

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 13th April 2015

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present:

Councillor D Parker (DP)
Councillor K Jackson (KJ)
Councillor R Edmondson (RE)
Councillor L Haworth (LH)
Councillor B Hilton RVBC (BH)

Apologies:

Councillor M Colley

In attendance:

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council
Pat Hatherall (PH)
Paul Elms – prospective borough councillor (PH)
Duncan Jackson (DJ)
Brian Brookes (BB)

Duck Race/Scarecrow Festival Update:

DJ and BB attended the meeting to address members about the forthcoming festival and specifically to discuss the situation regarding the Coronation Gardens. They advised WPC that it is the organisers' intention to have marshals at the entrances to the gardens near the War Memorial and also from The Croft due to concerns raised about potential damage to the plants.

The festival will last for the entire weekend with the Scarecrow Festival, Farmers' Market and "hunt the duck" competition on the Saturday; followed by the Farmers' Market again on the Sunday, as well as a Rose Queen procession and the duck races.

Organisers have been in contact with Terry Longden from RVBC and intend to apply to have part of the main road closed between 1pm and 4pm on the Sunday.

A number of fund-raising events are planned including "Frozen" and "Sound of Music" sing-a-longs and a table top sale. A lottery licence has been granted and Risk Assessments carried out for parking on The Croft, with the approval of the church.

Money raised from the event will be used towards making purchases for the village e.g. the purchase of a defibrillator.

Bridget Hilton Update:

BH reported that following the elections in May the counts for the Parliamentary seat, the district and parishes will take place over a number of days.

She also reported that new regulations have come into force regarding the provision of affordable housing in rural areas.

BH introduced PE who has been nominated as borough councillor for the ward and is unopposed. PE hopes to attend as many WPC meetings as possible in the future. BH will start her year as Mayor of the Ribble Valley in May.

BH added that further discussion is taking place about the former Clitheroe Hospital site and its future use.

2. To approve as correct the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting in March 2015 were approved for accuracy and signed by the Chairman - Cllr Doug Parker.

3. Police update – None received.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

4.1 Defibrillator

WPC is awaiting the decision from the Masonic Lodge of Waddington who have applied for funds to the Provincial Yorkshire/West Riding Community Fund – the meeting is due to take place in May.

WPC still has the option to purchase the telephone box in the village which could be used to site a defibrillator.

Action: NC to ascertain how often the telephone box has been used in the last 12 months.

4.2 Pothole at Sanderson's Farm

Action: KJ to check progress.

4.3 War Memorial

The insurance company has asked for a second quote for work to replace/repair the railings. NC has contacted Harrison Engineering in Billington.

Action: NC to pursue the second quote and then send it to the insurance company.

4.4 Dog Waste Bin

NC had received an email from James Russell at RVBC who said he would ask the Dog Warden to look at the site suggested by WPC (the telegraph pole near the War Memorial). Further concerns were raised by members about the removal of the bin from the footpath near the school as it is used.

Action: NC to contact James Russell and ask about the possibility of having an additional facility in the centre of the village, as well as keeping both of the bins near the school.

Action: NC to ask for the Dog Warden to patrol Edisford Road as it is becoming a problem area for dog waste.

4.5 Playing Field Signs

DP has bought some clips to attach the signs. He had then received a call from the Highways Department asking exactly where the signs were going to be located as some of the poles at the playing field belong to LCC.

Action: DP to meet a representative from the Highways Department at the site to discuss the situation.

4.6 Railings

NC is in the process of getting two quotes for the work, one from Dale Cox and the other from North West Paintworks.

4.7 Higher Buck Cobbles

NC had written to Adrian Dowd at RVBC asking why no enforcement action is being taken with regard to the removal of these cobbles as they fall within the Waddington Conservation Area. Mr Dowd had replied by email saying that the Waddington Conservation Area Appraisal refers to the importance of historic surfaces such as the stone cobbles outside the Higher Buck, saying they should be “protected and repaired as necessary, using traditional techniques and materials”. However he added in his reply that it is difficult to ensure these surfaces are “conserved” and that “it is hoped that land owners within conservation areas consider the character and appearance” or seek advice from the Borough Council before undertaking work. Mr Dowd added that the Borough had discussed concerns with the owner, and said “should a request for advice in respect to reinstating this important element of the streetscape be received” he would offer his full assistance.

RE said looking back at historic photographs, it appears the original setts were taken up some years ago and replaced by the current cobbles.

Action: NC to write again to Mr Dowd asking for further clarification about enforcement within a Conservation Area.

4.8 Parish Laptop

Action: NC to pursue quotes for a replacement.

4.9 Marquee

All members of WPC agreed that the marquee should be loaned free of charge to the Village Club for the Farmer’s Market.

4.10 Green Partnership

WPC has been notified that it has been successful in securing a Green Partnership Award of £500 towards the Edisford Road Hedge Improvement Scheme.

5. Website

The Waddington website is now up and running and can be administered by NC and LH.

Action: LH to put together some posters to advertise the new website in the village noticeboards and the post office.

Action: NC to send the administrative passwords to LH.

Action: It was agreed to ask businesses for an initial annual subscription of £25 to link their own websites with the Waddington Village website to help towards the running costs.

6. Planning Applications

None received.

7. Village maintenance

DP reported that the escape lane on the Fell Road was overgrown and not fit for purpose.

Action: DP to contact LCC Highways Department.

8. Allotment Update

8.1 Skip hire

NC had got quotes and the average is some £200 including VAT.

Action: NC to get prices for a mini skip.

Action: DP and KJ to visit the allotment sites for monitor plots 2 and 17 and assess the progress made on plot 3.

Action: KJ to show DP where the water is turned on after the winter.

9. Best Kept Village

The entry fee has been received by organi

10. Expenditure and Income

10.1 Finance report for the accounts y/e 31/03/2014.

NC gave a Finance Report for the y/e 31/03/2014. The opening balance at 31st March 2014 was £7,695. The income over the financial year was £21,246 and the expenditure £17,345 leaving a balance to carry forward of £11,484.

The accounts have been passed to the internal auditor for approval. The accounts were approved by the Councillors and the Chairman agreed to sign the papers ready for the accounts to be sent to the external auditors, once they have been passed to the satisfaction of the internal auditor.

The same financial report will be given to the general public at the AGM next month and then the accounts will be publicised on the notice board in the post office.

11 Items of Correspondence

11.1 Lunch Clubs

11.2 Food poverty

Ribble Valley Village Hall Association has obtained funding towards the setting up of “growing” and “cooking” clubs with the aim of improving the health and wellbeing of local residents.

Action: NC to forward the information to Waddington and West Bradford CE School.

11.3 RVBC Parish Council Liaison

11.4 Spot-on Productions

11.5 Public Rights of Way consultation

Action: NC to forward the link to DP and RE.

11.6 Highways – contact details & surface dressing

NC reported that Surface Dressing Work is planned for Slaidburn Road, Waddington, in this quarter by LCC Highways.

11.7 Community Roadwatch

The Police are looking for volunteers to assist in monitoring traffic speeds in villages.

Action: NC to forward the information to Mr Midgley.

12 AOB

12.1 Elections

The nomination papers for DP, LH and RE have been sent to RVBC.

The date of the next meeting is: Monday, May 11th 2015 in the Village Club, Clitheroe Road, immediately following the Annual General Meeting which will start at 7pm.

All villagers are very welcome to attend any of the WPC meetings.

Approved: Signed:.....

Date: May 2015