

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 8th June 2015

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present:

Councillor D Parker (DP)
Councillor R Edmondson (RE)
Councillor L Haworth (LH)
Councillor P Elms (PE)

Apologies:

Councillor B Hilton
Councillor M Colley

In attendance:

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr J Hilton, Mrs G Fisher

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

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

3.1 Defibrillator

No update had been received prior to the start of the meeting. However, Mr Barry Whitehead telephoned NC after the meeting to say he expects to receive the final decision by the end of w/c 8/6/15.

3.2 Hole in the track at Sanderson's Farm

RE reported that it has now been concreted over, although currently the cone is still in place as a precaution.

3.3 War Memorial

The insurance company has said it will pay for the cost of replacing the four posts which were damaged (not all 6). There will be an excess of £100 to pay.

Action: WPC to pay for the cost of replacing the other two posts.

Action: DP to ask M Holden to complete the work as soon as possible and pass the invoice to NC.

3.4 Dog Waste Bin

NC had received further communication from James Russell at RVBC with regard to the positioning of Dog Waste Bins in the village. The bin near to the school has been relocated to

the other end of the footpath; Edisford Road is being patrolled and monitored. Mr Russell also said that currently there are no funds available to locate additional bins in the Memorial Gardens and that the area is served by a grey bin which can be used for dog waste. However, he added that should monies become available, all Parish Councils would be asked for suggested locations.

WPC noted that the bin near the school has now been moved.

3.5 Playing Field Signs

DP reported that the sign is now in place and NC reported that a letter had been sent to Mrs Hammond.

3.6 Railings

Two quotes have now been received.

Action: NC to contact Dale Cox and ask him to undertake the work as soon as possible.

3.7 Fell Road escape lane

DP had contacted LCC for a second time regarding the state of the lane.

Action: DP to keep in contact with LCC.

3.8 Fingerpost sign

The signpost does not belong to LCC, it belongs to WPC. DP had been in discussion with Ken Jackson as it been suggested that perhaps the metal had warped.

Action: DP to ring Duncan Armstrong (who made the sign) and see what action can be taken.

4. Planning Applications

4.1 Moorcock Inn update

NC had again been on the Planning Inspectorate website, and the appeal has been "dismissed". NC had contacted RVBC to clarify the situation; the result means the Planning Inspector agreed with the decision of RVBC i.e. to turn down the application.

5.2 3/2015/0302 Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 3/2012/0490 to allow use as a wedding venue for up to 40 days per year at Clough Bottom, Rabbit Lane, Bashall Eaves, BB7 3NA

NC had sent a letter on behalf of WPC following discussion at the last meeting; however Mr John Macholc from RVBC wanted further clarification on the Parish Council's views. Councillors again expressed concerns about the use of the road and the potential for increased traffic volume. It was also noted that using the existing road to and from the venue via Bashall Eaves would be better.

Action: NC to write to RVBC stating the Parish Council's objection to the plans for an increase to 40 events on the grounds of increased volume of traffic and the fact that the roads are not suitable to deal with that amount of traffic.

5.3 3/2015/0325 Demolition of existing timber shelter. Erection of proposed stable building on field of Twitter Lane, Waddington.

Action: No objection

5. Village Maintenance

5.1 Old Hall laurel trees

LH pointed out that branches from the trees are overhanging the path.

Action: NC to write to the residents and ask them to cut the overhanging branches back to the rear of their property.

5.2 Katy Lane

Following the meeting LH reported a collapsed culvert on Katy Lane that appears to be falling in.

Action: NC to report to the authorities.

6. Allotments

6.1 Plot update

Following a letter sent to D. Ellis last month regarding the state of her allotment (Plot 4). She had replied by email saying that due to personal circumstances she had been forced to cut back on the amount of time she could spend on the allotment for the first half of 2015. However, she has now been keeping the weeds down and hoped to tidy the plot up during the weekend of May 30th/31st.

7. Best Kept Village Competition

RE reported that he had walked to the Post Office to deliver a BKVC poster and had noticed a lot of debris by the footpath on the main road through the village.

Action: WPC to spend an hour cleaning the main road on Tuesday night at 7pm.

Action: DP to arrange to meet Mr Peter Foley to find any other areas of potential improvement.

Action: NC to ask Chris Moon to clean the road signs and ask RVBC to sweep the roads.

8. Asset of Community Value

DP said this initiative involves designating a piece of property or land identified as an asset. Should the owner of the land want to do something with it in the future, whichever organisation or individual that has registered it as an asset, is informed. He suggested that The Croft, belonging to St Helen's Church and part of the diocese of Blackburn, should be put on this register. A nomination form would need to be filled in via the Legal Services team at RVBC; no cost would be incurred at this stage.

Action: DP to look into the matter.

9. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

9.1 Members were asked to fill in the necessary forms to be sent to RVBC.

9.2 Mrs G Fisher was co-opted as a member of Waddington Parish Council.

10. Expenditure and Income

10.1 Income/Expenditure

NC reported that since the last meeting the following payments have been made:

Expenses	£1,228.34	To RVBC for grass cutting
	£46.73	Clerk for reimbursement for postage & stationery
	£216	Clerk's additional expenses

Income None

Balance £22,415.44 @ May 21st

11. Items of Correspondence

11.1 D Midgley letter

Mr Midgley wanted to draw Councillors' attention to a newspaper article in which the adoption of a "neighbourhood plan" had stopped a large scale housing development in Winslow.

Action: NC to re-circulate a copy of the article to members of the Parish Council.

Action: PE to bring a sample plan along to the next meeting of WPC

11.2 Shared Lives Poster

For information

11.3 Temporary road closure – Slaidburn Road/Hallgate Hill

For information

11.4 Speed reduction stickers for wheelie bins

For information

11.5 Changes to cross boundary bus services

For information

11.6 War Memorial Recording

Information about a national bid to record the location and state of repair of War Memorials in the country as part of the First World War commemorations.

Action: DP to look into in more detail.

11.7 Changes to discharge of construction and demolition waste

For information, but concerns were expressed by members of WPC about the consequence of fly tipping that may result from the charges now being made.

11.8 RVBC Planning and Development Committee

For information

12. Borough Council update

PE reported that he is on the Community Committee and Health Committee at RVBC.

13 AOB

13.1 Vehicle obstruction

Action: A letter is to be sent to a resident regarding the unnecessary / dangerous positioning of their parked vehicle.

13.2 Anti social behaviour reported on StreetLife

PE reported that incidences of vehicles being “egged” have been reported on this social media site.

The date of the next meeting is: Monday, July 13th 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: July 2015