

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 6:30pm in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:35pm

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

Cllr Smith, the Chairman, welcomed the Councillors to their new term of office and asked that a letter of thanks for his many years of service be sent to Mr Woodhouse who had decided not to stand for another term.

1. **To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies were received as all Cllrs were present.

2. **To receive declarations of interest**

None received

19/31 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meetings

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved:

Prop: Cllr Samuel Sec: Cllr Slingsby

19/32 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- The Clerk reported that the quarterly park inspections would now be conducted through N&SDC at a cost of £40+VAT per visit, as they were no longer included in the ground maintenance contract.
- All hall users had now been informed for the 50p per hour rise in the hire charge for the hall which will take effect on 1st June 2019.
- Clerk had attended the launch of the new 'Village Hall Grant' which she had been invited to, only to find on arrival that the grant is not open to Parish Councils.
- A reply had been received from Emma Simkin requesting another walkabout with the Parish Council to look at possible alternative sites to extending Haughton Way. Following a quick discussion the Council concluded that as when walkabouts had taken place they had only identified extending Haughton Way as a possible, appropriate and feasible site, it was thought that another one would be futile as nothing in the village had changed. Clerk to respond to Emma Simkins.

19/33 Casual Vacancy

-To discuss vacancies on the Parish Council and possible co-option timeframe

It was decided that the two unfilled positions on the Parish Council be advertised with a view to co-option at the next meeting. The deadline for applications will be set at 5pm Wednesday 29th May. Adverts will be placed in the noticeboard, on the website and on the Facebook page.

19/34 Willows Café

Cllr Slingsby gave the following report *'We had a successful Easter Eggstra event on Good Friday. We had a good turnout of our usual customers plus young families for the Easter Egg Trail. We took £231 at the café and an additional £56 on the raffle. The day cost us around £100 to put on (trail prizes, raffle, crafts and colouring, decorations for the hall). Takings are still running at a good level and our new volunteer is settling in well.*

Our next event is Jumanji – Welcome To The Jungle on Saturday 18 May at 6pm. We are not trailing a follow up film this time, we will see what support we get as we have done a large amount of publicity this time. I still have a large amount of organising to do for the Summer Party (13 July), Andrea was contacted by NSDC Community Arts team who can provide resources and funding for community events and they are keen to help and plan to visit me at the café to discuss. We have the bar and Air Ambulance confirmed, BBQ tentative and have requested a booking from the face

painter. We are also fundraising with a Treasure Map for the Party in the Park (Neil has donated a meal for two with a bottle of wine as the prize) and will be donating profits from the Friday before.

There has been no follow up from the Everards community project, we were expecting a reply by the end of March so I'm assuming we have not been successful.

I have registered with Terracycle for their recycling scheme, with the Parish Council named as the recipient for any cash raised. At the moment, I may keep this low key as we have joined the crisp packet recycling but are on the waiting list for bread bags, pet food pouches and cake bar wrappers. I can still recycle these other items until we join but we will not get money for them. Ready for our next newsletter, I will confirm how we will manage collection and delivery of the recycling because we do not want this to become a problem, but if you want to start collecting I am happy to add that to my own recycling.

I would still like to investigate setting up a repair club – I now have a volunteer for general DIY requests – but this may be a project that we start up in the future.'

19/35 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Wager Sec: Cllr Samuel

19/36 To receive items for information and future meetings

- Planning Application 19/00749/FUL erection of new retaining wall at 1 The Brambles. The Parish Council objected to this application due to the overall height of the structure, especially as there are conflicting overall dimensions contained in the application. They also expressed concerns of the imposing nature of the structure and its proximity to the conservation centre of the village.
- The Pocket Park Committee has requested that the Parish Council pay for some weed spraying in the Park. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay the £30 invoice.
- Cllr Slingsby had received a request from Mrs Ashall, from The Pocket Park Committee for some litter pickers to enable her to raise some volunteers to litter pick around the village. It was decided the Clerk would source 5 pickers.

19/37 To suspend standing orders for public participation

19/38 Time and date of next meeting

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

Meeting closed at 7:40pm