

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council, The Village Club, July 13th 7.30pm 2020

1. Attendance

Present: Waddington Parish Councillors: Doug Parker, John Hilton, Roy Edmondson, Liz Haworth, Gil Fisher, Roy Hampson

Apologies: Councillor Bob Buller, Michael Colley

In attendance: Carol Baird (Clerk to the Parish Council); Rev Christopher Wood,

2. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed

Decision: The minutes of the last meeting in March be approved. All were in favour. This item was already dealt with at the Emergency Powers meeting and the minutes had already been sent out in March 20.

3. Borough Council / County Council Updates

BB reported that he has requested to attend the planning application meetings in connection with Parson's Croft.

4. Matters arising since the last meeting

4.1 Update on the Co-vid situation when Emergency Powers were put in place for WPC

Since the emergency powers were enacted on March 23rd WPC has acted according to the Powers for the duration of the current Public health Emergency. These are available from the Clerk. At this meeting it was discussed whether to convert the Emergency Powers back to the normal running of WPC matters. This was unanimously agreed.

4.2 Summary of issues dealt with over the last few months - more details are available from the Clerk on request.

4.2.1 Change of Clerk and implications to WPC - Carol Baird replaced Natalie Cox as the WPC Clerk.

- Clerk remuneration - The increase in remuneration was discussed as NC had not been paid the correct amount due because a yearly increment had not been added to her salary over the last five years. This was discussed by the Cllrs and agreed to be backdated in one lump sum to NC.
- The change over of signatories from NC to CB has been delayed due to covid and lack of access to the bank. It is hoped this will be resolved in the very near future.
- CB asked for permission to open a new on-line WPC bank account with HSBC instead of NatWest. This would enable on-line banking to be accessed with two signatories accessing the bank details at any one time for transactions to be processed. It would also enable easier processing of transactions due to better opening hours at the Clitheroe branch. There will be in the near future a phasing out of cheque books upon which WPC is entirely reliant at the current time. It was agreed for CB to look into this matter further and progress with the assistance of the signatories – DP and LH.

4.2.2 Extension to closure of Public Footpath 3-43-FP15

After the public meeting earlier this year, a letter was sent to LCC objecting to the closure of the public footpath. There has been a poster put up at the entrance of the property about the closure of the footpath but it has been turned round on a regular basis. There was a discussion about next steps and it was decided to monitor the situation.

4.2.3 Change of dates

- Fell Race – the date has been postponed until 2021
- Duck Race – the date has been proposed until 2021

4.2.4 Jepsons Motorhomes

It was noted that a letter has been sent but to date there has been no response; discussion followed about the need for a dropped kerb to be installed if an additional driveway has been created at the residential premises in question. It was noted that photographs of the motorhomes have been sent to Andy Glover at RVBC.

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Action: No further action necessary on the business premises as the premises have moved to Salthill industrial estate. The dropped kerb is still an issue at the residential premises so CB was asked to write a letter to Mr and Mrs Jepson. This will be circulated to Councillors before it is sent.

4.2.5 HARP

Since the last WPC formal meeting in March an emergency meeting had been held with the HARP representative in the Parish church in May 20 with WPC. CB thanked LH for putting the minutes of the HARP meeting on the Parish noticeboard and on the website. Christopher updated the meeting that he has spoken with West Bradford Parish Council and highlighted the concerns about the HARP project from WPC.

Action: CB to put on the WPC Agenda in six months time for discussion. There is the idea to get the 4 Councils together to discuss the matter further – the PCs of Waddington, West Bradford, Grindleton and Sawley.

5. Village inc Allotments / Planning / Traffic matters / Maintenance / Misc.

5.1 Allotments

5.1.1 Plot 2

Alan Moorhouse agreed to take on the tenancy of Plot 2; a skip was ordered and filled in March. The payment was sent on to the previous tenant who has agreed to pay WPC by direct debit. The first payment of this has been received by cheque and a second payment by direct debit. Future payments will be made on a monthly basis.

5.1.2 Plot 8

CB has spoken to the tenant of plot 8 several times over the last couple of months. It was agreed that the plot should be seen to be cultivated by the time of the WPC July Meeting. It was discussed that a lot of work had been put into this plot over the last few weeks.

5.1.3 Plot 17

A new tenant has been found for plot 17 – for poultry only as it is so overshadowed by the trees. Due to the current state of the plot it was agreed to offer the plot rent free for 2020 and 2021.

5.1.4 Parking near allotments

People who use the garages near the allotment plots have complained that some vehicles have been parked inconsiderately outside the garages, resulting in them being unable to open the doors sufficiently to get vehicles in and out of the garages. No further action at the moment – this item is to come off the agenda.

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 3/2019/1099 Parsons Croft

Since the last meeting another planning application has been made concerning Parsons Croft. Mr Haworth sent a formal letter of objection which was read out at the meeting. The closing date for objections by WPC is tomorrow 14th July 20.

Action: CB to send a letter to RVBC tomorrow stating the issues for objection as agreed at the WPC meeting. This is available on request from the clerk.

5.3 Traffic matters

5.3.1 Vehicle access to playing field

It was noted that work has been completed to stop access to vehicles on to the playing field. WPC are waiting for the bill for this work. It has been noted that a vehicle has been through to the playing fields by using the padlock to open the gate, and driving round to the back of the fields. This is to be monitored.

Action: CB to email Neil Dunn and Luke Conti from the football club to enquire about this issue.

5.3.2 Brungerley Bridge – LCC response

LCC had replied to say that in March/April work to alleviate the issue would be undertaken.

Action: No action required at the current time CB.

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5.3.3 SPiD

JH reported that the average speed has been a little lower recently for vehicles entering the village. It has peaked at 40mph with a vehicle travelling at 5am. There are 2000 vehicles per day coming into the village from Clitheroe.

5.4 Maintenance

5.4.1 Painting of white railings

Andrew Herd provided a quotation which was accepted and work has begun to paint the railings in the village. The first instalment has been paid for the work.

5.4.2 Road traffic signs

Decision at last meeting: JH proposed and RE seconded that two signs be purchased which say "Slow; flood ahead". All were in favour.

Action: CB to ask LCC for clarification on this decision and which signs could be purchased.

6. Correspondence

6.1 RVBC

6.1.1 Minutes and proceedings of RVBC – none to report

7. Items for consideration at this meeting

7.1 Waddington Parish Council marquee

It was noted that Martin O’Gorman currently has the marquee. It needs to be repaired before it is stored at the Social Club.

Action: There was a discussion about the merits of repairing the marquee vs buying a new one. CB to investigate both options and keep the Councillors informed as to the prices of both options.

7.2 Future WPC meeting dates

The meeting in August would not normally take place and it was agreed this should continue to be the case. The next meeting will be on Monday 14th September 7.30pm at The Village Club. The timing of the AGM will be discussed at this next meeting with a plan of holding it in November 20 after the allotment holders meeting.

8. Accounts

8.1 Concurrent Functions Grant

CB to investigate which items can be applied for and to complete the form on behalf of WPC.

8.2 Expenditure and income update from March 20 to latest statement (items of £100 or more)

Expenditure (items over £100)

Zurich Municipal – WPC Insurance	£2315.85
LALC Subscription	£226.22
Monthly pay for Parish Clerk	£348.66
RVBC Waste collection	£210.20
Weed spraying by Silverwoods	£488
Pendle Nu Tech Fire extinguisher service	£255.90

Income

Payment of skip – first payment £25, subsequent payments on a monthly basis by direct debit.

Balance at latest statement:

£15,702.30 at 1st July 20

NB for more details about the parish council accounts, please contact the clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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