

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th September 2019 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Wager  
Cllr Slingsby

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**  
Cllr Samuel was on holiday & Cllr Whittaker-Smith had a prior engagement.
2. **To receive declarations of interest**  
None received

### 19/56 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

**Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Wager**

### 19/57 Affordable Housing Update

Emma Simkins attended to give an update regarding the potential extension to Haughton Way. It appears that the landowner may be more willing to part with his their land for the extension if the proposal were to include some open market housing. Parish Council to discuss the new proposal at their next meeting and Clerk to then report their thoughts back to Emma Simkin.

### 19/58 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- Highways have been contacted with regards to the temporary speed signs. One has now been placed on Retford Road near to the junction with New Hill. It has also been requested that one be put around the New Hill/Tuxford Road area.
- Cllr Mike Pringle was in attendance and could give an update on the LIS funding for new village signs. There is around £400,000 LIS funding waiting to be released but as yet there is no date for this. Cllr Pringle will keep the Clerk informed of any changes.

### 19/59 Planning Application 19/00993/FUL –Erection of a Lodge/Granny Annexe at Church Farm, New Hill

Following a discussion it was unanimously decided to support this application and there were no comments.

### 19/60 Willows Cafe

Cllr Slingsby read a brief report. *"We had a noticeable drop off in weekly sales through June and early July, but custom has taken off again since then.*

*We took the decision to postpone the Summer Party in July and were tentatively looking at September, but probably due to the time of year, there were very few responses from potential stallholders or entertainers so we took the decision to cancel this year. We are looking at doing a bigger event for Halloween, which this year is on a Thursday night and would continue onto the Friday café. Following feedback from last year that some children found the trail a bit too taxing, we will focus the event in the hall. We will re-use the props created last year to decorate the hall and run plenty of traditional games, a fancy dress competition and food and a bar. I've lined up a photographer to take photos of everyone in costume against a Halloween backdrop. The playgroup are keen to be involved.*

*We need to fix a date for the Christmas event, and this year we will have to find a replacement for The Mandolinis. Beyond this, the group are keen to do another Winter Warmer lunch and then we will be looking to join the VE day events in the summer."*

**19/61 Payments for approval****Prop: Cllr Wager****Sec: Cllr Slingsby****19/62 To receive items for information and future meetings**

- Planning Application 19/01582/FUL-Conversion of disused toilet to office at Walesby Forest, this application was supported with no comments to be made.
- The Clerk has contacted the Police and Highways regarding parking around the village especially school parking as people are now parking not only dangerously but also illegally on Retford Road.
- The Clerk had held a meeting with a representative from Cathedral Hygiene regarding the contract for the sanitation bins etc in the toilets. As part of the meeting urinal water management was discussed as they now offer a sensor system which means water is not wasted flushing the urinals unnecessarily. The Clerk had done some rough calculations and even after the system has been rented it could save around £192 per year as well as saving water. It was unanimously decided to go ahead with the system.
- Planning Application 19/01524/TWCA – Fell Yew Trees in the Churchyard. This application has appeared on the online planning portal although the Clerk has received no notification of it. Clerk to contact N&SDC and ask for details as the Parish Council are concerned about the felling of such mature trees in the heart of the village conservation area.

**19/63 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

Clerk asked to contact AMCA and request that they ask their members / competitors to be respectful to the residents when travelling through the village to get to the scrambling track.

**19/64 Time and date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 at the village hall.

**Meeting closed at 7:45pm**