

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 5th April 2018 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:32pm

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

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from the Clerk

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

18/28 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 08/03/2018 were approved:

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith

18/29 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

The ladies toilet has now been replaced

18/30 Housing survey

The Council reviewed the emails that had been received from Jill Sanderson and Miles King since the last meeting. It was agreed that we would propose a development comprising 8 shared ownership/affordable rent houses as identified by the survey (1 x 1 bed bungalow, 3 x 2 bed bungalows, 4 x 2 bed houses) and 5 open market/discounted houses with 3 good sized bedrooms. This provides the 60/40 split that was discussed at the last meeting. We would also like to confirm that the development does not further encroach into the open countryside, but infills the land between Haughton Way and New Hill down to the school. Concerns were expressed that this is the third development of affordable housing and although supportive, the Council believe that the total of 43 additional houses is sufficient for a village of this size. The proposal was supported unanimously by vote.

18/31 Waste Management

Dog bin emptying. The Council supported the renewal of the contract.

Prop: Cllr Ashall Sec: Cllr Samuel

Rubbish collection at the hall. The Council agreed that we should upgrade the rubbish in capacity to 660L and to review again in 1 year whether this was meeting the needs of the hall.

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Wager

Skip for hall clear out. This request was supported.

Prop: Cllr Ashall

Sec: Cllr Woodhouse

18/32 Poppies for lampposts

We currently have funding for 50 poppies, and counts around the village show 42 lampposts plus the additional required for the village signs. It was agreed that The Clerk should place the order for these.

18/33 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby reported that takings are still holding up well, on Good Friday the takings were £160 including the Easter Egg Raffle.

The afternoon tea event will be on Sunday 20 May, free tickets will be made available for 50 people. Jeremy Mayes has been approached to play background music during the afternoon. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Party in the Park fundraising. Any donations for raffle prizes would be very much appreciated.

Cllr Slingsby suggested a plan to plant additional flowers around the village. Bulb planting could be carried out on the verges for next spring, plus planting some summer bedding under each village sign. The Clerk has been requested to investigate if there would be any concerns from Highways or the grass cutting contractor and also to confirm how much it would be and restrictions for replacing the village signs.

18/34 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Wager

18/35 To receive items for information and future meetings

The Clerk asked if any Councillors have suggestions for a new internal auditor that will be required to review the accounts this year. Cllr Samuel advised that they have a volunteering scheme in his company so he would enquire if anyone would like to assist. If unsuccessful, Cllr Whittaker-Smith may have an alternative.

It was noted that the future salaries cost will increase from next month due to the Living Wage and pension increases.

18/36 To suspend standing orders for public participation

Standing orders were suspended for public comment

18/37 Time and date of next meeting

AGM will be held at 6:15pm on Thursday 3 May 2018 at the village hall, followed by the monthly meeting at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm