

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

and: District Councillor T Fitzpatrick, County Councillor Dr M Strong (and her husband)

Meeting of the Parish Council on

Wednesday 11 January 2017 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, N Morter and PC J Pegden were accepted.
- 2) **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below.
 - a) EMB declared an interest in item 12)a)i) planning application for pedestrian footbridge at The Abbey as she lives there.
- 3) **Items of urgent business**
- 4) **Police matters**
 - a) Crime Report: no calls or crimes. However watch out for suspicious activity associated with lead thefts and report to the police on 101.
 - b) Any other police business: to note that three men were arrested for theft of outboard motors.
- 5) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 30 November were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6) **Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**
 - a) To note thanks for donations received from Heritage House, St Mary's Church, St Peter's Church and Citizens Advice Bureau
- 7) **Report from the County Councillor**
 - High percentage of children in care, most kept within the county. Staff try to support families so that children stay out of care.
 - Environment Agency Flood alerts along the coast for tidal surge etc for Friday 13 January
 - Co-op in Wells applying for permission for selling petrol
 - Roundabout at Cherry Tree junction on A148 at Fakenham is number 9 on a long list and £5,000 has been allocated for a feasibility study
 - Devolution was pulled when Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council joined other councils in Norfolk voting against the proposal.
 - Dementia Friendly Group in Wells is starting a dance group (contact 01953 713390)
 - Still waiting for fibre broadband for Great Walsingham Barns
 - Mobile phone coverage will be improved by the end of the year but there will probably still be gaps. They will continue to work on the Minister.
- 8) **Report from the District Councillor**
 - Big Society Awards are open for nominations e.g. unsung volunteers.
 - Big Society Fund is open for applications (grants up to £15,000)
 - 2nd homes funding of £2.4 million has been awarded to NNDC (second only to Cornwall which is a unitary authority) e.g. for Community Land Trust (providing affordable homes in perpetuity).
 - Boundary Commission Review of District Council wards: Walsingham Ward: Wighton to go and Little Snoring to join.
 - Online planning: new website to go live at end of January.
 - Parapet peeled of grade 1 listed toilets in the High Street at the beginning of January. The Walsingham Estate and District Council worked quickly to make the site safe within two hours. Police attended but Highways did not. A second lot of scaffolding was erected and the loos have been re-opened – particularly useful for visitors to the Abbey to see the snowdrops. (Thanks to all those involved in clearing the site and making it safe.)

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- East of England Local Government Association, as one of two net contributors, is lobbying for a better return from the Exchequer.
- Following the move of the CEO and two junior administrators to Gt Yarmouth, there has been restructuring at North Norfolk which works better and saves moneys.
- It is probably that there will be no increase in the District Council share of council tax.

9) Highways

- a) The highways engineer is happy to meet with representatives to discuss how to deal with sunken trenches, potholes at manhole covers etc. The Clerk was asked to arrange a date.

10) A demonstration event for the Defibrillator with First Aid training in February.

- a) First Aid & Care Training (Dereham) suggest a group with max of 12 people for demonstration of the Defib (AED), basic CPR and choking. Friday 17 Feb at 5.30 pm. (Cost 10 per person with possible offset for booking Village Hall for children's first aid event.)
Advertise event: in News and Views, posters, email WDG, also invited Heather at Gt Walsingham Barns, staff at Farms Shop and Parish Hall committee.

11) Finances

- a) Presentation and **confirmation of Statement**
- b) The following **payments were approved:**

Joanna Otte	expenses (carried forward)		
Society of Local Council Clerks	annual subs	101236	£78.67

12) Planning

a) Applications since last meeting

- i) **The Abbey**, Sunk Road erection of Pedestrian Footbridge PF/16/11627. Plans circulated. EMB declared an interest. She reported that the plans would be withdrawn and resubmitted in due course.

b) Decisions received from NNDC

- i) **21 High Street** retention of roof light, dormer window, front door. Attic staircase and damp proofing to cellar ref LA/16/1423. **APPROVED.**
- ii) **Elmham House, Friday Market Place** internal alterations to create three no en suite guest bedrooms and insert new external windows ref: PF/16/1443 and LA/16/1444. **APPROVED**

c) Other planning matters

- i) To note that the District Council will be moving to online planning consultation in April 2017. A template for clarification of procedure for dealing with planning applications by parish councils to comply with deadlines has been provided by NNDC legal team.

