

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors M Archer, Barrett, Church, Conolly, Gordon, Kiddle-Bailey, Moss, Shaw, Smith, Surtees, Teanby and Woodliff, Ward Councillor Philip Jackson, 5 members of the public, PCSO Lesley Parry and the Parish Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and began by paying respects to Mr Fish, a resident of the village who tragically lost his life recently. The Parish Council held a one minute silence in his honour.

The Chairman then read out the procedure on the recording of Waltham Parish Council meetings.

01: 02/18 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.

Councillors Surtees, Shaw, Woodliff, Teanby and Barrett declared an interest on item 12: 02/1/ (b)(i) as they all rent allotments and would not take part should the parish council go into discussing what figures next year's rent should be.

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

None.

02: 02/18 To receive any apologies from Members not able to attend the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillors Gilliatt, Reynard and Sadler. Ward Councillor Iain Colquhoun would be arriving later in the meeting.

03: 02/18 Open Forum Under Suspension of Standing Order No 21.

No residents wished to speak.

04: 01/18 To consider and approve the Minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2018 and Extraordinary meeting held on 23rd January 2018.

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Meeting of 9th January and Extraordinary meeting of 23rd January were considered and approved. The Chairman then signed these as a true record.

05: 02/18 To receive the Police Report for Waltham and notice of a Rural Safety Conference taking place in March.

The Parish Council welcomed PCSO Lesley Parry to the meeting. PCSO Parry read from the police report attached. PCSO Lesley Parry reassured everyone that the incident on Grimsby Road is an isolated incident and there is no risk to the wider public.

Parish Councillors enquired if the police are aware of or have seen the gas canisters around the village as a Councillor knew of incidents last year around Mount Pleasant. PCSO Parry explained that she had not seen any around Waltham but will keep checking the usual areas where children congregate. It was also suggested that the land at Sunningdale was looked at.

Further to this the Chairman wondered if there was anything that could be done to keep the children entertained, rather like the old youth clubs that were run? Councillors felt this was a good idea and should be investigated further and suggested that the Chairman approach Lincs Inspire to see if there would be any support in this type of project.

RESOLVED: The Chairman is to make contact with Lincs Inspire to make enquiries over the possibility of youth engagement in the village.

The Parish Council have been invited to attend the Rural Safety Conference at Hessle on Wednesday 7th March. The members felt it would be beneficial if representation was sent. Cllr Archer offered to attend.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed for Cllr Archer to attend the Rural Safety Conference at Hessle on 7th March 2018.

06: 02/18 Clerk's Report & Correspondence received since meeting of 9th Jan 2018.

- Waltham Windmill Preservation Society has written thanking the Parish Council for the Section 137 Grant of £105 and donations from the Carols on the Green. This will go a long way in helping preserve the windmill.
- ERNLLCA are holding a training session on Councillors Financial Responsibilities at New Waltham Pavilion on Wednesday 28th February at 7pm. The cost is £37.50 per person to attend. Cllr Conolly expressed an interest in attending this event. The Clerk confirmed that she will be in attendance.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed for Councillor Conolly to attend the ERNLLCA training session on Councillors Financial Responsibilities.

The Clerk has been contacted by a member of the public enquiring if the Parish Council would be willing to collect fundraising for the family of the murder victim in the village. The Clerk has enquired with ERNLLCA our legal representatives and there would be issues regarding our powers in the disbursement of the funds raised. They suggested that a member of the family or close friend sets up a "Just Giving" or "Crowd Funding" page or similar as they are established fundraising companies who specialise in fundraising for a cause. The Parish Council felt that this would be the best way to proceed and would be willing to advertise a fundraising page should it be set up by a friend or family member with the family's approval.

07: 02/18 To receive and confirm progress on the action sheet since publication.

The Clerk confirmed that she has chased up the replacement bin and is hopeful that the new Nexus bin will be installed in the next two weeks. We are waiting to receive the bin acquired from Brigsley.

08: 02/18 Planning.

a) Planning matters:

Application DM/1104/17/FUL, 35 Westfield Road, Waltham, Application DM/1034/17/OUT Rear of 2 Elm Avenue, Waltham and Application DM/0541/17/FUL 3 Home Paddock have all been approved under delegated powers at NELC.

The Clerk also confirmed that application DM/0986/17/FUL, Grimsby Town Football Club removal of condition 1 has been approved by the planning committee. This was against the Parish Council's wishes and that application DM/0735/17/FUL 59 Cheapside Waltham has been refused by the planning committee.

b) Planning applications received and to be considered:

1. DM/1195/17/FUL 3 Strawberry Hill, Waltham

Erect single storey rear extension to include the installation of rooflights linking to existing detached outbuilding.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council recommended approval of this application with the usual condition that the garage remains for the use of storage of a vehicle.

