

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2022 held in Walesby Village Hall

Meeting opened 6:30pm

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

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and unanimously accepted from Cllr Slingsby.

2. **To receive declarations of interest**

22/43 Cllr Tapper stated he was a committee member for Willows Community Hub

22/38 To confirm the minutes of previous Parish Council Meeting

Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Wager decision was unanimous

22/39 Clerk's report on items from the previous meeting

- Clerk had not yet heard of any decision on the planning application for Haughton Way.
- Ground contractor has cleared allotment plots 11 & 12 and the rubbish from the allotments and the park.
- Insurance has been renewed.
- Allotment holders have been written to inform them that an inspection will take place after 27th June.

22/46 To suspend standing orders for public participation

This item was moved in the agenda to allow the member of the public present to raise their point for discussion.

A resident wanted to discuss the positioning of the dog bin on Kennedy Court. The Councillors reiterated their belief that the position of the dog bin was fine

22/40 Planning: To discuss any received planning applications

22/00891/FUL To demolish existing garages and erect new 4 bed property on land off Manor Close

The Councillors listened to the opinions of the local residents on this application. Following a discussion it was unanimously decided to object to this application and to send the following comments:

The proposed plans are not for a true 4 bedroom property, the property would not be workable for a family let alone six people as stated in the application, 6 people sharing one downstairs wet room for example.

The application is incorrect under the Vehicle Parking section

Vehicle Parking

Does the site have any existing vehicle/cycle parking spaces or will the proposed development add/remove any parking spaces?

☐ Yes

☒ No

This is factually incorrect as the area is currently used for parking; residents pay Newark & Sherwood District Council for the spaces and use of the garages. It will therefore lead to a loss of parking for these residents.

It is a concern that the proposed property will be out of keeping with the area especially due to the proximity of the site to the conservation area of the village.

This area of the village is known to have bats living in it therefore any loss of potential habitat and shelter, (by the removal of trees,) for these protected species is of concern.

The Parish Council believe this has probably been proposed as a token to try and offset the objections to the lack of 3/4 bedroom properties included in the proposed extension of Haughton Way. However this proposal will not solve any housing issues for Walesby and in fact will adversely affect the residents of Manor Close, by not only increasing the issues with the amount of parking, it could potentially reduce clear access to existing properties not only directly from the proposal itself but also from the knock-on parking issues it may cause. It would be more beneficial to the residents of Manor Close to improve the area for parking rather than building a residential property which will only add to the parking issues.

22/41 To approve the annual governance statement 2021/22

Prop: Cllr Wager Sec: Cllr Tapper decision was unanimous

22/42 To approve the Accounting statements 2021/22

Prop: Cllr Tapper Sec: Cllr Whittaker-Smith decision was unanimous

22/43 To receive an update on the Willows Community Hub

- Willows have held their AGM.
- They are in a strong financial position and in fact had a record day last week taking over £250.
- May like to look at making a donation to Parish Council for a 'project'
- They would also like to see the carols in the hall Christmas event reinstated, they would like Parish Council to arrange this although Willows would supply the catering

22/44 Payments for approval

Prop: Cllr Whittaker-Smith Sec: Cllr Tapper decision was unanimous

22/45 To receive items for information and future meetings

There is an issue with the corner of the floor in the meeting room. Clerk to try to get someone to look at it

22/46 Time and date of next meeting

7th July 2022 at 6:30pm in Village Hall

Meeting closed at 7:40pm