

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs. Brian Landale (Chairman), Julia Marozzi, Elizabeth Meath Baker, Keith Tuck, James Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman)

And: Joe Goswell (members of the Village Hall Working Group); District Councillor Tom FitzPatrick, and one member of the public

Preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:15 pm

Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 10 April 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

MINUTES

Welcome

1. **Apologies** from Lee Acton, Scilla Landale, Tom Lane, Nigel Morter were accepted.
2. **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting** on 13 March were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising** not otherwise on the agenda. None.
5. **Police Matters**
 - a. It was noted that there had been a SNAP meeting in Wells on the previous evening.
6. **Report from County Councillor** (not present).
7. **Report from District Councillor**
 - a. The District Council is celebrating 50 years since it was created.
 - b. Four lane swimming pool in Fakenham is going ahead with £10m of funding promised by the Government in the Autumn Statement.
 - c. Police and Crime Commissioner Elections on 2 May
 - d. NNDC council tax share is going up by 4.9%
8. **Village Hall Working Group**
 - a. Progress report included in March / April Newsletter.
 - b. Claxton Hall have sent the three tenders for rebuild (not new build) to the loss adjuster.
 - c. Successful application to register WRT as a Small Lottery Society: reg no. SSL080.
 - d. Grant Applications
 - i. Application for a grant of £400,000 was submitted to **Reaching Communities** (National Lottery) on 22 March.
 - ii. **Community Ownership** fund requires evidence of how the building will be used for the benefit of the community.
 - iii. The Postcode Lottery was suggested.
 - e. **GoFundMe page** 'Walsingham Village Hall Phoenix Project' set up with initial target of £30,000. First donation received: £200. 'Buy a Brick' etc as examples for donations and options for dedications.
 - i. How to promote '**Buy A Brick**'?
 - f. Articles in the EDP, Fakenham & Wells Times and Lynn News giving an update and advertising the launch of the GoFundMe fundraising and Rock on the Rec.
 - g. **Rock on the Rec** weekend 22 – 23 June. Tombola prizes needed.
 - i. First Aid station required for both days
 - ii. Security for Saturday night
 - iii. Generators, lights, toilets etc
 - h. **Totaliser:**
 - i. Steward Safety Supplies: 8ft by 2ft with graphics £100 + VAT
 - ii. DIY with printed graphics attached including QR code to GoFundMe page
 - iii. How to erect it safely? James, Keith and Elizabeth to work with the Clerk.
9. **Highways**
 - a. **Potholes and other highway faults** should be reported via the website:
<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/default.aspx>
 - i. Pothole – Hindringham Road
 - ii. Cokers Hill – overgrown hedges (James to talk to WE to see what can be done).

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b. Speed limit on Dry Road at Egmore

- i. Cost of £12,000 to reduce speed limit to 50 mph possibly 40 mph for 800m of the B1105 at Egmore. Funding from Highways £4,000, County Councillor £4,000, Holkham Estate and Walsingham Estate £3,000. The residents at Egmore have offered £1000 from their neighbourhood road repairs fund.
- ii. The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution of £250 (so that the residents at Egmore would only have to contribute £750).
- iii. The Clerk will inform the Highways Engineer and ask for information about the next steps in the process.

10. SAM2

- a. It was reported that the battery was losing charge quite quickly. The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of a replacement battery from Westcotec. It was agreed that if a cheaper compatible battery could be found then that should be purchased.

11. Street Lighting: nothing to report.

12. Litter bin

- a. 1 x litter bin to be located near grit bin on junction of St Peters Road / Wells Road (to replace the one by the school gate).

13. Finances

- a. **Statement and Accounts** were confirmed.
- b. The following **payments were approved:**

Stirling Bomber Research Library	35 profiles / histories	100031	£175.00	24/05/2023
Grice & Foster	Marquee & equipment hire	100032 & 36	£2,261.33	23/11 & 7/3
Whitehill direct ltd	digital lamination panel	100034	£432.00	08/12/2023
Claxton Hall Arch. Ltd	work since Dec - VAT	101583	£653.28	15/03/2024
Joanna Otte	expenses	101584	£69.27	
Countrystyle Recycling	emptying bottle bank	101585	£18.00	

14. Playground Equipment

- a. The repairs to the skate ramp are still outstanding as these need to be carried out by a specialist. The Clerk is awaiting quotes.
- b. Thanks to Keith for clearing away the broken tables.

15. Planning

- a. **Applications received since the last meeting:** None.
- b. **Decisions made by NNDC**
 - i. LA/24/0184: Internal works to form a doorway through a wall and linking the existing master bedroom directly with the bathroom on the same floor at **Guest House & Tearooms 33 High Street**. APPROVED.
 - ii. PF/24/0235: Erection of single storey rear extension at **Orchard Cottage The Hill**. APPROVED.
- c. **Withdrawn**
 - i. PU/24/0317: Change of use of agricultural building to 4 dwellinghouses (Class C3), and building operations reasonably necessary for the conversion at **Brick Kiln Farm Edgar Road**. WITHDRAWN.

16. Correspondence: circulated as usual.

17. Items for report or future agenda

18. Next Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday 8 May 2024** at 7:15 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 8 pm

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