

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs. B Landale (Chairman), L Acton, B Beckham, Mrs S Landale, Mrs E Meath Baker, N Morter, J Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman)
and: County Councillor Dr M Strong and (Mr Strong)

Meeting of the Parish Council on
Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Members of the public may raise matters of concern before the meeting

MINUTES

Welcome

1. **Apologies** from G Brooks, Mrs E Carter, Mrs K Richardson, (D Simmons), District Councillor T Fitzpatrick and PC J Pegden were accepted.
2. **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
3. **Items of urgent business:** none
4. **Police report:** 20 calls to police in the last month and 11 crimes in the last month. (This does sound like a lot but there are more than half related to the same domestic incident.)
5. **Minutes of the Meeting** on 20 February were approved and signed as a true record.
6. **Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda:** none
7. **Report from the County Councillor:**
The County Councillor began by thanking Brian Landale for chairing the WDG traffic meeting with stakeholders discussing how to manage the traffic to the RC Shrine. She congratulated all those who have been re-elected to the Parish Council. She noted that the changes to the District Council ward boundaries have come into effect for the District Council elections on 2 May and that the County Council is now looking at its Divisions. The County Council is looking at problems associated with blue badge holders. She asked that problems with parking infringements should be reported to parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk so that traffic wardens know where problems need to be addressed. She reported that the Kick Start moped scheme is available to support young people with cheap rates to mopeds for getting to college or work. She noted that changes have been made to mobile library times.
8. **Report from the District Councillor:** not present
9. **Highways**
 - a. **Items to report:**
 - i. loose paving slabs on High Street near the Dower House and Marian Sisters
 - ii. pothole on Sunk Road half way to the bridge from Holt Road
 - b. The Clerk was asked to thank Highways for the recent work on the potholes all along Thursford Road
10. **Finances**
 - a. The **Statement of accounts** was presented and confirmed.
 - b. The following **payments were approved:**

K&M Lighting Services Ltd	new LED and bracket	101313	£502.38
Ivan Ashby Ltd	external repairs and decoration at VH	101314	£2,082.00
Andrew Deptford	defib pads and chargers x 2	101315	£228.00
Proludic	new seat for hip hop	101316	£202.40
Anglian Chemicals	floor cleaner for VH	101317	£12.06
Indigo Waste Services Ltd	emptying bottle bank	101318	£18.00
James Woodhouse	Brackets and clips for Keep Walsingham Tidy signs	101319	62.70

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- c. Annual updates to the standing order payment for the Clerk's salary and pension contributions were approved and signed.

11. Planning

a. Applications since last meeting

- i. LA/19/0384: Replacement of ground floor window at **4 High Street**. Link circulated. No objection.
- ii. LA/19/0240: Removal of garden wall and creation of new steps between **No.5 and No. 6 Common Place**. Link circulated. No objection submitted 3 April 2019
- iii. LA/19/0346: Erection of statue in wooden casing on front elevation at **St Damians - The Ark, 15A Friday Market Place**. Link circulated. Objection submitted on 3 April for the following reasons:
 - The proposed statue is inappropriate in Friday Market – Walsingham is not Lourdes or Knock – if one statue is allowed on a house wall in the village it will 'open the doors' to other inappropriate requests for such house adornments.
 - This 3ft high timber structure displaying a highly coloured modern composite statue will stand out from the plain, simple exterior of the listed cottage. It will also project out from the wall, adding visual clutter to the wall and to Friday Market as a whole. The black and white image with the application shows a different statue in the context of church stonework, so doesn't present a true image of what is proposed. The coloured statue in the photograph supplied is presumably the one planned: it looks plasticky and tacky.
 - The statue serves no particular purpose.
 - Walsingham is a Medieval Village with Medieval Houses. As well as being a place for pilgrimage, it also attracts visitors from all faiths and walks of life. The village does not need to be cluttered up with such statues.
 - Walsingham is a conservation area but there does not appear to be a heritage statement with this application.
- iv. PF/19/0462 and LA/19/0463: Conversion of barn to dwelling at Model Farm Barn, Westgate. Link circulated. No objection

b. Decisions made by NNDC

- i. PF/18/2131 (revised): Conversion & restoration of barn to form dwelling & change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage & erection of detached single storey carport at **St Peters Barn**, St. Peters Road. APPROVED.

c. Other planning matters

- i. The proposals at the Slipper Chapel for a new Basilica and to upgrade the visitor centre were mentioned. It was noted that the site is in the parish of Barsham and Houghton St Giles. The Clerk was asked to request that the District Council include Walsingham Parish Council as a consultee in the formal planning process.

12. Maintenance

- a. RC Shrine would like to know if the Parish Council owns the map notice board on the Elmham House in Friday Market. The ownership was unclear but it was agreed that the Parish Council would be happy for the RC Shrine to look after it.

13. Street Lighting

- a. It was agreed to accept the offer from the owner of 10 Bridewell Street for him to purchase clear glass to replace the frosted glass in the street light. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

14. **Airfield Memorial Project:** Nigel Morter reported that the Big Society Fund had awarded a partial grant for the website associated with the Memorial project. Fundraising continued. A deposit had been paid and work in the sculpture had started.

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Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 10 April 2019

- 1) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 20 February were approved and signed as a true record.
- 2) **Village Hall**
 - a) Internal maintenance: it was noted that an application had been submitted to Victory Housing Trust Fund for a grant to cover the cost of internal redecoration (and a few repairs e.g. dry rot on window sills).
- 3) **Recreation Ground**
 - a) Report on **regular checks** of apparatus.
 - i) New seat for Hip Hop has been received
 - ii) Train - further enquiries have been made to Fenland Leisure Products; and gate design and measurements to be made.
- 4) **Finances**
 - a) **The following cheques were approved**

Payee	Details	chq no	£	p
J Otte	Bulbs and starters and key	102277	£30.50	
D Yarham	Cleaning (Jan and Feb)	102278	30.00	
D Yarham	Cleaning (March)	102279	53.99	
 - b) Invoice for **damages and associated costs** (in respect of the booking on 24 October) adjusted to £250.50 and sent to the person who booked the Hall. It was agreed to send another reminder pointing out that further action would be taken if the payment was not made.
- 5) It was noted that EP Youth will be bringing their Van to Walsingham (hope to use the Village Hall car park) on Monday evenings 6.30 – 8.30 pm starting on 29 April to 15 July 2019. Parish Councillors are welcome to drop in for a chat.
- 6) **Forthcoming Bookings**
 - a) Regular bookings
 - i) Thursday evenings (first in the month) History Society (April, May, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec)
 - ii) Tuesday evenings from 19 March to 11 June (excluding 16 April): Alpha course
 - iii) EP Youth Van using the car park on Monday evenings 6.30 – 8.30 pm 29 May – 15 July
 - b) Bookings
 - i) Wednesday 10 April: Parish Council meeting
 - ii) Monday 15 April: holiday club (Fr Harri)
 - iii) Friday 19 April: child's party (tbc)
 - iv) Saturday 20 April 12 – 3 pm: Student Cross lunch
 - v) Sunday 21 April (setting up on Saturday evening): Steve Lane
 - vi) Thursday 2 May: Polling Station
 - vii) Sunday 12 May: child's party (?)
 - viii) Wednesday 15 May: Parish Council
 - ix) Friday 24 May: 9.30 am Parish Council
 - x) Sunday 2 June: Mini Fete (tbc)
 - xi) Friday 13 June: 9.30 am Parish Council
 - xii) Sunday 23 June: wedding anniversary
 - xiii) Wednesday 26 June evening Parish Council
 - xiv) Tuesday 9 July: WI
 - xv) Thursday 18 – Saturday 20 July (including showers) Colchester Catholic Community (Syro Malabar Pilgrimage)
 - xvi) Thursday 1 August (including bar) Wedding (set up day before, clear up day after)
 - xvii) Sunday 25 August: Steve Lane
 - xviii) Saturday 7 September (setting up day before): Wedding Reception (TBC)
 - xix) Wednesday 11 September: Parish Council meeting
- 7) Any other business: none
Meeting closed 8.15 pm

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15. Walsingham Development Group

- a. The WDG had hosted a meeting of stakeholders on 15 March to look at the **traffic survey feasibility study** which the County Councillor had arranged to be carried out. The meeting had concluded that it seemed that the best option to pursue would be option 7 (improving Farm Road and the ford) – but that this had particular implications for residents in Houghton St Giles. The representatives should go back to their groups and discuss further before the next meeting (24 May at 9.30 am). Next steps: Stakeholders agreement on option/s; Get more accurate costings; Submit application to the Parish Partnership Scheme (deadline probably end of November); Clarify contributions from Stakeholders to cover the other 50% of the costs.
- b. **Keep Walsingham Tidy signs.** James Woodhouse had purchased some brackets and clips and would erect the signs around the village. It was agreed to purchase 3 more from Steward Safety Signs

16. **Correspondence:** circulated as usual.

17. **Items for report or future agenda**

18. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is on **Wednesday 15 May 2019** at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Parish Council Meeting closed 8.05 pm

The Chairman thanked everyone who has done so much in the life of this council and especially to those who are not coming back. Particular thanks to Bernie for all that he has done for this village over the years.

Councillors also thanked Brian for being the Chairman.

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