

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

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

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Samuel due to family illness.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

19/11 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 05/12/2018 were approved:

Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Woodhouse

19/12 Housing Survey / Affordable Housing

Emma Simkins, Rural Partnership Officer attended the meeting to introduce herself and provide an update on the proposed development of Haughton Way. The Landowner has decided they would not like to sell the land at the present time and Ms. Simkins wondered if the Parish Council would like to write to the land owner regarding this matter. A plan was also shown to the Council of a draft proposed layout should the scheme go ahead. This is to be discussed by The Parish Council at the next meeting before any decision is made.

19/13 Pocket Park

Mrs Steph Blacknell and Mrs Sara Ashall attended the meeting, representing The Pocket Park Committee, to show the Parish Council some plans which had been drawn up by students at the Brackenhurst Campus of Nottingham Trent University, to help provide some visual ideas of what could be done at the Park. Parish Council were impressed with some of the ideas. Applying for grants towards the cost of any work was discussed. It was agreed that later in the year the Parish Clerk and Council would help with the application. It was also discussed that around 10kg of grass seed would help to finish off the old pond area. Cllr Slingsby would look into sourcing some seed. The Party in The Park event will be held on Saturday 25th May this year.

19/14 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

The Clerk reported that the two trees in the park had now been felled, the hedge around the allotments lowered and the canopies of the trees in the cemetery had been lifted. The Precept request had been sent to N&SDC.

19/15 Ground Maintenance

Following perusal of the received tender it was unanimously decided to award the ground maintenance contract for 12 months to Jason Gardiner.

Clerk to inform Jason Gardiner of the decision and also to contact N&SDC regarding quarterly inspections of the equipment in Pocket Park.

19/16 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby gave the following report *'We held our second Winter Warmer lunch on Saturday 2 February, with 40 people on the first sitting and a further 12 (helpers from the day) on the second sitting. Although still hard work, it was less stressful the second time around and we were really pleased to have no dropouts or no-shows on the day. The food and drink cost just short of £250 (so*

less than £5 per head) for a three course lunch with bucks fizz. There was a collection amongst the guests, and they donated £145 which will be used to take the Willows team out for lunch next weekend. We also raised £82 on the raffle.

Takings are stabilising around the £110/week level. We have started having the playgroup coming in approx. once per month which is being appreciated by the children and also our regulars.

This Saturday we have Willows @ The Movies and we're showing Mama Mia Here We Go Again. And next Friday is Red Nose Day, I have a supporters pack and we will be doing a fundraising raffle and will donate profits to Comic Relief. We don't have many future events arranged yet, other than the second Jumanji film which we're proposed for Saturday 14 May.

We've got a new volunteer on the team which will take some of the pressure off when we have people out on holiday, or if they just want a break without impacting the other volunteers. I will be doing some food hygiene training tomorrow and we will need to order additional aprons and I'm also looking at polo shirts.'

19/17 Bassetlaw Local Consultation Plan

Cllr Smith and Cllr Slingsby gave an overview of the plan as they attended a meeting held at Gamston School. The consultation plan involves eventually building 2500 houses and a business park on the airfield at Gamston with a green corridor linking it to a new development at Bevercotes.

The Parish Council expressed concerns including increase in traffic, pressure on already stretched local facilities, especially with the 305 houses being built at Ollerton, 800 at Edwinstowe and other infill around the area.

It is felt that local facilities and amenities are already stretched, with increased pressures on the roads including the bridge over the A1. It was also noted that it felt abit like Walesby would be 'hemmed' in with new building all around.

Cllr Smith is to put the Parish Councils comments to Bassetlaw Council Consultation.

19/18 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Slingsby

19/19 To receive items for information and future meetings

- Trade Waste contract is now due to be paid £603.14, this is an increase of £3.18.
- Dog Bin emptying contract is now due to be paid, £1541.27, this is an increase of £40.56.
- A letter had been received from Age UK asking for the Parish Council to consider donating to them. It was decided this was not possible/appropriate at this present time.
- The gas contract for the Village Hall will be added to the agenda of the next meeting.
- All Parish Councillors had been emailed the nomination papers for the forthcoming election. All Councillors wishing to stand for election must have the formed filled in and returned to Newark by hand before 4pm Wednesday 3rd April 2019.

19/20 To suspend standing orders for public participation

19/21 Time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Thursday 4th April 2019 at the village hall.

Meeting closed at 8:21pm