

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs. L Acton, B Beckham, Mrs S Landale, Mrs E Meath Baker, N Morter, Mrs K Richardson, D Simmons, J Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman)
and: County Councillor Dr M Strong (and her husband), Graham Connolly and Nicky from NNDC housing, and two members of the public.

Meeting of the Parish Council on
Wednesday 18 October 2017 at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Graham Connolly (NNDC) gave a brief presentation about the Community Housing Fund and the provision of social housing – hard copy of information provided and also circulated via email.

MINUTES

Welcome from the Vice-Chairman

- 1) **Apologies** from B Landale (Chairman), G Brooks, Mrs E Carter, and PCSO S Artingstall (SNT Wells) were accepted.
- 2) **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below
 - a) Nigel Morter declared an interest in item 12.
- 3) **Items of urgent business**
 - a) It was noted that Highways had forwarded a message that the directional sign to the car park on the sign post at Common Place was broken. The Clerk would investigate.
- 4) **Police matters**
 - a) Three calls to the police since the previous meeting: 2 x suspicious circumstances (both all in order) and 1 x highway obstruction (cow in the road!).
 - b) The latest newsletter will have the crime details for the wider area.
 - c) Please note that in preparation for our next SNAP meeting on 23 November we will be hosting a public engagement meeting at Wells Football club on 13 November 17.30 – 18.30, - an opportunity for members of the public to find out more about SNAPS, raise any concerns and suggest new priorities for the coming months.
- 5) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 6 September were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6) **Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda.** None
- 7) **Report from the County Councillor**
 - A request from John Jones (Environment Officer) to attend the next WDG meeting to explain about the Green Pilgrimage project.
 - The County Council has to find huge savings – there will be a consultation prior to setting the Budget and everyone is encouraged to respond.
 - Further information to be forwarded via email.
- 8) **Report from the District Councillor:** none
- 9) **Highways**
 - a) **Items to report**
 - i) Potholes at Hill House Farm
 - ii) Blocked drain and water on Fakenham Road just beyond Manor Farm opposite the first house on the left.
 - b) **other matters**
 - i) request for width restriction sign to be moved away from The Knights Gate
 - ii) request for better signage on the traffic island at junction of Holt Road /Knight Street to stop drivers turning into the exit lane
- 10) **Traffic Management**
 - a) **SAM2:** next location Bridewell Street.



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11) Finances

- a) A request from Nigel Ford of the Milestone Society for a contribution towards the renovation of the three Walsingham cast-iron mileposts, believed to date to 1834 was considered. The work is being carried out on a voluntary basis by the Milestone Society volunteers. The project is being jointly funded by: a local family charitable trust, Milestone Society Norfolk, Norfolk County Council, book sales of 'Moving Miles', Parish Council donations and business donations as appropriate.

Milepost WF5b 25 yds west. of jct. with Gt Snoring Road, against flint wall round Abbey grounds	A one-piece cast milepost missing the top section. To make a pattern, cast a new top section, return to workshop for repair with stainless plate and then re-install. We will have to establish the nameplate wording, LITTLE WALSINGHAM, NEW WALSINGHAM or WALSINGHAM? Are there any photos of the intact milepost please?	Estimated costs: £350
Milepost WF4 B1105. T F90679 37815 20 yds. south of double electricity pole whose wires cross road by wide verge	A cast-iron milepost, recovered in 2016, with 5 separate plates all missing. Shot-blasting and priming (done) £120 2x mileage plates @ £55 £132 2x destination plates @ £60 £144 Location nameplate £120 Wording undecided, but believed to be EGMERE. Shared pattern making costs £216	Total costs including vat £732.00
Milepost WF4a Wighton Road bus shelter – believed to be a WW2 burial).	A one-piece cast milepost. Unrecorded, but found on the in 2016, slightly damaged. The style of the wording OLD WALSINGHAM makes this unique. The post will be recovered for workshop preparation and painting. School involvement will be sought for the painting. It is essential to reinstall it in the same location, but maintain visibility!	Estimated costs: £250.
Total estimated costs for all three mileposts		£1332.00

- i) It was agreed to make a donation of £60 per milepost.
- b) The **Statement of accounts** was presented and confirmed.
- c) The following **payments** were approved:

LA Whitmore	electrical repairs at Village Hall	101256	£506.81
Indigo Waste	bottle bank collection	101257	£22.80
Anglian Chemicals	paper towels	101258	£19.84
Dempsey Heating	boiler service	101259	£114.00
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	annual inspection	101260	£120.00
Norse Eastern Ltd	verges	101261	£1,344.67
Norse Eastern Ltd	playing field	101262	£642.41
Westcotec Ltd	post for SAM2	101263	£106.80
Joanna Otte	expenses	101264	£13.54
Norfolk Milestone Society	Donation	101265	£180.00

12) A request from Nigel Morter and Claire Nugent to provide bank account facilities for the fundraising for an Airfield Memorial was considered.

