

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2017 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

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

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

17/47 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

These were approved Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

Cllr Ashall arrived 6:33pm.

17/48 Housing Survey Results

Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing, Jill Sanderson of Newark & Sherwood District Council's Strategic Housing team and Lisa Raine of Nottingham Community Housing Association all attended to present and review the recent housing survey. Therefore standing orders were suspended for a discussion to take place.

In summary the recommendation was for 15 affordable houses and 4 open market houses. 9 of the affordable houses were identified by the survey, 3 rented and 6 shared ownership. The other 6 were suggested by the local register, all of which would be rented.

Standing orders were resumed and following a discussion the Parish Council decided more information was required before they could make an informed decision on whether they could support such a scheme. Concerns were raised about public transport, schooling, utilities and general amenities. The Council also wanted more information about a possible site and on any restrictions on those who could apply to live there.

Miles King & Cllr Smith to have a walk around the village and look at possible sites in the next few weeks.

17/49 Planning Application 17/00867/OUT - Erection of 1 No three bedroom bungalow and detached garage at The Willows Brake Road Walesby Nottinghamshire

The applicant was present so Standing Orders were suspended for them to present their background behind the application. Standing orders were resumed.

Following a discussion the Parish Council unanimously decided to object to the application. Reasons behind this decision include, the Council believe the land has an arable restriction on it and the fact that the land in question is in open countryside and not adjacent to any existing properties. Concern was also raised about extra strain being put on services such as drains and that any development in that area would set a precedent for future developments around the village.

17/50 Clerks report on items from the previous meeting

The Clerk reported that the audit was now with Grant Thornton, the auditors. The defibrillator is now installed and on the EMAS list.

Cllr Whittaker-Smith left 7:40pm

17/51 Pocket Park including a report on Party in the Park event.

Cllr Ashall reported that there was no official total for the event yet, but they felt the day went well. The Pocket Park Committee was now going to look at available funding and whether the event should take place next year and what they could improve on.

17/52 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby read the following report "*Willows profits for the year so far are just over £1,100. The Clerk has bought some equipment lately for Willows, but for the benefit of the council overall (water boiler and industrial extension leads).*

We had a disappointing result from the Party in the Park last weekend, our takings were £200 lower than last year at £312 despite the improved weather. We are not sure whether there were few people coming through or just that there was more choice this year. It means that we are holding quite a bit of stock that needs to be sold on – mainly burgers and ribs that were frozen on the day – please let me know if you can take any off our hands. Of the remaining stock, we are re-using this through Willows, the fete, Stay and Play and the discos.

The village fete is planned for 23 July (Sunday afternoon) and now we're beyond the Party planning we'll be able to focus on our preparation work. We have a few stalls confirmed (cakes, cards, artwork), some others we're waiting to confirm (garden plants, gin, bath salts) and entertainment (singer/guitarist, fairground organ). Thaymar are providing an ice cream chiller and stock, we have the BBQ/smoker, a bar, and afternoon teas. We will be running a number of games – some free, some paid with low value prizes – so if anyone is willing to help out we would appreciate some additional hands on the day."

17/53 To discuss maintenance around the village hall

It had been suggested to the Clerk that it would be cost effective to fit thermostatic valves to the radiators, especially those in the corridors. Council agreed, Clerk to talk to Mark Groves (Plumber)

It was decided that there are lots of things which needed to be done around the hall, including painting, inside & outside and the rear of the building needs repointing.

The Clerk reported that the problem was finding tradesmen that would do work at the hall, even a post on the Facebook page didn't come up with anyone.

Cllr Ashall to try and get contact details for a painter that may be able to help. If any of the Council can think of anyone they will contact the Clerk.

17/54 Payments for Approval

Prop: Cllr Slingsby

Sec:Cllr Woodhouse

17/55 Items for information and future meetings

If the flagpole is up before September it was decided that the Merchant Navy flag will be flown for Merchant Navy Day.

Clerk asked to put Housing Survey on the agenda for the meeting in July, so that it can be properly discussed.

17/56 To suspend standing orders for public participation

Standing orders were suspended for public comment.

17/57 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 6th July 2017 6:30pm at Walesby Village

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm.