

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

Meeting opened 6:30pm

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

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wager who was at work.

Cllr Ashall gave apologies for the meeting and had also sent her resignation to the Chairman.

The Chairman and the rest of the Council wish to formally express their thanks for all that Cllr Ashall has done both with her work on the Parish Council and also with the Pocket Park Committee.

### 2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

### 18/93 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 01/11/2018 were approved:

**Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith**

### 18/94 Walesby Forest

Mr Guy Laurie (the new CEO of Walesby Forest) attended, to introduce himself and also to discuss the relationship between the village and Walesby Forest. It was highlighted that there had been bad feeling particularly via social media comments mainly regarding fireworks towards Walesby Forest. Mr. Laurie confirmed that this in year there had only been a total of 6 events involving fireworks held on their site, one of which was the bonfire night display which was well attended by locals. Going forward Mr Laurie wants to be more open to the local public, although this has to be within the bounds of safeguarding when they have groups on site. Walesby Forest are planning to open their doors to the local community over Easter to show the local community what they do and what is available on site.

It was agreed that the Clerk and the Chairman would be added to Walesby Forest's email alerts so that when fireworks were planned they would be notified and could add it to the Parish Council's social media and website, to hopefully notify as many interested people as possible.

Mr Laurie would like to work with the Parish Council to try and get rid of the 'us and them' mentality. Parish Council agreed that this would be good for everyone and it was decided that Parish Council and Walesby Forest would liaise regularly and Mr Laurie would be welcome to add content to village newsletter as required for explanation or advertising.

### 18/95 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

The new dog bin on Retford Road opposite The Carpenters Arms had been moved at local residents request.

Clerk and Chairman had met with Tree Surgeon and Mr Holloway in Pocket Park as agreed at the previous meeting to discuss the best course of action with the trees that are overhanging Mr Holloway's garden. As some of the trees were overgrown with ivy, it was agreed that these trees would have the ivy severed and assessed for condition by the tree surgeon once the ivy had died back. There was a cherry tree with its standing at an angle over a pathway in Pocket Park, the advice from the tree surgeon was to fell this tree as it may not survive pruning back and if it did it could make it very unstable due to its current angle. It was agreed to fell this tree.

There is a gap in the line of trees along the edge of Pocket Park on the Tuxford Road side where trees have previously failed. If trees were felled in the park it was agreed that planting 3 trees in this gap would be looked into. Mr Holloway offered to part fund the replacement trees. The tree surgeon is to look at suitable trees for the gap and provide a quote for the work and for the replacements.

#### **18/96 Photocopier/Printing**

Clerk informed the Council that the photocopier had finally died. An amount of the latest newsletters and the carol sheets for the Christmas event had to be taken elsewhere to get copied. Clerk to get a quote of a new photocopier and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **18/97 Village Plan**

Clerk reported that they were still waiting for information from Farnsfield and Thurgarton, part the issue of gaining information regarding their village plans is both villages have had a change of Clerk since doing their plans.

#### **18/98 Willows Café**

Cllr Slingsby gave a brief update on the Willows. Their 3<sup>rd</sup> year is now complete and their average takings now stand at approx. £114/week. Cllr Slingsby reported she intended to purchase Christmas gifts for the Willows volunteers.

The Carols in the Hall event had taken place the previous evening and had once again had been well received. Willows had served turkey rolls, mince pies, teas, coffees and mulled wine. A raffle and tombola had taken £165.00

Willows were once again planning on giving vouchers for Willows to regulars as a Christmas gift. The next film would be Elf, at the earlier time of 4pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr Samuel lead thanks to Cllr Slingsby for the success of Willows.

Cllr Slingsby also reported that she had completed a form to apply for grants from Everards for planters and new village signs.

#### **18/99 Payments for approval**

**Prop: Cllr Samuel    Sec: Cllr Woodhouse**

#### **18/100 To receive items for information and future meetings**

An anonymous letter had been received regarding various points about the village. One of the main questions was about the vehicles which were being sold along Retford Road. The Clerk informed the Parish Council that they had previously contacted Highways and the local PCSO regarding this matter but nothing had been done, by either. As the Parish Council does not have any authority over this area, as it is believed it is Highways Land, the Clerk was asked to contact Highways again.

#### **18/101 To suspend standing orders for public participation**

Standing orders were suspended for public comment

District Councillor Staples reported that it looked like Ollerton would be getting a new swimming pool.

Kickboxing asked if they could keep a tractor tyre for training around the back of the village hall behind the gate. It was agreed by Parish Council.

#### **18/102 Time and date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2019 at the village hall.

**Meeting closed at 7:56pm**