

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

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

**1. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Ashall.

**2. To receive declarations of interest**

None received

**17/20 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings**

These were approved Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Slingsby

**17/21 Pocket Park**

Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances none of the Pocket Park Committee could attend. Clerk to arrange another meeting date with them.

**17/22 Clerks report on items from the previous meeting**

Clerk reported there was no update on the caravans from N&SDC. Clerk to continue to enquire. Clerk also reported that she had spoken to Environmental Health at N&SDC regarding the piles of rubbish left at the site of the fire. At the present time N&SDC are awaiting answers from the Environment Agency.

**17/23 Willows Café**

Cllr Slingsby read the following report.

*“Takings continue to grow, we took just short of £110 last week. I discussed with the volunteers whether they wanted to look at expanding the opening of the café (the hall is available on Monday mornings) but our consensus was that we think we have a good balance today with the regular Fridays and additional events, and we do not want to take away the enjoyment by over-committing our time. There might be an opportunity if more volunteers wanted to come on board, but it would be difficult to add new people into our current team due to kitchen space.*

*I bought our own mugs a couple of weeks ago from Ikea @ £1.25 each, we found that most customers arrive within a short period so we need a large quantity at all once which becomes too much for the kitchen cupboard. We took the opportunity to go to something slightly less chunky as well which has had very positive feedback. We’ve also bought a toaster which will pay for itself in unburnt teacakes pretty quickly.*

*We are working with the Park Committee to look at what is required for the next Party. We learnt a huge amount from the last party which we’ll use in our planning, for example cakes did not really sell, but we ran out of burgers. One of the biggest challenges we had last year was power for*

*kettles/water boilers, and we could do with some help in this area. The gas BBQ brings various H&S requirements but the food safety side is easier because food is cooked fresh not kept warm.*

*Unfortunately our trainer has had to reschedule the practical training that was planned for Sunday, we're waiting for new dates to be proposed. My preference is to complete this before the Party so that we are completely confident on the requirements for catering in a higher risk environment."*

**17/24 Payments for Approval**

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

**17/25 Items for information and future meetings**

Clerk had been informed by the photocopier maintenance company that the photocopier in the office was now of an age where they could no longer guarantee to fix any problems. A quote of £1100 for a new photocopier had been received. It was decided that as the photocopier was working at the moment a new one was not needed but it would be kept in mind.

Cllr Smith reported that Ant Ashall had installed the cabinet for the defibrillator. Cllr Whittaker-Smith to investigate whether anything other clipping the unit into the cabinet has to be done & report back to Clerk.

Planning Application 17/00381/FUL, two storey rear extension at Monza, New Hill was supported, as the Council could not see any issues with the application.

Clerk was asked to write to the head teacher at Tuxford Academy requesting that their pupils be reminded that they should not leave litter on the street or pushed in to hedges at the bus stops in the village.

Motor quad bikes had been reported in the park. Clerk to investigate 'no unauthorised vehicles' signs.

An item of general maintenance will be added to an agenda following the end of the financial year.

**17/26 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

Standing orders were suspended for public comment.

**17/27 Time and Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 6:30pm at Walesby Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 7:35 pm.