

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Woodhouse Cllr Wager Cllr Slingsby

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Woodhouse due to family bereavement and Cllr Whittaker-Smith due to childrens illness.

### 2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

### 19/22 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

**Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Wager**

### 19/23 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

The Clerk reported that she had been told that Jason Gardener would be doing his first grass cut on Saturday 6/4.

The Clerk confirmed that 5 completed nomination papers had been handed into Newark & Sherwood District Council on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### 19/24 Housing Survey / Affordable Housing

The proposal Emma Simkin made for the Parish Council to send a letter to the landowner to try and persuade him to sell the land to enable phase two of the affordable housing to go ahead was discussed. It was unanimously decided that it was not Parish Council's remit to get involved in these situations and infact it was felt that it would be very unprofessional for them to do so and for anyone to circumnavigate the land agent in this circumstance. Clerk to inform Emma Simkins of the Councils views.

### 19/25 Gas Contract Renewal for Village Hall

The options received from the broker were discussed. It was decided to go for a 2 year contract with British Gas. Clerk to action.

### 19/26 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby gave the following report *'We've been having more visits from the Playgroup recently, which has been a nice mix of generations. Some of the children have played dominos with the customers, they also sang to the café last week and handed out some gifts that they had made. We also had the parents last week, which boosted the takings and also meant we were able to show what Willows does to a new group of people.*

*I took the volunteers out for lunch during March, using the money donated to us from the Winter Warmer and also some money donated last year.*

*We had a low turnout for Mama Mia, I'm not sure if this is down to a lack of publicity, the wrong film choice or perhaps people were put off after Peter Rabbit when we had a lot of noise disruption from some younger visitors. We are showing Jumanji – Welcome To The Jungle of 18 May and we'll have to see what participation we get then before deciding our next steps.*

*We are doing Willows Easter Eggstra on Good Friday. The café will operate as usual 9 till 12, and we will offer a light lunch between 12 and 2. From 11:30 we'll be running a free Easter Egg Trail around the area, with a present for the*

children taking part. We'll also do the usual Easter egg raffle and probably a colouring/egg decorating/dressing up prize as well.

On Saturday 13 July we will be arranging another Summer Party. I haven't confirmed yet what this will include by way of entertainment so all suggestions welcome.

Willows are very interested in taking an active role in the park development, perhaps sponsoring an area of the park. I am also investigating a recycling option (for items that do not go into the silver bin) that could be used to raise money for this, but there will be more details to follow. I managed to source 10kg of discounted grass seed from my employer which Willows donated to the park group for the pond area.'

**19/27 Payments for approval**

**Prop: Cllr Samuel    Sec: Cllr Wager**

**19/28 To receive items for information and future meetings**

- Walesby Forest Licence Application renewal had been received. Parish Council had no objections to the application.
- It was decided to increase the hall hire charge for regular groups by 50p per hour.
- A letter had been received from Fly the Ensign asking for the Parish Council to consider donating to them. It was decided this was not possible/appropriate at this present time.
- Cllr Samuel to arrange internal auditor as in the previous year.
- Clerk to attend the launch of a new Village Hall grant at Oxtou Village hall.
- Parish Council approved the updated NALC pay scales.

**19/29 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

**19/30 Time and date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the village hall.  
(Due to elections being held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May)

AGM will be Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 6:15pm at the village hall

**Meeting closed at 7:14pm**