- d) **Boundary Commission Consultation** on draft recommendations for new council wards in North Norfolk: Great and Little Walsingham will remain in Walsingham Ward (see www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk for information and interactive maps).

13) Maintenance

- a) It was agreed to do litter picking on 3 and 4 April. J Woodhouse would purchase 10 litter grabbers.
- b) Parish Council notice boards: B Beckham would see what work was needed to keep them maintained.

14) Traffic Management

- a) **SAM2** was on Fakenham Road for a month – not a problem (average speed approx 30 mph) a few vehicles exceeding speed limit in the early mornings. It has now been moved to Scarborough Road. A resident on Scarborough Road has expressed thanks for the SAM2 on the road here. Investigate the possibility of putting SAM2 on Bridewell Street.

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15) Street Lighting

- a) To note that a letter was sent to Draper Nicholls asking if they would like to make a donation towards the cost of the replacement light unit which was broken by a large vehicle negotiating their works on Knight Street.
- b) Light at car park needs to be repaired.

16) Correspondence: circulated as usual.

17) Items for report or future agenda

- a) Lighting review (are all the street lights necessary or can some of them be removed e.g. St Peter's Road).

18) The next Parish Council meeting preceded by **Annual Meeting of WRT at 7.00 on Wed 22 February 2017** in the Village Hall.

Parish Council Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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Agenda prepared by JO 03/01/17

Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting 11 January 2017

- 1) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 30 November were approved and signed as a true record.
- 2) **Village Hall**
 - a) Fire exit door to be replaced at a later date (by David Reeve)
 - b) NES Electrical sourcing white bulbs for hall.
 - c) To note that Neil Brodie thought that it should be fairly simply to reconfigure the electricity supply for the showers in the changing rooms. To make arrangements so that it is completed before Easter. (get keys from Football Club)
 - d) To nominate a **Designated Person** for the alcohol licence to replace Bernie.
- 3) **Recreation Ground**
 - a) To report on **regular checks** of apparatus.
 - i) To ask David Reeve to repair wooden train
 - ii) Bolts loose on see-saw: Lee Acton to see if he can source the correct tool for tightening
- 4) **Finances**

a) Cheques to approve

Payee	Details	date	chq no	amount
D Yarham	Cleaning (Dec)		102252	25.00

5) To note forthcoming **Bookings**

- a) Sat 14 Jan: family birthday celebration (paid)
- b) Sat 28 Jan: 70th birthday celebration (paid)
- c) Thurs 9 Feb 9.30 am – 11 am: Walsingham Development Group
- d) Fri 17 Feb 5.30 pm: First Aid and Defib. Training
- e) Wed 22 Feb: Parish Council
- f) Thurs 2 March: History Society
- g) Wed 8 March: Carpet Bowls
- h) Wed 5 April: Parish Council
- i) Thurs 6 April: History Society
- j) Easter Weekend 14 -16 April 2017: Student Cross (tbc) (all day and night)
- k) Sat 20 May 10 am – 4 pm 2017: Norfolk Historic Buildings Group (paid)
- l) Thurs 4 May: Elections (all day)
- m) Thurs 4 May: History Society
- n) Wed 24 May: Parish Council
- o) Sat 24 June 2017 Wedding Reception (all day and evening paid)
- p) Wed 5 July: Parish Council
- q) Sun 29 Oct 2017 8 am – 2 pm UK Cycling Event (paid)
- r) Wedding anniversary (tbc) Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 Sept 2018

6) Any other business

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