

Waddington Parish Council

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Waddington Parish Council Minutes of Meeting - 14th Dec. 2020

This meeting took place on Zoom. CB hosted the meeting on behalf of WPC using the WPC zoom license.

1.Attendance

Present: Waddington Parish Councillors: Doug Parker, Roy Edmondson, Liz Haworth, Gil Fisher, Roy Hampson, Darren Taylor, RVBC Councillor Bob Buller.

Apologies: Rev. Christopher Wood **In attendance:** Carol Baird (Clerk to the Parish Council) Sarah Bolton, Chris Sullivan and John Haslewood as observers.

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

Proposed by Roy Edmondson and Seconded by Darren Taylor.

3.Borough Council / County Council Update

BB updated WPC on the impact of the latest lockdown and the current Tier 3 on RVBC. The public pool has been re-opened as has the Platform Gallery in Clitheroe. RVBC has also provided free parking within Clitheroe town centre on Saturdays in December.

4.Matters arising

4.1 Waddington Parish Councillors – Election for vacant council position

Two candidates had come forward for election for WPC. Sarah Bolton and Chris Sullivan. Both were invited to speak to the Council for five minutes each before a vote was conducted by Councillors. Chris Sullivan was voted on to WPC. He was proposed by Liz Haworth and seconded by Roy Hampson. WPC were very keen to ensure that both candidates would continue to be involved with WPC going forward as both have much to offer WPC.

4.2 Waddington Parish Councillor Jobs undertaken by Cllr John Hilton

CB outlined the extra jobs Cllr John Hilton did for WPC before he moved away from the area so that the other Councillors could volunteer for the following tasks in the future;

- Meter readings at the Pavilion and paying over monies received from the meter in the changing rooms to CB. Volunteered to be taken on by Roy Hampson.
- Spiid speed monitor in the village. This involves putting the speed monitor around the 4 locations in the village, re-charging the unit and analysing the data received from the device. Darren Taylor has already volunteered to undertake this role.
- Defibrillator servicing and maintenance. Volunteered to be taken on by Liz Haworth.

4.3 Dog waste issues – DT

Cllr Darren Taylor updated the meeting on the current issue of the overflowing waste bin in the village. The overflow is caused by dog waste bags. DT confirmed this is still the case since the last meeting. DT proposed to WPC that the matter was raised further with RVBC and that the open topped bin was replaced with a closed bin in a nearby location – over by the bridge which is more accessible for more residents.

Action – DT to send CB a draft letter with photos to send to RVBC proposing the change of location of the bin and requesting a greater capacity closed bin.

4.4 Dog Signs – update by LH

LH has purchased more dog signs after approval from WPC. LH asked for approval at the meeting to purchase a couple more signs to replace ones which have been torn down on the playing field. This was approved.

Action – LH to purchase additional dog signs.

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4.5 Update on the HARP project

DT updated WPC on the Zoom meeting he attended on behalf of WPC at RVBC/UU on 26th November. The slides used by UU were similar to the slides shown at the UU/WPC meeting on 19th November. The RVBC meeting was dominated by these slides and due to time constraints it was decided by RVBC that there was no time for questions at meeting. Questions had to be sent to John Macholc and these would then be forwarded to UU. DT reported this was very frustrating and unsatisfactory. DT suggested a separate HARP meeting before the next WPC/UU meeting in January.

Sarah Bolton then asked to update WPC on her knowledge of how UU has progressed plans significantly and gave information of recent UU visits to local landowners and farmers who would be affected by the proposed routes. Sarah stated how concerned farmers are following these site visits by the agents of United Utilities regarding the proposed village bypass routes.

LH commented that a meeting ahead of the next WPC/HARP meeting would be a good idea and that in addition to WPC Councillors, Sarah Bolton and John Haslewood who had attended this meeting be invited as should the farmers who had spoken to Sarah.

Action – CB to report back to Chris Tighe from UU that in the light of this new information WPC would like to arrange another WPC/UU meeting as soon as possible with the suggested date of either Monday 4th or 11th January 21.

Action – CB to send Zoom invites for a meeting on Tuesday 22nd December 7.30pm

Action – DT volunteered to prepare a flier to go to all residents in the village updating them on how to get involved and find out more information about the HARP project and how to access the new website. Residents would have the opportunity to email their address for HARP updates to WPC.

5. Highways

5.1 Double Yellow Lines on Clitheroe Road

WPC had asked LCC months ago to remove the double yellow lines on Clitheroe Road outside 54 West View between the café and the Waddington Arms. Since the last meeting this has happened but as LH commented the mess left behind by LCC is unacceptable. There is a lot of paint left on the roadside which has been melted off.

