

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Tuesday 7th November 2017 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors M Archer, Barrett, Church, Conolly, Gilliatt, Gordon, Kiddle-Bailey, Sadler, Shaw, Smith, Surtees, Teanby and Woodliff, 5 members of the public, Ward Councillor I Colquhoun and the Parish Clerk. Mr M Gibbons from NELC was also in attendance.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the procedure on the recording of Waltham Parish Council meetings.

01: 11/17 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 Archer and Surtees declared a DPI on item 12: 11/17 (e) Public Rights of Way as they own land that is incorporated in this footpath.

- 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.

02: 11/17 To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Moss and Ward Councillor P Jackson.

03: 11/17 Open Forum Under Suspension of Standing Order No 21.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to suspend Standing Order number 21 so that residents were able to speak. Items will be listened to and if appropriate will be taken into consideration under the relevant agenda heading.

A resident wished to express concern over the plans for consideration by Grimsby Town Football Club, where the variation of conditions included permanent siting of the cabins and removal of the condition of the hedge. The resident presented photographs showing the solar panels and tower that have already been installed and the parking of vehicles on the highway and verge. The resident questioned if there was space on site to allocate further parking.

The Chairman thanked the resident for attending and explained that the matters raised would be debated under the appropriate heading on the agenda.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

04: 11/17 To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 3rd October and Extraordinary meeting of 24th October 2017.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meeting of 3rd October and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 24th October 2017 were considered and approved. The Chairman then signed both of these as a true record.

05: 11/17 To hear from Mark Gibbons of NELC.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Gibbons to the meeting and explained that he was invited to attend following the consultation regarding the proposed Toll bar alterations recently held in Waltham Library.

Mr Gibbons explained that he was here to update the Parish Council on the comments received during the consultations that have already taken place. He said that the A16 will be open during the work and NELC are looking at ways to improve the diversionary routes. He confirmed that Cheapside will not be signed as a diversion, however understands that some vehicles may use this route. The Parish Council were concerned that this may lead to traffic gridlock in Waltham centre. He was requested to look into solutions. NELC are also looking

at the problem of the bus stops that are at present close to the junction. Mr Gibbons went on to say that the approximate timescale for the work is 8 months, but contractors are confident that this time can be reduced. He wished to encourage members of the public to contact NELC with any concerns or comments that they may have via their dedicated email address for the project which is: tollbarjunction@nelincs.gov.uk

Councillors voiced their concerns over the effect these roadworks will have on Waltham residents, in particular where streets would be used as rat runs for people wanting to avoid long delays. The possibility of a site visit was discussed and Mr Gibbons agreed it would be a good idea for officers to meet the Parish Council and view the traffic flow through the village. Discussions took place over the proposals themselves and the details including railing removal and traffic attending the school. Members of the Parish Council asked many questions. The Parish Council requested that the clearway extension that they have been asking for at Station Road be included in the scheme. Mr Gibbons noted this but suggested that the Parish Council should also formally submit comments through the dedicated email system.

The Chairman thanked Mr Gibbons for attending and providing an update and he left the meeting.

The Parish Council discussed the points they wished to raise in formal comments, this included supporting New Waltham Parish Council in their plight to keep the roundabout, but to include an upgrade that could include part time lights being used and to upgrade and widen the road but to keep all the locations for the pedestrian barriers to aid pedestrian safety.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council supported New Waltham Parish Council in their plight to keep the roundabout and agreed to submit formal comments through to the NELC dedicated email address for the Tollbar Junction Project.

06: 11/17 Pavements/Street Lighting/Highways.

- a) To consider a suggestion from Councillor Conolly on easing car parking dilemma during roadworks for Station Road.

Councillor Conolly wished to ask that the members consider investigating utilizing the allotment land on Station Road to allow dropping off and picking up area for the Tollbar children whilst the road works are taking place. Should this prove to be successful then the Parish Council could consider this on a long term basis with a lease in place with the school. There would need to be a crossing island for the children to use and some improvements to the entrance and parking facilities on site, as well as securing the area for the allotment holders, however funding for this may be forthcoming from the roadwork scheme or school.

Having put forward the proposal Councillor Conolly left the meeting as she is a director of Tollbar Academy and felt it inappropriate for her to remain whilst this was considered.

Members of the Parish Council felt that there were plusses and minuses to this proposal. The upgrade to the allotment area is something that the Parish Council cannot afford at this time so would be welcomed and any income generated from leasing the unused area would offset against the allotment costs, however the Parish Council has the allotment holders to consider first and foremost. Members took a vote and agreed with 7 votes to 4 to proceed to investigate the options further and bring back information to the full council.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to investigate the possibility of using part of the unused allotment land as a drop off and pick up area for Tollbar students.

- b) To consider expenditure towards speed awareness sign upgrade.

The two small speed awareness signs that the Parish Council own in the village have come to the end of their lives and NELC are no longer able to collect data or get parts for these units. NELC have suggested that they be replaced with a new unit that has the capability of incorporating an ANPR camera. The units cost £2500 each and NELC are prepared to offer 50% funding towards a unit.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to fund a new speed awareness camera at a cost of £1250 with the option of budgeting to replace the second unit in the next financial year.

- c) To hear update on Sunningdale land following Parish Council's request for bin and regular maintenance.

The Clerk has formally submitted a request from the Parish Council for the land at Sunningdale to be cut on a regular basis, with a further request for a bin to be located in this area. A meeting is arranged with the NELC bin department for 16th November and we are chasing a response from NELC on the cutting of the Sunningdale land.

07: 11/17 To receive a Police Report for November.

Report attached.

Councillors felt that it should be reiterated using all forms of our media that residents should report incidents through on the 101 number or via the Humberside Police website.

RESOLVED: The Clerk was asked to post a notice regarding using the 101 number to report incidents to the police.

08: 11/17 To consider co-option of member deferred from last meeting.

Member heard that the resident to be considered for co-option is not able to make this meeting, but would be available for the December meeting.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to defer the co-option of a new member to the December meeting.

09: 11/17 Clerk's Report & Correspondence received since meeting of 3rd Oct 2017.

- A funding Fair is being held on 22nd November 10am-3pm at Centre 4, this is a free event but attendees need to book a place.

RESOLVED: It was agreed that the Clerk attend the Funding Fair if spaces were still available.

- ERNLLCA have asked for the Parish Council's views on officer attendance at the district committee meetings. Survey to be returned by 16th November.

Members discussed the advantages of having ERNLLCA officer attendance at the district meetings. It was felt that numbers of attendees would drop if officers did not attend.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to complete and return the survey regarding officer attendance at ERNLLCA meetings.

- A young resident has written to the Parish Council looking for volunteering opportunities on evenings and weekends.

The members were most pleased that a person had come forward to enquire about volunteering opportunities within Waltham Parish Council organisation. The Clerk was asked to enquire about DBS checks as the person is under the age of 18.

- A resident has written with concerns over the appearance of the area around the allotments and the parish seats, fences and gates.

The Clerk confirmed that the allotment hedge has been cut and the cleaning of the benches and bins along the High Street have been carried out by a young man who was supervised by the Community Payback Team. The fencing in Grove Park is being looked at by the Working Group, who says their aim is to paint it when the weather improves in Spring.

Two members of the Parish Council have shown an interest in attending the Good Councillor Training as provided by ERNLLCA. The Clerk was asked to inform ERNLLCA of this interest.

10: 11/17 To receive and confirm progress on the action sheet since publication.

No updates to report and no questions were raised.

11: 11/17 Planning.

- a) *Planning applications received and to be considered:*

1. DM/0986/17/FUL Grimsby Town Football Club, Cheapside, Waltham

Removal of condition 1(time limit) and 4 (hedge height) following planning application DC/635/12/WAB to allow permanent siting of portacabin and 4 containers.

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

The hedge on the perimeter of this site is a Parish Awarded Hedge and should be protected from intrusive pruning and removal. To remove condition 4 of the application would allow the applicant to reduce the hedge and expose the site and portacabins it currently shields from view of the neighbouring properties.

