the materials for this new facility.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is to make contact with Waltham Park Bowls Club to take the building of the Petanque area forward.

(d) Youth.

(i) To receive notice of work started on cleaning and painting of the tennis court. Volunteers have offered a second day to complete the cleaning and painting of the tennis courts at Mount Pleasant. This will be finalised as soon as possible.

The Clerk was asked to make contact with the local PCSO to see if the youth bus is to visit Mount Pleasant this year.

The Parish Council discussed the kick about wall. They were most disappointed that this has not been started yet as they have been chasing this matter up for over a year.

RESOLVED: Waltham parish Council agreed to write one final letter to Mr Strawson, expressing our disappointment that the children's kick about wall has not been installed and explain that we will be putting out an appeal for help with this project.

13: 7/17 Parish Office Matters.

- a) To consider banner request as per drawing received from the Waltham Residents Action Group.

Cllrs Archer and Surtees having declared an interest in this matter left the room. Cllr Woodliff in the Chair.

Members were in agreement that the banner drawing shown did not meet the planning approval for the site as it was not advertising a village fete or charity event.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council would not allow the Waltham Residents Action Group to advertise their banner for business promotion on the allotment board.

Cllrs Archer and Surtees returned to the meeting. Cllr Archer was asked to re-take the Chair.

14: 7/17 Finance Items.

- a) To receive a list of Accounts payable up to 4th July 2017 and approve their payment.

Cheques for payment:			inc VAT £ . p
4141	M Dewires	Turf graves & summer bedding	956.00
4142	Glendale Ltd	April & May maintenance	857.40
4143	Office Friends	Stationery & files	50.41
4144	Bell Waste Control	Cemetery waste	282.05
4145	Mrs P Allenby	June salary + May litter picking	xxxxx
4146	Mrs L Leach	June salary	xxxxx
4147	HMRC	NI & Tax	152.39
D/D	Public Work Loan	Allotment loan	1593.44
4148	Petty Cash cheque	Petty cash	100.00
4149	Ross Jones	Tree work at allotments	650.00
4150	Waltham Park Bowls	2nd maintenance cheque	500.00
4151	R Johnson	Grave digging services	400.00
4152	Visiontec	Office alarm upgrades	258.00
4153	Richard Adkinson	Barrister fee – Fairway land	720.00
4154	Office Friends	Toner	71.78
4155	Anglian Water	Cemetery	41.61
4156	Anglian Water	Toilets/Office	42.83

RESOLVED: The accounts were approved for payment as per the list above. Salary figures are obscured as they are covered by Data Protection.

- b) To receive and consider deletion of members from the bank mandate, as per our financial risk assessment.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to the deletion of ex-members from the bank mandate, as per our financial risk assessment. There still remain 5 signatories.

15: 7/17 Burial Board

The burial board had concerns over a section of hedge in the cemetery that appears to be very sparse.

RESOLVED: The burial board requested that the Chairman of the Parish Council gives his opinion of the gap that has appeared in the cemetery hedge and agreed to monitor this on a regular basis.

The Parish Council ratified the decisions taken. With there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06pm.



Local Community News

Waltham, Brigsley & Ashby-cum-Fenby Update June 2017

Crime

There have been 25 crimes reported in the Waltham Ward during June.

Sometime between 7th & 14th June, the front door lock of a property on Fairway was forced. Although entry was made, it is unknown if any property was stolen.

On 20th June, a male was arrested after breaking into a home on Fairway during a domestic related incident. The male was charged with offences in relation to stalking.

Overnight 21st & 22nd June, a metal container at a building site on Barnoldby Road was entered after the lock was cut off. Plant machinery was stolen.

Overnight 24th & 25th June, a car parked on Manor Drive was broken into. A purse was stolen. Overnight 28th & 29th June, hub caps were stolen from a vehicle parked on Marion Way.

Other crimes include:

A young male has been charged with possessing a bladed article in a public place after he was seen with a knife held out in front of him shouting and swearing.

Following a domestic argument, property in a home was damaged at Fairway by a known person.

A female ordered a taxi from Brigsley to Waltham and return. The female told the driver she would get some money for the fare. She left her handbag in the car but failed to return.

Two thefts from the Co-Op.

A theft of a bike from a garden on Fairway, and a theft of an electric bike from Ings Lane.

A woman delivering parcels at an address on Laburnum Avenue was bitten by a dog, not kept under proper control.

Two reports of a public order offence in relation to the same incident following a neighbour issue.

Theft of garden ornaments from properties on Cheapside and High Street.

Six reports of assault.

A further report of a theft over the past month from the Waltham Golf Club.

There have been three reports of ASB, a noisy party on Salisbury Avenue, the other a neighbour dispute, and trespassing dispute.

How you can help

Your local Neighbourhood Policing Team appreciates the importance of being in the right place, at the right time, for the right reasons to reassure the public, improve public confidence and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in the area which we all live and work.

We encourage all residents to call and report any issues where they live so that we can deal with any issues and also step up our patrols in the area. The number to call for non-emergency issues is 101.

If you feel there are issues in your community that your local Police should be prioritising please inform your local officers or the local Parish Council.

The named officers for Waltham Ward are:

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