- a) Nigel Morter explained that they were planning to raise £30,000 for a memorial sculpture of a Stirling Short by Andrew Knighton and to include a timeline and a role of honour listing the names of the 69 individuals who were lost whilst on active service at RAF North Creak Airfield. They would pay an administration charge e.g. 5% of expenditure. The plan was to unveil the Memorial and Sculpture on 3 August 2020 (VE Day + 75 years). More detailed information was supplied.
- b) It was agreed to support the project and to open a separate 'project account' in the name of Walsingham Parish Council for clarity of transactions.



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13) Planning

a) Applications since last meeting

- i) **St Mary and All Saints Church** resurfacing of existing overflow Church car park ref: PF/17/1385. Link circulated. No objection.
- ii) **5 – 11 Cokers Hill** replacement of existing timber framed windows with uPVC ref: PF/17/1486. Link circulated. No objection.

b) Decisions received from NNDC: none.

14) Maintenance

- a) 'Fakenham Road' sign has been welded and needs to be repainted.
- b) It was noted that following a telephone call from a resident the Clerk has asked Victory Housing to sweep the leaves away from the path which leads up to the houses on Wells Road.

15) Street Lighting

- a) Electrical Testing to be carried out by K&M Lighting (electrical test) 58 units £579.50 plus VAT.
- b) It was noted that NNDC will arrange for a street light on the scaffolding while the parapet on the public toilets is repaired. However there was still no effective lighting (just a small flashing red light) and it was thought that work on the repairs would not start until next spring at the earliest so the Clerk was asked to request a temporary street light to be erected immediately to make it safe for residents in the dark evenings and mornings.

16) Walsingham Development Group

- a) **Christmas Lights** etc Saturday 2 December 5-7pm. Kerry Richardson reported that letters to about Christmas Trees would go out to people on the High Street at the end of October; there would be food and gift stalls, refreshments and raffle, pony rides, mini band, organ and carol singing, pop up disco, fancy dress etc. Donations from village people were being used to purchase prizes for fancy dress. Bernie suggested using the football flood lights.
- b) **'Walsingham – Open Spaces for All'** to encourage walkers. The grant is for way-markers for five permissive walks, and signage (including Keep Walsingham litter free). Elizabeth Meath Baker reported that the routes were being finalised. The group would need to make a plan for an opening / inaugural event.

17) Litter bins

- a) It was decided that the two litter bins should be placed by the Ford and on Walnut Tree Corner.

18) Correspondence: circulated as usual.

19) Items for report or future agenda

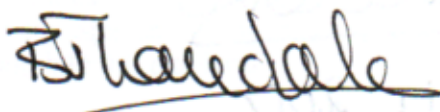
- a) Setting the Budget and Precept for 2018-19
- b) Exception Housing – response for Graham Connolly

20) The next Parish Council meeting at 7.15 for 7.30 pm on **Wed 29 Nov 2017** in the Village Hall.

Parish Council Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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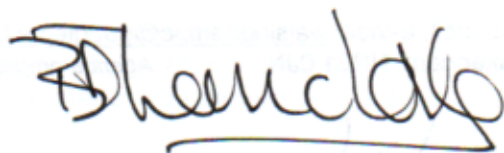
Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 18 October 2017

- 1) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 6 September were approved and signed as a true record.
- 2) **Village Hall**
 - a) **Maintenance**
 - i) The release mechanism on the fire door (snooker room) no longer works and a replacement is required. (In the meantime D Reeve has fixed a catch to the door so that it does not swing open.)
 - ii) New lock on the door from the bar area to the playing field: waiting to hear advice from Andrew Maclaren.
 - iii) It was reported that at least one of the panels on the stage in the Hall was loose.
- 3) **Recreation Ground**
 - a) To report on **regular checks** of apparatus – all in order.
 - i) David Reeve has repaired the train and will paint it in due course.
 - b) Slide for younger children. Quotes from NGF Play Ltd and Kompan. It was agreed that a toddler tower from NGF Play Ltd with a standard metal slide and 'chicken ramp' would be the best option (space permitting). It was noted that most if not all of the cost would be covered by a donation.
- 4) **Finances**
 - a) **The following cheques were approve**

Payee	Details	chq no	£	p
NNDC	Variation to license to remove sale of alcohol	102263	89.00	
D Yarham	Cleaning (Aug and Sept)	102264	90.00	
- 5) **To note forthcoming Bookings**
 - a) **Regular bookings**
 - i) Monday evenings: Dance Aerobics (Jazzercise) to stop at the end of October because not enough people taking part.
 - ii) Wednesday evenings: Carpet Bowls (11, 18 Oct, 15 Nov,)
 - iii) Thursday evenings (first in the month) History Society
 - b) Sun 29 Oct 2017 8 am – 2 pm UK Cycling Event (paid)
 - c) Thurs 23 November: Bingo (to be paid)
 - d) Sat 17 Feb 2018: private party (TBC)
 - e) Sat 7 April 2018: private party (TBC)
 - f) Sat 26 May 2018: Wedding Reception
- 6) **Any other business**
 - a) Moles on the playing field

Meeting closed 8.40 pm



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