

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall**

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

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Samuel who was stuck in traffic.

(Apologies were received from Cllr Whittaker-Smith following the meeting.)

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

None received

**17/11 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings**

These were approved Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Slingsby

It was agreed to add an extra agenda item 17/19 Planning application 16/02146/FULM, 24 Holiday Lodges (caravans) at the garden centre site.

**17/12 Clerks report on items from the previous meeting**

Clerk reported the caravans seemed to have been from the field along Boughton Road. Cllr Woodhouse reported that he believed the caravans had been moved to the other end of the field near Brake Road, Clerk to inform N&SDC.

Quotes for replacing the skateramp have been received. To replace 'as in' or with a metal frame would both cost around £20,000. The quote to repair the ramp is at least £5000 depending upon what is found when the upper boards are removed, although this option is not recommended. Robert Marshall would charge £350 to remove and dispose of the ramp. Clerk to look at who built the ramp originally and invite Pocket Park Committee to the next Parish Council meeting.

**17/13 Walesby Housing Survey – To approve the Housing Needs Survey**

The housing survey was approved  
Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Ashall

**17/14 Willows Café**

Cllr Slingsby read the following report.

*“Willows Winter Warmer – we had a very successful day on Saturday, we catered for 52 people including the organisers. The feedback from the diners was very positive, and we’re keen to do something again. The total spend for the event was around £260 (a few more receipts have to be submitted) plus £50 for the music and we took £172 from raffle and donations. That makes the net cost around £140. I bought some tablecloths for the large round tables (John Lewis £6 each) which will be useful for future events. I would like to take the volunteers for a lunch at The Copper Beech again in recognition of their work.*

*We are getting good numbers in the café now, and have had to expand the number of tables we have. Takings are averaging around £80 a week, up on the £69/week we averaged in our first year. I have two dates proposed for the food safety training, which will take place at the hall on a Sunday afternoon in March. We have 10 places, I will extend the training to the volunteers who help out at events but please let me know if you know of anyone who would benefit from a place.*

*We've been thinking about the next event we would like to put on, and have a suggestion for a garden party to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the village hall this year. Although Willows would be more than happy to prepare food, I was hoping that we could extend this to a village event perhaps celebrating some of the history and photos we have and get other groups involved. Any ideas very welcome."*

### **17/15 Payments for Approval**

**Prop: Cllr Wager      Sec:Cllr Woodhouse**

### **17/19 Planning Application 16/02146/FULM, 24 Holiday Lodges (caravans) at the garden centre, Brake Road.**

Following a discussion it was decided that the application be objected to with the following comments.

*'Walesby Parish Council wish to object to planning application 16/02146/FULM, change of use of land to site 24 holiday lodges at Walesby Garden Centre, Brake Road, Walesby, NG22 9NQ.*

*The Parish Council have a number of concerns regarding this application including the over intensification of the site as the lodges seem very close together.*

*There does not appear to be any amenities or recreational area planned for the site, which there would normally be on a holiday lodge site – there is nowhere on the site, or in the village, to buy basic supplies. In fact there seems to be a very limited amount of outside space for families to play and given the limited space between lodges the only space available for children outside is the road through the site. There are no other facilities (laundry, bar/cafe, sports/games room or field) anywhere on the plan which you would expect as a basic requirement for a holiday site or opportunities for visitors to mix and get information about things to do in the locality.*

*The Parish Council would like to point out that some of the information contained in the planning statement are not true. There are no facilities within walking distance from the proposed site other than 2 public houses. The village does not have a shop or a permanent Post Office. There is no existing bus route to Brake Road, therefore the diminishing public transport links can only be accessed by crossing a main road.*

*There does not seem to be any evidence that any jobs would be created for the village as stated in the proposal.*

*The access to the site is limited and the proposed application would only increase the traffic.*

*24 holiday lodges in a village like Walesby would put an increased strain on its infrastructure.*

*We do not see any evidence of market research from the applicant that would indicate that there is a demand for this type of development.*

*Whilst we understand the applicant's need to raise funds for other development, this new application does not appear to have any merit above the previous one which was rejected and is certainly not in keeping with the village or aligned to needs.*

*This area of the village already has issues with drainage. It is a fear that this development would only add to these issues. There could be flooding of surrounding areas. Issues with the drainage involve both sewage and 'hard-area' run-off.*

*In principal there appears to be no difference to planning application 15/01643/FULM to erect 24 park homes on the site which was refused in March 2016 and as such the same concerns are raised.'*

#### **17/16 Items for information and future meetings**

Cllr Ashall reported the Pocket Park Committee had set the date for this years Party in the Park as 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Cllr Smith informed that a resident on Retford Road had voiced concern about piles of rubble left at the fire site at Oakham Farm. Clerk to contact N&SDC to see if there is any information available.

Cllr Smith had been speaking to Ant Ashall and hopefully the defibrillator should be installed in the next few weeks. Steve Grise will also be looking at erecting the flagpole soon.

Clerk asked for any suggestions of content for the next newsletter, Cllr Ashall to send a piece about the Pocket Park Committee and Cllr Slingsby to compose an update on the café and email to Clerk.

#### **17/17 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **17/18 Time and Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 6:30pm at Walesby Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:37 pm.