The Parish Council believe that the application should be time limited as per the previous application and application number DM/0753/17/FUL which was recently approved with a time limit, this in order to protect the right that the local authority can continue to monitor this proposal. The Parish Council do not feel that it is suitable as a permanent structure at this time.

The Parish Council showed great concern over the severe pollarding of a tree on site, installation of solar panels and a chimney structure to house the mechanism has all been carried out without planning permission and would be seeking clarification from the planning department on the legalities of this work being undertaken without permission.

12: 11/17 To receive any reports from the following working groups/committees:

(a) Station Road & Gravel Pit Allotments.

- (i) To consider not cutting the Home Paddock hedge at this time, following inspection by working group.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed not to carry out work on Home Paddock hedge at this time.

(b) Cemetery.

- (i) To review maintenance contract for year 2018 and agree to send out to tender.

Members reviewed the cemetery maintenance specification for the forthcoming year and felt that the wording 'Christmas period' should be included as a time for ensuring the cemetery is looking its best for visitors.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to the amended wording and agreed to send the specification out to tenders.

(c) Youth.

- (i) To receive and consider options for moving of teen shelter at Mount Pleasant

Members considered the quotations received to move the teen shelter to a higher location to avoid the base being flooded. With the costs being between £1200 and £2400 members felt that this was an expensive project that could possibly have an alternative solution. The members felt that the shelter should remain in its current location at this time.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to not move the teen shelter from its present location.

- (ii) To receive and consider quotations for fencing repairs/alterations at tennis court.

Members considered the quotations received for the alterations/repairs to the tennis court mesh fencing.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to spend £365 plus vat for alterations and £90 plus vat for a pop out hole to the fencing at the tennis courts in Mount Pleasant with Platers Ltd.

(d) Parks & Open Spaces.

- (i) To receive and consider quotations for winter planting scheme.

The Clerk confirmed that she had sent out for three quotations and three sealed tenders have been received. The Parish Council asked the Chairman to open the sealed envelopes.

Contractor A quoted £770, Contractor B quoted £310 and Contractor C quoted £410. The Clerk confirmed that all contractors have carried out work for the Parish Council in the past.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to Contractor B carrying out the winter planting.

(ii) To review dates for undertaking winter & summer planting schemes.-Cllr Shaw.

Cllr Shaw explained about the plant ordering process and how she felt that the contractor should be in place ready to install earlier in both the summer and winter planting schemes.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to bring forward both the summer and winter planting schemes on future agendas.

(iii) To consider purchase of sign for the gate at Grove Park to aid pedestrian access.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to purchase a No Parking – Disabled Access required sign for Grove Park entrance on Ings Lane at a cost of £15 plus vat.

Members discussed the possibility of considering in future setting back the gates to the park to allow park users to park safely off Ings Lane as increasing traffic and parking outside the gate is becoming problematic. The Parish Council may require planning permissions for this suggestion.

(e) Public Rights of Way.

Councillors Archer and Surtees, having declared an interest, left the room.

Vice Chairman Councillor Woodliff in the Chair.

(i) Update on Footpath 72 – For information only –NELC Cabinet has approved to relocate the electrical substation.

Councillors received information that NELC Cabinet has approved to relocate the electrical substation that is currently located on Footpath 72. Members were informed there is no right of appeal against this decision.

(ii) To receive a letter of concern from a resident over unauthorised closure of footpath 72 and consider forwarding to the local authority.

Members having read the concerns raised by a resident over unauthorised closure of footpath 72 felt that this letter should be passed on to the Local Authority for action.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed for forward the resident's letter of concern regarding Footpath 72 onto NELC for action.

Councillors Archer and Surtees returned to the meeting, Councillor Archer was asked to retake the chair.

(f) Devolvement of Services.

(i) To receive a report from working group with recommendations for consideration.

