

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

As Cllr Smith (Chairman) was not present Cllr Wager (Vice-Chairman) conducted the meeting.

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Wager Cllr Woodhouse Cllr Samuel Cllr Tapper

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from,
Cllr Smith, Cllr Slingsby and Cllr Whittaker-Smith

2. **To receive declarations of interest**
None

20/11 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Woodhouse

20/12 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- Clerk now has contact details for the church wardens, Clerk to invite them to the next meeting to discuss the concerns about the graveyard etc.
- Willows Community Hub has been set up. Cllr Tapper gave a brief update to say they had held their first meeting and it had been decided that Cllr Slingsby will be Chair, Mrs S Clifford will be secretary, Mrs B Tapper will be Treasurer and Mrs H Wilkinson will be Compliance Officer. They had held their first committee meeting and decided there would be no 'Winter Warmer' this year with efforts being put towards V.E. Day.

Emma Simkins had not arrived so agenda item 20/13 was put on hold to see if she arrived.

20/14 N&SDC Grant Scheme: To discuss possible projects at the Village Hall

The meeting the Clerk was supposed to have with Trusted Energy Solutions as after they rearranged it once they just didn't turn up. Clerk had been trying to arrange a meeting with another firm but hadn't been able to find anyone willing to come to the village hall.

Cllr Samuel has some contacts, he will ask them to get in touch with the Clerk.

Emma Simkins arrived.

20/13 Affordable Housing Update

Emma Simkins gave an update on the proposals they were working on. They had decided that for 15 properties to be viable any development would have to be all affordable housing with no open market options. There would be a mix of 9 bungalows and 5 houses which would only be given to those with a connection to the village. There would be only be 3 properties with 3 bedrooms (2 houses & 1 bungalow), the other 12 properties would only have 2 bedrooms, 8 of which would be 2 bedroom bungalows. The Parish Council felt that this proposal couldn't be supported as they believe that houses to 'move on to' from 2 bed properties are actually what are needed in the village so that families can move into something larger, thus freeing up some of the 2 bedroom bungalows the village already have. Clerk was asked to add this subject to the next agenda where potentially more members of the Council would be there to discuss it. Clerk will then report their thoughts back to Miles King at Midlands Rural Housing as Emma is taking sabbatical leave.

20/15 Trees around the village

The form has been filled in by the Clerk to request 14 Oak, 16 Rowan & 20 Hawthorn from the N&SDC tree scheme. It was suggested that guards will have to be purchased for the trees to help safeguard them against animals etc.

Clerk has received an response from Notts County Council regarding the large Walnut tree on the Main Street / Retford Road junction. They state that they have inspected the tree and other than a crown clean there is no further work required on it. They state the trees is not causing a danger to the general public or affecting safety on the highway.

20/16 LIS Funding – Village Gateway Signs

LIS is match funding therefore as estimated costs for 2 village gateway signs are in the region of £7900 it would leave the Parish Council to fund around £4000. Thoughts from the Parish Council were that spending that amount of money on signs could not be justified and felt the money could be better used for the community by repainting the Village Hall for example.

Cllr Mike Pringle will look into the possibility of non-match funding.

It was decided that if non-match funding was not available the application for LIS funding should not be made. Perhaps in the future fund raising events could be held for this specific purpose.

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Tapper

20/17 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Tapper

20/18 To receive items for information and future meetings

- Moles are back in the park, Allpests are dealing with them.
- The fence at the bottom of the village hall carpark needs replacing, Steve Grise should be asked when approached for painting quote.
- Clerk suggested that the park inspection be taken out of the ground maintenance tender document as we now have a contract with N&SDC to do these. This was agreed.
- Clerk informed Parish Council that the AGM and May meeting would be moved to 14th May due to the Police Commissioners elections being held on 7th May.

20/19 To suspend standing orders for public participation

- Moles on the Boughton Road verges were talked about, Cllr Mike Pringle to discuss with Via (highways)
- A member of the public was concerned that the village was being left out on a limb with regards to services, in particular policing. Clerk to contact Paddy Tipping to make these views known.
- Village newsletter was discussed.

20/20 Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 5th March 2020 at the village hall.

Meeting closed at 7:47pm