

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Vice-Chairman Cllr Wager took the meeting as Cllr Smith was not present.

Present: Cllr Wager Cllr Woodhouse Cllr Slingsby
Cllr Whittaker-Smith Cllr Ashall

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Smith and Cllr Samuel who were attending a funeral.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

17/28 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

These were approved Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Slingsby

17/29 Pocket Park

Standing orders were suspended so that the members of the Pocket Park Committee which had attended could be part of the discussions about what to do with the skate ramp as it had been advised that it was beyond economic repair.

Following the discussion standing orders were resumed and a decision made to remove the skate ramp due to safety concerns. Clerk to contact Robert Marshall to remove it as soon as possible.

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Slingsby

17/30 Clerks report on items from the previous meeting

Clerk reported there was no update on planning from N&SDC. Clerk to continue to enquire. Clerk also reported that she had spoken to Environmental Health at N&SDC regarding the piles of rubbish left at the site of the fire and read the following, which had been received from them.

“I have had a response from the EA and they have advised they are working with the land owner to resolve the issue but I hope to have a better understanding of what that means shortly. There has been a meeting arranged between the CEO, Directors and Senior managers of NSDC and the EA to discuss this site and other similar sites shortly, however I am not certain of the exact date.

I have checked on the mounds of waste a couple of times this month and there was little odour and no signs of flies. I will continue to monitor the situation but once I have an answer from the EA I will let you know.

The Council is keen to provide an update newsletter, however not knowing what the EA’s position is makes it harder to provide accurate information.”

17/31 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby read the following report.

“Takings continue to grow overall but it is difficult to predict week on week how much and what we will sell. We have banked £600 so far in our second year (since end November). We did some fundraising for Comic Relief, in total we raised £130 from cake sales, an Elvis sweepstake and profits from the day which I donated with gift aid to bring the total up to £162.50.

The food hygiene trainer has now provided some new dates and the hands-on course will be run on 23rd April, before the Party in the Park.

Alongside the Party preparations, we are preparing for our Village Fete on Sunday 23 July 2017. The overall intent is for a cost-neutral event – covering the cost of providing entertainment/prizes but raising money from catering and some games - so that we can provide a low cost afternoon for villagers. We will be offering:

Food:

- * Afternoon tea by Willows*
- * BBQ/smoker by Allwoods butcher*
- * Bar*
- * Ice cream*

Entertainment:

- * Free games:*
 - o Giant garden games (on the grass)*
 - o Tug of war*
 - o Guess the face*
- * “Chargeable” games:*
 - o Splat the rat*
 - o Coconut shy*
 - o Hook a duck*
- * Other*
 - o Neck/shoulder massage*
 - o Punch and Judy*
 - o Balloon artist*
 - o School choir*
 - o Photography competition*
 - o Retail stalls (limited)*

We have put out a request on Facebook for suggestions and help for the day and already have a few requests for stalls. I have an organising committee in place, but am looking for some more assistance. All volunteers very welcome.”

17/32 Payments for Approval

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

Sec:Cllr Ashall

17/33 Items for information and future meetings

Clerk informed the Council the cost for emptying the dog bins for the coming year is £1435.82 this has increased by £16.22 from the previous year.

17/34 To suspend standing orders for public participation

Standing orders were suspended for public comment.

17/35 Time and Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting will be the second Thursday of the month and not the first due to election being held on 4th May

Thursday 11th May 2017 6:30pm at Walesby Village Hall.

Clerk reminded the Council that this would also be the date of the AGM

17/36 Employee salary review

It was agreed the employee salaries should be increased as set out by the NALC pay scales and the National Living Wage as set by government

Meeting closed at 7:19 pm.