

Waddington Parish Council

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Please find below the agenda for the **Annual Parish Meeting** of Waddington

Date: Monday 10th May 2021
Venue: Online via Zoom™ [Click here to Join](#)
Time: 7.30pm prompt (to be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council)

A G E N D A

1. Welcome and introduction to the meeting
2. Attendance and apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (2019) to be approved and signed
4. Matters arising from the last Annual Parish Meeting
5. Chairman's Report (for the years 2019-2021)
6. Members of the public from the Parish of Waddington are invited to speak at this point (suggested limit of 5 minutes each)
7. Meeting closure

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND

Please note that the current minutes of our parish meetings are available on the Waddington Village website.

CLLR DOUG PARKER - CHAIRMAN REPORT FOR THE YEARS 2019 AND 2020

As an annual Parish meeting was not held in May of last year due to Covid-19 restrictions, this report covers a two-year period instead of the usual one year.

Waddington Parish Council meets eleven times per year and the monthly meetings were well attended by its Councillors. A list of the meeting dates is displayed on the Parish noticeboard adjacent to the war memorial. In addition, the Agendas and Minutes are posted on the Waddington Village website.

Meetings, under normal times have been held in the committee room of the social and bowling club, but as everyone knows these are not normal times and therefore meetings have been held via zoom. However, villagers can still participate in the meetings and how to do so are described on www.waddington.website/meetings.

I would like to give a vote of thanks to Ribble Valley Borough Councillor Bob Buller for his support and attendance at meetings.

Waddington Parish Council does not give allowances to its members.

The Council has adequate insurance to cover its risks and its assets. The policy is with Zurich Insurance and is renewed at the end of March. A five-year fixed rate was negotiated and agreed in 2017.

The playground on Twitter Lane had its annual ROSPA inspection and as usual any defects were classed as Low/Medium risk.

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competitions 2019 and 2020.

Once again the village entered the competitions but only in the category in which the Coronation Gardens is eligible. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful and did not win any awards or prizes.

Donations

The Parish Council continues to make donations to charities and organisations which benefit the village and over the last two years has supported the following causes; Citizens advice bureau Clitheroe, Mountain Rescue, Coronation Gardens donation, The Little Green Bus, and the Royal British Legion.

Planning applications

All planning applications for the village are sent from RVBC to the Parish Council for any comments and/or objections to be made.

British Legion Remembrance Service

In 2019 this was held at St Helen's Church and, as in previous years, the Parish Council was well represented and laid a wreath at the base of the war memorial. In 2020 no remembrance service was held due to the lockdown restrictions, but the Parish Council still provided a wreath which was laid on the war memorial by Rev. Christopher Wood on the Parish Council's behalf. In 2019 it was decided that 40 large poppies would be purchased from the Royal British Legion and attached them

to various lampposts throughout the village. An additional 40 poppies would also be purchased for 2020.

Village Maintenance

The maintenance of the village is constantly monitored by the Parish Council and the following works have been carried out during the two years:

- White metal railings running through the village were repainted.
- Bollards were installed on Waddow View to prevent grass verges being damaged by parked cars.
- Two wooden benches on the side of the stream were renovated
- The overgrown hedge on the path to the primary school was cut back
- Six new parking signs were installed, directing the public to the car park on Twitter Lane.
- In October 2019 the Brook was very successfully cleaned up by volunteers. It is intended this will happen every year but unfortunately, due to covid-19 restrictions it did not happen in 2020. Hopefully it will in 2021.
- The war memorial and the area around it was cleaned just prior to the acts of remembrance which are held there.
- The very large willow tree on the bank of the stream was trimmed back.
- A large tree on the playground was split vertically and for safety reasons a local tree surgeon, Mike Fisher was asked to remove it. He converted the stump into a seat.

Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme

Otherwise known as HARP. This was brought to the attention of the Parish Council at the June 2019 meeting by the villages new RVBC Councillor Bob Buller. Since then there have been numerous meetings with United Utilities, various villagers and RVBC. As the work will not start until the end of 2023 there will obviously be many more.

This report is not the place to give information about the meetings as it is too extensive but if you log onto the village website – <https://waddington.website/HARP> you should be able to find what you are looking for.

Defibrillator at the Social and Bowling Club

This defibrillator was purchased from funds raised by the Duck Race committee and it was agreed that the Parish Council would administer its safekeeping just like they do with the one in the telephone box facing the post office.

Village noticeboard and Dog Waste Bin

The Parish Council felt that a large noticeboard should be obtained so that non-Parish Council matters could be publicised. One was obtained and installed next to the telephone box. Also it was felt that there was a need for an additional dog waste bin. This was installed adjacent to the Parish Council noticeboard next to the war memorial. As this was purchased by the Parish Council then it is responsible for emptying it not RVBC. The Coronation Gardens committee have accepted this responsibility.

Orchard Cottage Car Wash and Valeting

The Parish Council had been contacted by a concerned resident about an unauthorised business operating from Orchard Cottages at the rear of the Waddington Arms. The resident expressed concerns about the noise, the runoff and traffic congestion which could result. The Parish Council sent letters to the Planning and Environmental Departments of RVBC, The Environment Agency and Ribble Ribble Trust to investigate the matter more thoroughly.

Drug Abuse In the village

Because of villagers concerns about drug abuse in the village, Sgt Kevin Day and PC Nigel Keates of the Ribble Valley police team were invited to a public meeting at the social club in 2019 to inform those present of the extent of the problem and how the police were dealing with it. The meeting was very well attended, in fact it was standing room only, and there was plenty of interaction between the audience and the police.

Extension to closure of public footpath 3-43-FP15

This footpath goes past Beechthorpe House and the new owners have applied for a closure order of two years of this public right of way whilst they have work carried out to the property. This item on the Agenda of the meeting on 9th March 2020 attracted the attention of a large number of villagers who use this path on a regular basis. The Parish Council decided to send a letter of objection to Lancashire County Council who issued the closure notice - and a copy of it to County Councillor Geoff Driver and Nigel Evans MP. The outcome of this attempt to close the footpath failed as the portable fencing blocking it was removed.

Flooding

During the W/C 2nd November 2020 heavy rainfall caused serious flooding in the village some of which was exacerbated by a collapsed culvert outside the Higher Buck and blocked gullies. Floodwater also caused problems at the rear of properties on Waddow View and in order to reduce the risk it was agreed that a floodgate be installed at the rear of 43 Waddow View. It was also agreed that a flood Action Plan be devised to record flooding in the village and co-ordinate with other agencies such as RVBC, United Utilities, Lancs CC Highways and the Environment Agency.

The Future

Precept

The Precept for 2021/22 will be the same as for the previous 2 years.

HARP

HARP will be constantly on the Parish Council's Agenda particularly as certain villagers will be more affected than others and they will want the Parish Council to comment/criticise certain aspects of the programme - and also as work will not commence until late 2023 at the earliest.

Waddington Brook Pollution

The Parish Council with the assistance of the Ribble Rivers Trust and the Environment Agency will monitor the Brook on a regular basis in order to reduce any acts of pollution.

Jobs to be carried out in the next 12 months.

- Bus shelters to be cleaned every 3 months
- The telephone box which houses the defibrillator to be painted
- Railings over the bridge at the entrance to Waddow Grove to be painted
- Stream to be cleaned
- Work/repairs to be carried out to equipment on children's playground as recommended in the ROSPA report.

Finally, as I have said in previous reports I should like to draw your attention to the village website www.waddington.website where you can find out what is happening in the village – what the Parish Council is doing and how you can attend its meetings and how you can contact the Parish Council by email.

I am pleased to commend this report to the meeting.

Chair Councillor Doug Parker 10th May 2021