

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

Present: Cllr Smith Cllr Wager Cllr Slingsby Cllr Woodhouse

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Samuel was travelling back on a train and would be late. Cllr Whittaker-Smith was unable to attend due to work commitments. These apologies were unanimously accepted.

No other apologies were received.

Cllr Wager offered his belated apologies for the previous meeting, which were unanimously accepted.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

17/66 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

These were approved Prop: Cllr Slingsby Sec: Cllr Woodhouse

17/67 Memorial plaque for the defibrillator at The Carpenters Arms

Jane Froggatt was present for this item so standard orders were suspended to hear her explain about the defibrillator that had been paid for by money raised in the memory of her late husband. The Froggatt family will continue to fund raise for the ongoing upkeep of the defibrillator which has been positioned on the outside wall of The Carpenters Arms. The family wish to put a small plaque next to the defibrillator but wanted the Parish Councillors opinion on the wording. Following a discussion the Parish Council were unanimous in their suggestion that the plaque should read "has been donated by".

Standing orders were resumed.

Cllr Samuel arrived at 6:45 pm

17/68 Clerks report on items from the previous meeting

Mark Groves has now fitted 'Danfoss' thermostatic radiator valves to the radiators in the corridors at the village hall.

The newsletter has not yet been produced, articles to be sent to clerk ASAP for inclusion.

17/69 Housing Survey Results

Following a discussion the Parish Council decided unanimously that they could not support the proposal being put to them following the housing survey as they do not believe the type or number of housing that is being proposed is right for the village. They feel that there is too much emphasis on bungalows, when there are already numerous bungalows in the village. There were also concerns raised about future development of this kind in the village.

It was decided that an open meeting should be held to find out what the villagers thought. Light refreshments would be offered and it could be an event where the Party in the Park group could be invited as well as Cllr Staples and the local PCSO to hear any other concerns/thoughts villagers have.

Councillors to contact Clerk with their available dates so a meeting can be arranged.

17/70 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby read the following report "Takings are still holding up well, we had a couple of quieter weeks at the start of the summer holidays but the trend is now upwards again with the average weekly sales over £100. With the money banked today, we have contributed £1800 (up from £1770 in total last year).

We had a good result from the summer party despite the weather. There was a heavy downpour during the afternoon which meant we probably didn't get a second wave of visitors that we would have hoped for. The games went down very well, a number of the stall holders (including our butcher) had a successful day and are happy to come again. The aim was to break even, and I can report we made a profit of £1.34! So for a first attempt, we gained a lot of experience and managed to keep it cost neutral. We would like to do this again next year, but need to confirm with the Party in the Park group as we'd like to go for May as although the village school had not finished for the holidays, we know many people were already away.

I am still planning to take the volunteers out for lunch but we are struggling to find a date that works for everyone.

We have had an offer from a professional first aid trainer, this follows on from the enquiries we were making about having some defib familiarisation. He would be available to do certified first aid training for £20/person for up to 20 people at a time. If the council thinks this is a good idea, I would propose that we offer the training to the village for £10/person and Willows could subsidise the rest. Deposits would be non-refundable, and would guarantee that we don't have people dropping out at short notice.

We are still investigating other options for events, regulars would like us to do another afternoon tea but I want to make sure I don't ask too much from the volunteers."

The newsletter is to be used to see if there would be any interest in first aid training.

17/71 Walesby Woods Forest Plan – To discuss and make any comments on the Forestry Commission's 10 year review

Cllr Smith gave a brief overview of the plans, which included some felling of mature trees and replacement with deciduous varieties. The Parish Council agreed it was a plan based on sustainability and they had no comments to add.

17/72 Payments for Approval

Prop: Cllr Slingsby

Sec:Cllr Samuel

17/73 Items for information and future meetings

Clerk reported that there is a dispute over payment from the kickboxing group for 8th June, when the election was held. The group used the grass area next to the village hall despite being told that the hall AND its grounds were unavailable. Kickboxing maintain that they have always used the grass area at no cost when the hall hasn't been available. No one on the Parish Council was aware of this arrangement. It was although pointed out that hall and grounds obviously meant the whole site, but if

kickboxing had used the grass area then they were liable for the cost of hire, therefore the invoice would stand.

A letter from Robert Jenrick MP had been received highlighting the possible closure of the custody suite at Newark Police Station. The letter requested that a letter of support be sent. Cllr Smith to write a letter on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was decided to continue with AllPests for pest control at the village hall and in Pocket Park.

It was requested that the clerk contact Highways with regards to the cleanliness of the roads around the village.

Cllr Smith informed the Council that he had been to a Safer Communities Meeting at Ollerton, the next Safer Communities Meeting would be held on 19th October in the village hall.

17/74 To suspend standing orders for public participation

Standing orders were suspended for public comment.

17/75 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 5th October 2017 6:30pm at Walesby Village