

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Friday 27th April 2018 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors M Archer (Chairman), 7 Parish Councillors, 1 Resident and the Parish Clerk.

13: 04/18 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Barrett, Conolly, Church, Guilliat, Gordon, Reynard and Teanby also Ward Councillors I Colquhoun and P Jackson offered their apologies.

14: 04/18 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 28th April 2017:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2017 were considered and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

15: 04/18 Chairman's Report 2017/2018:

Report attached.

16: 04/18 To discuss any items pertaining to Waltham residents:

Residents asked if there was any update on improvements to the village green area. The Chairman explained that there is an item on the AGM being held next Tuesday evening to discuss the maintenance work required to the village green, however there is no plans for further upgrade at this time, as the focus is on the War Memorial area. Residents asked if a draft copy of the minutes can be put on the website before they are considered at the meeting next year. The Chairman agreed this would be best practice.

The residents present showed concern over speeding traffic within the village and hoped that the Parish Council would continue to address this issue.

The Chairman was thanked for all his efforts and hard work during the last year.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman's Report 2017/2018.

I would like to welcome you all to the Annual Parish meeting of 2017/2018.

At the beginning of the year the Parish Council had a tree removed from Fairway land as it posed a danger to neighbouring properties. The Parish Council are closer to resolving the right of access issues to this piece of land and hope to come to an amenable outcome to all parties very shortly.

The new bespoke website was launched in April and to date has had over 211,000 visitors. It has proved to be a very popular site and works alongside our Facebook page to promote the village and inform residents of news and events.

For the first time the Parish Council had sponsors for the village planters, this raised funds to provide new centre piece on village green and additional plants purchased and aided in our efforts to improve the look of the village.

The Parish Council continue to provide free sports facilities for the village at the Bowls Green with addition of Croquet lawn and hope to further add Petanque this forthcoming year.

We are pleased to be prize winners in the Best Kept Village competition with second place in the small town group and runner up for the best kept war memorial, will continue to present the village as best as possible. To has been agreed to upgrade the area this year culminating in the 100 year celebrations of the end of World War 1.

A new kick about wall has been installed at the tennis courts and several trees adjoining our neighbours at the Gravel Pit allotments were maintained.

We have good relations with the highways department and hold regular meetings with them to address issues that our parishioners report to us.

After many years of negotiations the Parish Council had to step back and withdraw from pursuing taking over the cutting of the grass verges and open spaces from North East Lincolnshire Council as the funding offered by NELC would not allow us to provide the same as or an improved service; however the Parish Council will continue their maintenance of Grove Park, the cemetery, All Saints churchyard, war memorial, and village green areas as in the past.

The senior residents tea parties continue to be a huge success and my thanks go to the Waltham 2nd Brownies for their efforts in assisting with the locally run events.

We continue to be a low crime area thanks to our PCSO Lesley Parry and the good CCTV coverage that the village has. We look forward to the new service company keeping our equipment maintained and up to date.

Planning continues to bring forward challenging times and the Parish Council along with residents were successful in their opposition to a major plan for the village, however failed on two other sites which gained approval through the planning inspector for Grimsby Road and Bradley Road.

Finally my thanks must go to my fellow Councillors, who continue to work hard for the village. Our Ward Councillors Philip and Iain who represent the parish at the Local Authority, Pat our cleaner, who also does a sterling job in picking up the litter in the village & Lesley the Clerk who keeps all the Councillors up to date and my diary full.

*Councillor Martin Archer
Chairman of Waltham Parish Council*