

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Present: Cllr Ashall Cllr Smith
Cllr Woodhouse Cllr Wager
Cllr Whitakker-Smith

Meeting opened at 6:32 pm by the Chairman

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Samuel and Cllr Slingsby as they were at work.

2. To receive declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

16/24 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Wager

16/25 Approval of accounts at close of financial year 2015/16

The accounts were approved by the council.

Prop: Wager Sec: Woodhouse

Cllr Smith and Clerk signed the Annual Return.

16/26 Willows Café including Queens Birthday Celebration

The café is still doing very well on a Friday morning. Preparations were well under way for the Queens Birthday Celebration. At the time of the meeting 29 tickets had been allocated.

16/27 Cemetery

Following information that soil and turf had been removed and replaced on plot 50, to try to resolve an issue with fungi it was felt that the solicitor should now be told to proceed with the transfer. Following a discussion it was agreed that the lease with Nottinghamshire County Council should be allowed to continue 'held over' as it stands at the current time.

16/28 Pocket Park

As requested at the previous meeting the Clerk had sort advice from Robert Marshall regarding the pond area and the unevenness in Pocket Park. The advice was that the pond area needed someone with a mini-digger to fill in the dip with the excess material by the side to level the area out. The unevenness was more of a problem, it would need heavy rollers to try and flatten it out, such as farmers would use on their grass fields, although the moles would need to be under control first. Cllr Whitakker-Smith to investigate getting someone with a roller in to help. Clerk to look at mini-digger & operator hire.

Cllr Ashall reported that there was a group including herself which were looking at putting on 'Party in Pocket Park' on 27th August. This would include various bands, stalls and activities.

As part of the work needed in the park and the proposed event the size of the gate into park from Tuxford Road was questioned as it is thought to be too small to get a

lorry into the park. Clerk to ask Robert Marshall for a quote to extend the gate to 12ft.

16/29 Payments for Approval

All payments were approved.

Prop: Cllr Ashall Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

16/30 Correspondence and any other business

- Planning Application 16/00687/FUL, Proposed 2 bed bungalow at 11 Chapel Close. Following a discussion the Council decided to object to this proposal due to the facts that:
 - It would be over-intensification of the location.
 - It would produce an unacceptable visual impact on neighbouring properties.
 - It would contradict the precedent already set in the area for 'infilling'.
 - There is no housing need in the village, as the need highlighted in the most recent housing survey has been met with the building of 15 new houses.
 - It will increase the strain on the current infrastructure and amenities, which are already stretched in the village.
 - The proposal is out of character with the area.
- Cllr Ashall proposed trying to set a first responders volunteer unit up in the village. The Council thought this was a good idea but when it had been tried before the lack of volunteers was the problem. Cllr Ashall to look into this and try to find volunteers.
- The Clerk reported that Highways had been contacted regarding the signs into the village. The signs such as the new ones as you enter Boughton had been purchased with a match funding grant. This year's grant application period had now closed.
- The Council agreed the Clerks pay should increase as per the pay scales released by NALC. Any pay increase to be back dated as appropriate.

Standing Orders were suspended for attending members of the public to comment.

There were no members of the public present.

Standing Orders were resumed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:45 pm.