The Working Group have asked Full Council to consider allowing them to obtain further information from NELC over the devolvement of the verge and open space cutting and further investigate three options for providing the service. These options are to be brought back to Full Council for careful consideration.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to allow the Working Group to make further enquiries over the devolvement of the verge and grass cutting services from NELC and bring the findings back to Full Council.

13: 11/17 Parish Office Matters.

a) Remembrance Sunday Parade on 12th November 2017.

To receive an update on parade. Parish wreaths ordered and to be paid for.

The Chairman gave an update on the parade and it was felt that the footpath should be cordoned off for the parade members. Stewards were still required and Councillors offered to assist. The May Queen has been invited. Cllr Teanby requested that this matter be taken in Committee, due to its sensitive nature.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to take the remainder of this item in Committee at the end of the meeting.

b) To consider expenditure for office security items from police budget.

The Chairman gave a report on what additional office security would be required to allow the Parish Office to be used as a Police reporting on centre. The Cost of £230 plus vat would come from the police budget held.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to purchase the additional security equipment at a cost of £230.00 plus vat.

c) To consider placing an order for village Christmas Trees – prices remain as last year.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to place an order for the Christmas Trees for the village. The Clerk is to send a letter out to all the shops with brackets.

14: 11/17 Finance Items.

a) To receive a list of Accounts payable up to 1st November 2017 and approve their payment.

Cheques for payment:			inc VAT £ . p
4199	Brooks Building	Materials	450.00
*Deferred payment from last month			
4202	Glendale	Maintenance – September	428.70
4203	SSE	Electric July-Oct	221.04
4204	Mrs P Allenby	Oct Salary + Sep O/T	XXXX
4205	Mrs L Leach	Oct Salary	XXXX
4206	HMRC	Tax & NI	XXXX
4207	Ticker-T-Boo	Winter plants	467.00
4208	M Dewires	Turfing Cemetery	91.00
4209	Waltham Park Bowls	Rates	33.16
D/D	Public Works Loan Board	Allotment land	1576.60
4210	ERNLLCA	Conference x3 attendees	306.00
4211	R&R Johnson	Grave digging fees	440.00
4212	Petty cash	Petty cash	50.00

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 Second quarter Bank Reconciliation (July-Sept)

RESOLVED: The Parish Council received and approved the second quarter bank reconciliation.

At this time the Parish Council had concluded its main agenda and having agreed to take a matter in Committee the members of the public were thanked for their attendance and asked to leave the meeting.

13: 11/17 Parish Office Matters.

a) Remembrance Sunday Parade on 12th November 2017.

RESOLVED: A contingency plan was put in place for the laying of the youth wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

The Parish Council came out of committee and ratified the decisions taken. With there being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14pm.



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Local Community News

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

Crime

There have been 13 crimes reported in the Waltham Ward during October.

About 1.30am on 4th October, entry was made into a property on Main Road, Brigsley. Car keys were stolen. Tools were then stolen from a shed after the door was forced. A door was forced on a vehicle parked securely outside the property. Tools were stolen. Overnight 26th & 27th October, a double glazed window was smashed to make entry into a property on Cheapside. Nothing was stolen.

Overnight 11th & 12th October, a bonnet and front bumper were stolen from a car parked on the forecourt of the garage at Brigsley Road, Ashby-cum-Fenby.

There have been seven reports of Criminal Damage.

A property at Cheapside had damage caused to its front door possibly by an air gun pellet.

The climbing frame on Mount Pleasant has been damaged.

Swings and slide were damaged after expanding foam was sprayed on them at Neville Turner Way.

A bay window at a property on High Street was damaged by a rock being thrown through the windows.

A window at a home on Fairway was damaged.

A car parked at Ronald Farmer Court was 'keyed' along its offside.

Damage was caused in a home following a drunken argument.

Other crime includes an assault and inappropriate messages over social media.

There have been seven reports of ASB. Youths causing annoyance at High Street, Ings Lane, Fairway, Kirkgate. A car sounding its horn at Brian Avenue, and two neighbour disputes.

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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PCSO 7602 Lesley Parry lesley.parry@humberside.pnn.police.uk