

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 8th March 2018 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

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

It was unanimously agreed to move item 18/21 to item 18/19 to allow those members of the public that were present to discuss this item before moving on to items which may require more prolonged discussions.

1. To receive apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. To receive declarations of interest

None received

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 01/02/2018 were approved:

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse Sec: Cllr Slingsby

18/19 Planning Application 17/02079/LDC: Certificate of Lawfulness to continue the existing use of land to store machinery

Standing orders were suspended for members of the public to comment on this item. Standing orders were resumed. Following a discussion the Parish Council unanimously decided to support this application as the applicant had been using the land in this way for 20 years.

18/12 Housing Survey: Jill Sanderson to attend to discuss

It is proposed by the summary of the housing survey that another 15 properties are required, following a 'walk about' with N&SDC Planning department it was thought the only reasonable place would be an extension of Haughton Way.

The suggested requirement from the report is:

- "1 x 1 bed bungalow – shared ownership
- 2 x 2 bed bungalows – shared ownership
- 2 x 2 bed houses – shared ownership
- 1 x 3 bed house – shared ownership
- 1 x 2 bed bungalow – affordable rent
- 2 x 2 bed houses – affordable rent

4 were assessed as being in need of alternative open market housing (for local people).

- 1 x 2 bed house
- 1 x 4 bed house
- 2 x 3 bed bungalows

In addition to the above figures, data obtained from Newark & Sherwood's Housing Register indicates that a further 6 properties for affordable rent should be developed:

- 3 x 2 bed bungalows
- 2 x 2 bed houses
- 1 x 3 bed house"

The Parish Council do not agree that this is the type of housing which is required by the village, with the comments they are receiving from villagers. The village contains a lot of 2 bed bungalows and it is 'the next step' which is felt to be lacking in Walesby. The Council would like to see some sort of market value housing to be built. It was felt that what is needed is 3/4 bed semi/detached houses which would then provide properties for people to 'move on to' which in turn would make smaller, more affordable properties to come onto the market.

Cllr Ashall arrived 7:00 pm.

The Council discussed various options for example 3 properties for rent and 7 shared ownership or possibly discounted market value (where an amount is held in perpetuity) but there should definitely be some 3/4 bed houses included.

Jill Sanderson to discuss the Parish Council's views with Lisa Raine (Nottingham Community Housing Association) and Mark Lamb and report the conclusion to Parish Council.

18/21 Clerks report on items from the previous meeting

Clerk reported that the donation had been sent to the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Clerk reported that meetings were being held with Highways again regarding the issue of parking around the primary school especially with the lack of School Crossing Patrol. Clerk will keep Council informed of any outcome.

18/22 Poppies for Lampposts

Cllr Slingsby informed the Council that Willows would be donating £50 towards the cost of the poppies that are part of The Royal British Legion commemorations for the centenary of the end of the First World War. They had also undertaken a count of the lampposts in the village to work out how many poppies would be needed to have a poppy on every lamppost. It had been suggested that a laminated sheet with the names of those from the war memorial from the church could be put with some of the poppies to form a trail around the village. The school were to be contacted to see if they wanted to use it as part of a history project. During the meeting a member of the public kindly offered a £100 donation towards the cost of the poppies. Cllr Slingsby to check how many poppies were needed and action would be taken from there.

18/23 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby read the following report:

"Sadly we took the decision to cancel the café on Friday 2 March due to the weather. We didn't want to risk people slipping over on the paths or car park and also it meant we didn't have to fetch supplies. We had a bumper week prior to that, taking £143. We have just revised the menu and are now offering a full English, and we're getting a lot more requests for different items. We are also finding that we're seeing more families coming along and we're going to be doing an Easter Egg raffle and events for Good Friday. In addition to the café, we seem to be branching out more into the social events for the village, which I'm calling Willows is Bursting Out All Over 😊"

Poppies on lampposts

We have agreed that Willows will donate around £50 to buy giant poppies for lampposts. I would like to associate the poppies with "real people" so am proposing the following:

- *The war memorial in Walesby church names 12 people who died in the first and second world wars*
- *I would like to attach a laminated sheet with each poppy that says something about the person who is being remembered*
- *Various people would also like to buy poppies in the name of their relatives*
- *We could then do a trail, or an event at the hall to link in with it. I'm not sure if the school would be interested in linking a history project to this*
- *I've spoken to Zoe (the Vicar) and she knows that we are planning some commemoration so will ensure that there is a service at Walesby on Remembrance Day (she is planning an outdoor service in Ollerton)*
- *We could then make a donation in the name of the village to the Royal British Legion*
- *Just out of interest, there is an initiative called "Everyone Remembered" being run which aims to ensure that everyone who died in WW1 is remembered by an online message. Check out www.everyoneremembered.org to get more details.*

Film Club

We have investigated the licensing and now have confirmation on the following:

- *No premises license is required as long as the event is not run as a profit making venture (no tickets are sold)*
- *A license is required per film which costs approximately £90*
- *Media (ie DVD) will need to be bought (unless somebody already has a copy)*

David Staples gave us contact in Lowdham who run an active film group in the village.

NSDC gifted them the necessary equipment last year, and they are willing to rent it out to us and we are arranging to borrow to test out.

Our intention is to have an "interval" where we can sell drinks and snacks which will contribute towards the cost of the event, but this is essentially an opportunity to put back into the community.

We canvassed opinion in the café a couple of weeks ago and got a generally good reception. We had requests for a mixture of different genres – some classics, musicals, family films, recent releases. We'd like to start this up and see how things go.

Summer Party

We're planning to hold the Summer Party again this year at the village hall on Saturday 21 July. We want to build on what we did last year, with plenty of free games and entertainment and more stalls. Last year, the football game, splat the rat and coconut shy went down well and we'd like to expand that and by making some others and maybe purchase one or two games. All suggestions are welcome. We had a suggestion of somebody who teaches circus tricks to come along, plus the face painting always goes down well.

Afternoon Tea

As we discussed previously, we're going to hold an afternoon tea for the Royal Wedding, but we're still confirming dates at the moment as there's some concern that people would not actually want to be away from the TV during the coverage.

Party In The Park

We have decided that this year we will not run a stall at the party. It's hard work for the volunteers to set up/take down during the short period of time plus there's quite a financial risk with all of the fresh food supplies we have to buy. We think we could still contribute a good sum of money to the fundraising through promoting an event on the Friday before and donating all money raised to the team. This would then allow the committee to engage whichever commercial vendors would suit the event"

18/24 Payments for Approval

Prop: Cllr Woodhouse

Sec:Cllr Samuel

18/25 Items for information and future meetings

- Chubb have carried out fire alarm and extinguisher servicing; a fire blanket needed replacing and an extinguisher needed a new wall fitting. One of the alarm call points also needs replacing as at the moment it is not possible to test it. This will be at a cost of £112.58. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead. Clerk to action.
- One of the ladies toilets is broken at the village hall. It was unanimously agreed Mark Groves should be contacted to fix it. Clerk to action.
- Angela had requested a skip during the Easter holidays to allow a 'good clear out' to take place of the toddlers cupboard and also general items from around the hall. It was thought the cost would be around £200-£250. Clerk asked to get a quote and also contact N&SDC about the cost of increasing the size of the waste bin and report back to the next meeting.

18/26 To suspend standing orders for public participation

Standing orders were suspended for public comment.

18/27 Time and Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 5th April 2018 6:30pm at Walesby Village

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm