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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – on May 8th 2017

1. Apologies for absence

Present: Coun Doug Parker, Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Liz Haworth, Coun John Hilton, Coun Gil Fisher, County Coun David Smith.

In attendance: Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council)

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman Coun Doug Parker.

4. Borough Council and Lancashire County Council update (moved up the agenda from item 4)

County Coun David Smith introduced himself to the parish council following his success in the Lancashire County Council elections. He has been a member of the shadow cabinet at LCC for the past four years. His plans for the future include a focus on rural areas and in particular road surfaces and pot holes and he hopes that the current situation will change. Other areas that will be looked at include libraries and a close scrutiny of LCC finances. He emphasised that there will be a clear commitment to change.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

3.1 Play Equipment

LH has now had two quotes for repairs to the play equipment. Let's Play from Nelson had visited the site and reported some deterioration of the wet pour under a further item.

Action: LH to carry out a site inspection and report back to the next meeting. It was recommended that if it is just work as highlighted by ROSPA that needs carrying out that, rather than engaging a company to carry out the work, that the parish council sources the necessary parts and pays to have them fitted.

3.2 Planters for post

DP reported that the planters had arrived that day.

Action: NC to speak to Pat Hatherall regarding the filling of the planters.

Action: NC to pay the invoice.

3.3 Twitter Lane TPO

It was noted that this work is now not going ahead as scheduled.

4. Village maintenance / Allotments

4.1 Light on West Bradford Road

JH will use the LCC "report it" link to notify the county about the light which appears to be permanently on.

Please note: any issues with highways etc. can be reported to Lancashire County Council by using the following "Report It" link: http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx

5. Planning

5.1 3/2017/0316 Change of use of agricultural land to extend residential curtilage at Austin House, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3JQ

Notification of the application had been circulated prior to the meeting - no objection was noted.

5.2 3/2017/0319 Demolition of existing kitchen outrigger and replacements with new two storey extension to side and rear to include six new bedrooms on the first floor. New extension to continue over existing first floor terrace. Insertion of four new roof lights to front elevation at Waddington Arms, Clitheroe Road, Waddington, BB7 3HP

Notification of the application had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RE declared an interest the above planning application.

Following some discussion about the application and scrutiny of the plans.

Decision: Councillors to carry out a site visit and report back to the clerk within seven days as comments need to be received by RVBC by Thursday, May 18th. If appropriate NC will send comments to RVBC.

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5.3 3/2017/0374 Discharge of condition 3 (external materials) and 4 (window details) from planning permission 3/2016/1203 for 85 Regent Street, Waddington, BB7 3JA and 3/2017/0375 Application for non-material amendment to planning permission 3/2016/1203 to fix soil vent pipe to the outside of the building. No objection

7. Accounts

7.1 Expenditure and income updated from 11/4/17 to 24/4/17

 Expenditure (items over £100)
 Eon
 £106.74

 Clerk's salary
 £310.23

 LALC subscription
 £167.84

 RVBC precept
 £13,500

 Balance:
 £24,457.23

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

- 8. Correspondence (all for information unless otherwise stated)
- 8.1 RVBC
- 8.1.1 Minutes & Proceedings of the Council and Committees
- 8.1.2 A local plan for Ribble Valley 2008-2028; publication of housing and economic development Development plan document.
- 8.1.3 Public space protection orders

DP had sent a response on behalf of Waddington Parish Council.

8.1.4 Refuse stickers

Stephen Barker from RVBC had asked if parish councils wanted copies of the refuse collection timetables.

Decision: NC to ask for a pdf version of the Monday and Tuesday collection rounds which could be uploaded to the village website.

- 8.1.5 Dementia awareness poster
- 8.2 LCC
- 8.2.1 Barrow School consultation
- 8.3 LALC
- 8.3.1 "Effective meeting" training workshop

9. Neighbourhood Plan & Parish Plan

At the annual meeting DS had said that putting together a Neighbourhood Plan can be a long process which can work better in larger areas. During further discussion on the matter he said grants are available from RVBC towards the consultation process and that putting together a parish plan could constitute the first step of a Neighbourhood Plan.

NC had been in contact with the clerks of Chatburn and Newton Parish Councils who have forwarded copies of the Parish Plans/surveys they have carried out it the past.

Action: DP to speak to Colin Hirst at RVBC about the plans

Action: NC to email copies of the work carried out by Chatburn and Newton parish councils to members of the council for further discussion at the next meeting.

10. Pavilion/Changing Rooms

10.1 Drainage

DP reported that he had received a phone call from the owners of the field adjacent to the playing field (where horses are kept) saying that some "liquid" is going on to their land. DP and Andrew Herd went carried out a site inspection and about 30 yards lower down than the pavilion is a "damp" area which could be coming from a pipe which has possibly been affected by tree roots.

NC had been in contact with the insurance company who will require a claim form to be completed before they can say whether the policy will cover the work.

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It was felt it might be necessary to get a company to use CCTV to look at the drainage system.

Action: DP with Andrew Herd to continue investigating the matter.

10.2 Rent and costs

Following discussion at the last meeting NC has looked at the costs over the past 12 months. In total the pavilion and playing fields have $\cos \pounds 3,159.24$ in part due to the cost of the grass cutting, need for new fire extinguishers for the premises and some maintenance work that needed to be carried out; however a substantial amount of the money is also accounted for in water and electricity costs. Income over the same period was £264 - £250 rent from the cricket club and £14 from the meter. It was noted that the football club did not pay any rent in the last financial year.

Decision: NC to contact Eon in the first instance to see if an electrician can come and look at the set-up of the meter system and explain what is run off the paid meter etc.

Decision: NC to circulate the letter drafted to both the cricket and football clubs to invoice them for the annual rental.

11. Clitheroe Rd / Slaidburn Road update

DS had indicated prior to the meeting that prior to the election he had been unable to progress this matter, but following his election to LCC he would give the matter his attention.

12. Electoral boundary arrangements – recommendations

It was felt that the parish council does not need to comment on the consultation document.

13. The Croft

DP had asked NC to look up a letter which had been sent previously regarding the nettles on The Croft. NC reported that the response to the last letter sent in May 2016 said that spot spraying was carried out in June 2016 and subsequent topping had taken place in July of the same year. The letter went on to say this is an annual management practice.

Decision: To take no further action at present.

14. AOB

14.1 Memory bench

DP had meet with Dilys Day from RVBC and the parish council is to go ahead and order the bench and fittings which will be installed in due course.

Decision: NC to order the bench.

14.2 Village clean-up

It was agreed that this event should be re-advertised via the village website, Clitheroe Advertiser and on posters in the noticeboards.

Action: NC to produce some posters and follow-up the email already sent to Alan Boyer at RVBC regarding road sweeping and grass cutting

All are very welcome to attend Parish meetings. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list please contact the Clerk, Natalie Cox, at the above address. Thank you.