09: 02/18 Highways/Pavements/Street lighting.

- a) To hear an update from the Chairman on the Cabinet meeting held regarding Toll Bar roundabout changes.

The Chairman reported on the Working Group meeting held regarding the proposed Toll Bar roundabout changes. He felt that the Cabinet chose not to listen to the representations made or the working group. He was very disappointed that the Cabinet members did not ask any questions over the project and the three members agreed to proceed with a fully signalised junction to replace the existing roundabout.

A member of the public had submitted a proposed drawing of how a partially signalised roundabout may work, this was welcomed by members of the Parish Council and Ward Councillor Philip Jackson asked to receive a copy.

Members of the Parish Council heard how work to remove the roundabout is scheduled to begin in July. Ward Councillor Philip Jackson said that Councillors will be calling in the decision taken and ask that it goes to scrutiny and would seek for the Council to evaluate the

possibility of the option of the drawing presented this evening. It ultimately remains a cabinet decision; however he will try to have this proposal sent to full council.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to forward a copy of the drawing of Toll Bar roundabout to Ward Councillor Philip Jackson.

b) To receive a drawing on the suggested speed indicator sign as forwarded by NELC. Members of the Parish Council viewed the drawings of the speed indicator signs sent by highways officers and felt that the signs were not adequate for our requirements. The Parish Council felt that alternative signs should be investigated and brought to the meeting with the Highways department of NELC.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to investigate speed reduction signs and bring these to the meeting with the highways department at NELC.

10: 02/18 To discuss the Waltham Parish Community Led Plan

The Clerk confirmed that she sent emails to all previous steering group members to enquire if they would be interested in updating the Waltham Parish Community Led Plan. She received two replies one was a yes, the other was sorry no they had moved out of the village.

The Parish Council felt that it was important to keep this document current and that the appeal for volunteers should be widened. Councillors suggested having a poll or survey form on our website, but initially an appeal for volunteers to be involved should be advertised.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to advertise for volunteers to assist with the updating of the Waltham Parish Community Led Plan.

Ward Councillor Iain Colquhoun entered the meeting.

11: 02/18 To receive notice on work required to village clock in All Saints tower and consider quotation received.

The Parish Council have received notification that upon its last routine service the Parish Clock within All Saints Church tower is showing signs of deterioration to the weight cords and requires attention. Members felt that this work should be undertaken as suggested by the repairers when the clock is next serviced. The cost for this work will be £578 plus VAT. As the budget has already been set the funds for this would have to come out of reserves.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to the cost of repairs required to the Parish Clock at a cost of £578 plus VAT. The funds for the repairs are to be taken out of reserves.

12: 02/18 To receive any reports from the following working groups:

(a) Parks & Open Spaces

- (i) Councillors are to consider extending the permission for temporary fencing sited whilst a hedge becomes established on our land in Well Lane.

The Chairman has attended site and viewed the hedge. As this has not yet grown sufficiently to stop people entering this resident's garden from Well Lane, it was felt that an extension of 12 months should be granted for the temporary fencing to remain in Well Lane.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to grant an extension of time of 12 months for the temporary fencing put up by a neighbouring resident in Well Lane. The Clerk is to write to the resident to confirm this extension of time.

- (ii) To hear an update from Ward Councillors on grass verge cutting.

Ward Councillor Philip Jackson explained that the Ward Councillors have met with officers from the grounds maintenance at NELC and they assure them that the figure provided to cut the verges and open spaces in Waltham at £6681 per annum is correct. The Parish Council felt that the figures "do not stack up" and they would not be able to take over the service and carry out an improved appearance for that money and the Local Authority would not make any significant savings by transferring the service over. The Parish Council have sight of a FOI request that had been requested by a member of the public and Cllr Jackson asked for this to be forwarded to him. The Parish Council would be updated by the Ward Councillors should the information change.

(b) Allotments

- (i) To consider holding a rent review for both allotment sites and ask the Clerk to obtain price comparisons in time for the March agenda.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed for a rent review for the allotments to go on the March agenda. The Clerk is to obtain a price comparison for other allotments in the area.

- (c) CCTV - To receive update on CCTV maintenance company and consider action.

The Clerk explained that she has not been able to get in touch with the CCTV company for them to carry out routine maintenance of the system since before Christmas. She has tried by phone, mobile, text, email and visiting the premises they used to be located at in Grimsby. They appear to have disappeared. Members were most concerned and felt that this was very unprofessional of them. Advice was sought on a replacement company from the NELC CCTV manager.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed that the company suggested by NELC should be contacted as a matter of urgency to seek their advice and see if they would be able to take over the maintenance of our system.

