

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present Cllrs. B Landale (Chairman), L Acton, B Beckham, S Landale, T Marston, Mrs E Meath Baker, N Morter, D Simmons, J Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman)

and: District Councillor T Fitzpatrick, County Councillor Dr M Strong, PC J Pegden (SNT Wells)

Meeting of the Parish Council on
Wednesday 13 January 2016 at 7.15 for 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall

MINUTES

Welcome and Happy New Year

- 1) **Apologies** from G Brooks, Mrs E Carter were accepted,
- 2) **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below
- 3) **Items of urgent business**
 - a) Street lighting maintenance contract renewal
- 4) **Police matters**
 - a) Crime Report: 7 calls and one burglary.
Any other police business: do be vigilant and call the police with registration numbers etc if suspicious vehicles, people or activity is noticed: car break-ins and fly-tipping are particular problems at present.
- 5) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 2 December were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6) **Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**
- 7) **Report from the County Councillor**
 - o Transport: Age Concern has introduced a new bus route for Walsingham, Binham, Hindringham and Thursford. Telephone 07990026839 for more information.
 - o North Norfolk's first Dementia Information Day which, with the support of Age UK, will be held on Tuesday 12 April 10.30-3.00 - jointly hosted at Heritage House and Wells Community Hospital. 2016 also sees North Norfolk's first Memory Walk which will be held in the grounds of Holkham Hall on Sunday, September 18th. For more information go to www.dementiafriendlynorfolk.com
 - o Fast Broadband now available to almost all properties in Little and Great Walsingham. A few properties on Hindringham Road will have to wait until the cabinet is updated.
Vote of thanks to Marie Strong for her hard work in following this through.
- 8) **Report from the District Councillor**
 - o The Cabinet has released the ear-marked £1 million for the second phase of bringing fast broadband taking the coverage from 85% to 92%.
 - o Balanced budget for the next two years will mean that there will probably be no increase in the District Council's portion of council tax.
 - o Dept for Work and Pensions is now operating out of District Council Offices at Cromer and Fakenham which has improved services and provides an income stream for the District Council.
 - o Shared services (but remain independent): interim arrangements with Great Yarmouth.
 - o Enterprise Zone at Egmere with investment for infrastructure including ultra fast broadband speeds for businesses in the Zone.
- 9) **Highways**
 - a) **Items to report**
 - i) Potholes on Knight Street and Thursford Road (near pill box).
- 10) **Finances**
 - a) Thanks received from St Peter's, Heritage House, CAB for donations.
 - b) Presentation and **confirmation of Statement**

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c) The following **payments were approved:**

Joanna Otte	expenses carry forward		
Indigo Waste Services Ltd	collection of glass from bottle bank	101200	18.00
Walsingham Estate Management	repairs to gutter on Village Hall	101201	24.00
K&M Lighting	remove and re-install lantern on Knights Str	101202	180.00
Kettlestone Parish Council	Rights of Way and Byways Course	101203	10.00
	<i>total</i>		232.00

11) Planning

a) Applications since last meeting

- i) Use of building as dwelling (retrospective application) **St Hilary's**, Cleaves Drive. No objection.
- ii) Erection of detached annexe at **Long View**, Westgate PF/15/1817: Walsingham Parish Council objects to this application because the flat roof for the annexe is out of keeping with the other buildings in the vicinity. The Parish Council would prefer to see an annexe with a pitch roof to match the bungalow and the neighbouring properties.

b) Decisions from NNDC

- i) Land adjacent to the **Abbey**, Sunk Road ref: PF/15/1334 & LA/15/1335: extension to building to provide biomass fuel store with new access etc. **Approved.**
- ii) **Edgar Farmhouse**, Edgar Rd: ref: PF/15/1476 and LA/15/1477: proposed tennis court and conversion of outbuilding to facilitate new swimming pool. **Withdrawn**

12) Defibrillator for the Village

- a) Funding from the British Heart Foundation is no longer available. It was agreed to try another source.

13) Maintenance: none

14) Traffic Management: no report

15) Street Lighting

- a) It was agreed to renew the contract with K&M Lighting Services Ltd for a further three years (annual cost with 5% discount £607.88 plus VAT).

16) Correspondence: circulated as usual.

- a) **Rights of Way and Byways Course** at Kettlestone Village Hall on **Monday 8 Feb at 7pm.**
- b) Invitation to join North Norfolk Parish Councils at a meeting at 7 pm on **Monday 22 February** at Cromer Parish Hall to discuss second homes, affordable housing and neighbourhood plans and a presentation by the planning consultant concerning preparation of Neighbourhood Plans and how smaller parishes can work together to prepare plans.
- c) Footpath Warden for Dereham Town Council canvassing support for a seminar / workshop regarding public rights of way with NCC.

17) Items for report or future agenda

- a) **Walkers are Welcome:** accreditation scheme to encourage walking holidays and local walkers to visit the area. It also requires community engagement (signatures from residents to demonstrate support). E Meath Baker will email the presentation.

18) The next Parish Council meeting is at 7.15 for 7.30pm on **Wednesday 24 February 2016** preceded by **WRT Annual General Meeting at 7 pm** in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting on 13 January 2016

- 1) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 2 December were approved and signed as a true record.
- 2) **Village Hall**
 - a) Colin Matthews (plumber) recommends reducing water pressure to the Village Hall. Clerk to ask Mt Matthews to do the necessary work.
- 3) **Recreation Ground**
 - a) **Signs** for play area and skate ramps are ready to be put up.
 - b) To report on **regular checks** of apparatus. All in order although grass is long.
 - c) Hedges and trees on perimeter.
- 4) **Finances**
 - a) To note bank balance as at **31 December 2015: £900.41**
 - b) To note **receipts**: £117 (booking fees)
 - c) To note **payments** by direct debit
 - i) NNDC business rates: £53 for Dec; Anglian Water: £342.46
 - d) **Cheques to approve**

Payee	details	date	chq no	amount
- 5) To note forthcoming **Bookings**
 - a) Slimming World: Tuesday evenings (from 5th Jan two sessions so Hall in use from 4.30pm)
 - b) History Society Talks: first Thursday evening monthly
 - c) Carpet Bowls: 13 Jan 2016
 - d) Private party (to be confirmed): Saturday 6 February 2016
 - e) Private party (tbc): Saturday 5 March 2016
 - f) Elections (PCC): Thurs 5 May 2016 all day
 - g) Wedding anniversary (tbc) Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 Sept 2018
- 6) To consider **how to promote the use of the Village Hall** and increase bookings.
 - a) E.g. Vintage Fairs
- 7) Any other business
 - a) To note that B Beckham will be leaving in March. Someone with a personal licence will need to take on the role of designated person for the alcohol licence. Both J Woodhouse and N Morter and working towards it.

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