

# Waddington Parish Council

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## Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

#### **Present:**

Councillor D Parker (DP)  
Councillor L Haworth (LH)  
Councillor G Fisher (GF)  
Councillor J Hilton (JH)  
Councillor P Elms (PE)

#### **Apologies:**

Councillor R Edmondson; Councillor B Hilton

#### **In attendance:**

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council  
Mr K Jackson (KJ)

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

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

#### 3.1 Churchyard and Precept

It has been decided that the job of keeping the churchyard tidy is too big for just one person. However it was reported that there are now at least three people carrying out the work. After contacting RVBC it was noted that to raise an additional £3,000 from the precept, there would need to be an average increase of £6.71.

It was agreed to leave this item for now, but return to it in the future if needed.

#### 3.2 Defibrillator & BT phone box

Andrew Herd had given an estimate of £932 to complete the work, not including the electrics.

**Decision: It was agreed that Andrew Herd should carry out the work.**

**Decision: It was agreed to keep the telephone box red and not change its colour.**

**Decision: Notices stating that the box is maintained by the local authorities will be printed out and are to be displayed in the kiosk as per the contract with BT.**

#### 3.3 War Memorial

The bollards have been reinstated and work to replace the chain is in hand. The invoice will be passed to the Clerk in due course to enable the insurance claim to be pursued.

#### 3.4 Railings

Dale Cox has started work on painting the railings.

### **3.5 Fell Road escape lane**

LCC want to abandon the lane. DP has put up notices asking for residents' views on its future. It was noted that the area has been tidied up and the grass cut.

**Decision: JH to contact the Clitheroe Advertiser regarding having an article printed about the escape lane.**

### **3.6 Signpost outside Post Office**

The work has been completed.

### **3.7 Old Hall laurel trees**

**Decision: This item is to be removed from the agenda for now. Parish councillors are to keep an eye on the situation and re-visit it in the spring.**

### **3.8 Katy Lane culvert**

The work has been completed.

### **3.9 Asset of Community Value**

The paperwork has been handed to RVBC.

### **3.10 Fire extinguishers**

**Decision: It was agreed that the remedial works be carried out in 2016 prior to the checks being carried out.**

## **4. Police Newsletter**

During the late evening of 16/7/15, a Land Rover Defender was stolen from the Waddington area. **(taken from the Police Newsletter)**

### **4.1 Farmwatch**

To be included in Farmwatch, individuals need to send their name, address (with post code) and either an email address or mobile to the police to ensure they receive the text alerts.

### **4.2 Speeding**

DP had contacted the police with concerns about speeding vehicles and whether the situation could be monitored. A representative from the Community Roadwatch Scheme, an organisation which works in conjunction with the police, has been invited to the October meeting of WPC.

**Decision: DP & NC to ensure letters are delivered to residents living along the main road in Waddington inviting them to the next parish council meeting to raise any concerns they may have.**

**Decision: DP and LH to put the SPID up in the village in two locations.**

**Decision: NC to ensure details about the invitation to the meeting are passed to the Clitheroe Advertiser and put on the Waddington website.**

## **5. Planning Applications**

### **5.1 3/2015/0532 Discharge of conditions 3 &4, field off Twitter Lane, Waddington**

Decision needed between meetings. No comment from WPC.

### **5.2 3/2015/0628 Demolition of outbuilding, new two storey side extension and porch to 14 Queensway.**

Decision needed between meetings. No comment from WPC.

### **5.3 Moorcock Inn update**

Smith Gore estate agents have an artist's impression of the Moorcock building.

## **6. Village Maintenance**

### **6.1 Waddow Grove weeds**

DP had received a comment from a resident complaining about the weeds in the gutters.

**Decision: To send a letter of invitation asking the individual if they would consider becoming the village lengthsman for a paid hourly rate.**

## 7. Allotments

KJ noted that the water supply will need to be turned off at the end of October before the frost.

**Decision: DP and KJ to meet and organise the turning off and the draining of the pipes.**

**Decision: DP and RE to look at the footpath.**

## 8. Best Kept Village Competition

The results have been received by WPC and were as follows:

Small village category: Highly Commended (third of 17 entries).