- (d) Fairway Land – To receive an update from Solicitors.

The Solicitor is currently trying to arrange a meeting with the neighbours and their solicitors so that discussions can begin over access to the land at Fairway.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should attend the meeting to be arranged with the neighbours of Fairway Land and their solicitor.

13: 02/18 Finance Items.

- a) To receive a list of Accounts payable up to 6th February 2018 and approve their payment.

Cheques for payment:		inc VAT	£ . p
4239	JW Platers	Tennis Court fencing	546.00
4240	M Dewires	Cemetery fencing	180.00
4241	CPRE	Annual Membership	36.00
4242	Waltham Windmill PS	Section 137 grant	105.00
4243	Information Com Office	Data protection registration	35.00
4244	R Johnson	Grave digging service	500.00
4245	Mrs P Allenby	January Salary + Dec O/T	XXXX
4246	Mrs L Leach	January Salary	XXXX
4247	HMRC	NI & Tax	XXXX
4248	SSE Electrical	Office electric Oct-Jan	263.30
4249	Glendale Ltd	Grounds maintenance	428.70
4250	Office Friends	Stationery	56.74
4251	Petty Cash	Petty Cash	50.00
4252	FDT Enterprises Ltd	Electrical Testing	88.80

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 information from the Clerk on electronic accounts and the effect this has on future audits.

The Parish Council carefully considered the different options investigated by the Clerk and a long discussion was held over which option would be best for the Parish Council to investigate further.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to undertake a free trial of the RBS Alpha system and add electronic accounting to the next agenda.

The Clerk reminded Councillors that the office would be closed next week as she had pre-booked holidays for next week. Cllr Shaw offered to take the emergency phone.

14: 02/18 Burial Board.

The Chairman explained that the Burial Board have been successful in locating a very old un-marked grave in the cemetery and the family wished to pass on their thanks to everyone who assisted in locating their family member.

It has been noted that people who have no connection with the cemetery have been driving up the path, as a councillor witnessed a man in a van eating his lunch one day. The gates have also been left open. It was suggested that the Burial Board look at re-locking one of the gates to restrict unauthorised access. Members of the Burial Board noted this request.

(i) To consider taking this item in committee due to the sensitive nature of items to be discussed.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to take the last item on the agenda in Committee. Members of the public were thanked for their attendance and asked to leave.

(ii) To consider an appeal for residents' rates to be applied.

Councillors Woodliff and Barrett declared a personal interest as they know the family on a personal note.

Cllrs Woodliff and Barrett did not take part in the vote on this matter.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed the appeal for residents' rates due to the extenuating circumstances provided. Councillors Shaw and Surtees asked that their abstention from voting on this matter be recorded.

It was proposed that a review of the appeal system takes places once membership of ICCM is valid.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council agreed to review the appeal system with the assistance of ICCM once membership is valid.

With there being no further business to discuss the Parish Council came out of committee and ratified the decisions taken and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.



Local Community News

Waltham, Brigsley & Ashby-cum-Fenby Update February 2018

Crime

There have been 22 crimes reported in the Waltham Ward during January

Overnight 5th & 6th January, a garage was broken into at a property on Main Road Brigsley. A motorbike was stolen from the garage, and in the process damage was caused to a car parked in the garage. Overnight 6th & 7th January entry was made to a garage at Ashbourne. Nothing was stolen.

Around tea time of 4th January a purse was stolen from an insecure car parked at stables at Waltham House Farm on Louth Road.

Between 6th & 9th January a camper van was stolen from Waltham Airfield. During the late evening of 10th January two males were disturbed by the owner of a van parked on Rosedale as they were about to drive the van away, having hot-wired the engine. The males left the area in another vehicle parked nearby.

Overnight 6th & 7th January fencing was damaged at a property on Ashbourne, to gain entry to a neighbouring property to carry out the burglary already mentioned.

About 10.30pm on 22nd January two windows were damaged at a flat on High Street after bricks were thrown at the property.

On 25th January a known female smashed windows at a home on Fairway using a hammer.

As has been widely reported, woman a woman has been charged with murder following the death of a resident on Grimsby Road.

Other crimes include six reports of assault, four from the same incident at The Tilted Barrel public House. A paper boy's mountain bike was stolen from outside an address on Barnoldby Road whilst he delivered papers. A car battery was stolen from a drive on Cheesemans Lane. Contents were stolen from a letterbox at a property on Waltham Road.

There have been three reports of ASB. Youths throwing stones at properties on Neville Turner Way. Report of issues with a customer at a pub, and ongoing issues at St Helens Crescent Brigsley which your community officers are trying to resolve with other partner agencies.

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