Action – CB to contact LCC to raise the issue of the unsatisfactory debris left behind at the roadside.

5.2 Flooding

DT gave an update to WPC of the outcome of the flooding problems in the village w/c Monday 2nd November. The report was very detailed and sent in advance to Councillors before the meeting. DT reported that the matter of the flooding on the Fell Road by the Higher Buck has been resolved. DT has met with the agencies involved and is working closely with them to consider short, medium and long term plans to tackle the flooding problems in the village.

DT asked Cllrs to vote on a proposal for WPC to consider paying for or making a contribution to funding a new flood gate at the back of 43 Waddow View. The cost would be a maximum of £450. After discussion a vote was conducted and the motion was carried with 4 votes in agreement and 3 votes disagreeing. The motion was carried and proposed by DT and seconded by GF

Action – DT offered to take the lead on the flood gates by getting suitable quotations and getting the work carried out.

5.3 Bollards at the Lower Buck Barn on Edisford Road

Councillors have noticed that the bollards have been removed from Edisford Rd whilst building work is being undertaken at the property.

Action

CB to write to the residents on behalf of WPC to request that the bollards must be replaced after the work is completed.

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6. Playing Field/Playground/Allotments/Other Village Assets

6.1 ROSPA Playground Inspection

In August the ROSPA playground inspection took place. LH sent the report action points out to possible contractors and told the meeting about the response from Vulnet. Most of the action points are remedial and low risk although the wet pour surface needs looking at as a priority.

Action: LH to report back at the next meeting when she has had a quotation from Vulnet about replacing the wet pour surface rather than just a jet wash. She requested that all Cllrs visit the playground before the next meeting in January so that a decision can be made on which work should take place as a priority. LH also volunteered that the sports and social club may be interested in helping to fund playground repair work.

6.2 Allotment contracts and rules

In November each year the Allotments holders are usually invited to attend a meeting and to renew the contracts and pay for the forthcoming year. This year the contracts were sent out by post. All the contracts except one have been renewed and the monies paid to WPC. There were several issues to be discussed with regards to the allotments but due to the time constraints at this meeting it was agreed to delay discussions and put the Allotments on the Agenda for the next WPC meeting in January 21.

6.3 Playing Field – sand issue

CB updated WPC on the issue of a spade being left in the pile of sand causing a hazard on the playing fields car park. This was reported to WPC by a villager. The villager has since contacted WPC to congratulate the Council on the swift action taken – the same day the matter was investigated by Cllrs and within a day the Cricket and Football Club had rectified the issue and moved the sand and spade.

7. Planning Applications

The weekly list of RVBC planning applications is circulated to WPC Councillors. Since the last meeting there were no planning applications objected to.

8. Accounts

8.1 Expenditure and income update from 9th November to 14th December 2020 (items of £100 or more)

Expenditure (items over £100)

Clerk's salary for November	£358.28
WPC Zoom license for a year	£115
St Helen's Church donation	£200
Royal British Legion lamppost poppies	£120

Income

Allotment holders rent x 6 plots	£180
Allotment holders rent x 2 plots	£60

8.2 Update on changing bank accounts – It was confirmed by all Councillors for the purpose of a record in the minutes that WPC now has access to on-line banking.

8.3 WPC Precept setting for 2021

In December each year RVBC ask for the precept for Waddington to be set by WPC. This year a letter has been received and expresses that WPC should consider very carefully before making an increase to the precept as we are living in a time of austerity. WPC Councillors discussed that matter and voted to keep the Precept at last years rate of £13,500.

Action – CB to return the Precept form to RVBC stating a level of £13,500 for 2021.

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9. A.O.B.

9.1 Website

DT updated WPC on the progress made so far on the new WPC website. It has taken over 40 hours to date and should take another 20 hours to complete hopefully by the end of the month. It will result in a much better website for WPC and make a considerable cost saving of over £300pa.

Action – DT asked if anyone knows if there are relatives of Mary Bridge living in the village. RE volunteered to find out.

9.2 Pandemic and WPC support to the village

DT led a discussion on how WPC has been helping villagers through the current pandemic. LH was one of the volunteers who set up a co-vid support volunteer group. A flyer had been sent to all villagers in March and LH is confident people have sorted out their own arrangements but suggested the information could go out again on the reverse of the flier about future HARP information.

Action – Information on the Waddington Co-vid volunteer support is to go on the back of the HARP information flyer.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

All are very welcome to attend Parish meetings. At the current time meetings are taking place by Zoom. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list please contact the Clerk, Carol Baird, at the above address. Thank you.