Sheltered accommodation: Highly Commended for the Almshouses

Pub/Inn or Restaurant: Winner for the Higher Buck

Notice board: Highly Commended for the Parish Council notice board

## 9. ROSPA

The annual report has been received. The findings are mainly that the equipment is satisfactory or at low risk.

## 10. Neighbourhood Plans

PE reported that as part of a Neighbourhood Plan, parish councils can develop a planning strategy in relation to low cost housing so if a need is identified the parish council could ask the borough council to grant planning permission for the scheme.

He added that resources up to £8,000 may be available to help parish councils to draw up a neighbourhood plan with advice from a specialist advisor. Grindleton have already done one and West Bradford are in the process.

**Decision: PE to make some more inquiries on behalf of WPC.**

## 11. Christmas tree lights

KJ has been in contact with Dove Syke Nursery about the provision of a tree and the provision of additional lengths of decorative lights (currently stored at KJ's house) as four of the current 11 are not working. The lights are on a timer and are on between 4pm and 11pm daily.

However KJ is still awaiting the final figures and hopes to have them for the next meeting.

The cost of providing and installing the village Christmas tree was £300 including VAT, a price which has remained consistent for the past two years.

**Decision: GF to find out where Chatburn Parish Council bought their lights from and the cost.**

## 12. Village stone signs

KJ noted that the stone signs at the entrances to the village are dirty and covered by long grass and other surrounding vegetation.

**Decision: LH to investigate.**

**Decision: NC to contact Chris Moon regarding cleaning materials if necessary.**

## 13. Expenditure and Income

**Expenses:** £80 Andrew Herd; £90 Website maintenance; £64.20 Pendle Nu Tech (Fire extinguishers); £120 BDO Audit; £930 Defib box; £56.32 Stationary; £650 Defib; £7.68 Office expenses

**Income:** £7 Electric meter; £125 Football Club rent

**Balance** £21,021.66 @ 14/9/15

## **14. Items of Correspondence**

### **14.1 Sport England funding**

Dilys Day from RVBC has provided some information regarding potential funding for work to football pitches.

**Decision: DP to look at.**

### **14.2 Traffic notices**

Temporary restrictions had been imposed on part of Belle Vue Lane in Waddington from 21/8/15 until 27/8/15 to enable repairs to be carried out to the water mains.

### **14.3 Environment Agency**

Following an email from the Environment Agency asking if WPC wanted a representative to visit to help develop a Flood Plan, DP had been in contact with the organisation regarding the removal of vegetation and boulders from the brook. He had been told that a survey is due in January followed by a site visit in due course.

### **14.4 LCC Corporate Strategy**

For information.

### **14.5 RVBC Mayor's Ball**

An invitation has been sent from RVBC to this event on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Mytton Fold Hotel, Langho. Tickets cost £35 with proceeds to the Mayor's Charities – Macmillan and Dementia Care in the Ribble Valley.

### **14.6 Lunch Clubs**

For information and the website.

### **14.7 Adult learning courses**

For information and the website.

### **14.8 Parish Liaison Committee**

DP had attended and reported that there had been a presentation from police Inspector Ian Cooper – however concerns were raised by parish councillors that the coverage on the ground is not sufficient in practice.

It was reported that RVBC has allocated £114,000 to town and parish councils towards capital one off schemes, the deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup> 2016.

## **15. Borough Council update**

PE reported that Nigel Evans MP had held a "roaming surgery" in Waddington but no residents had been to see him.

The former Clitheroe Hospital may be used to provide temporary low cost accommodation in conjunction with the Space Angels organisation.

Talks are taking place between LCC and the 10 district councils about creating a "new Lancashire".

RVBC has agreed to take five asylum seekers to reside in Longridge/Clitheroe, but decisions about homing refugees are still under negotiation.

Plans are in hand to redevelop central Clitheroe including the market area.

## **16 AOB**

**16.1** A presentation was made to KJ on behalf of WPC thanking him for his services as a parish councillor.

**16.2** LH has provided some signs relating to dog fouling which need to be copied and laminated.

**The date of the next meeting is: Monday, October 12th 2015 in the Village Club, Clitheroe Road at 7.30pm.**

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

**Approved:** Signed:.....

Date: October 2015