

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 9th March 2015

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present:

Councillor D Parker (DP)
Councillor K Jackson (KJ)
Councillor R Edmondson (RE)
Councillor L Haworth (LH)
Councillor M Ranson RVBC

Apologies:

Councillor B Hilton RVBC

In attendance:

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council
Pat Hatherall (PH)
Barry Whitehead (BW)

Defibrillator Update:

BW spoke on behalf of the Masonic Lodge of Waddington following correspondence sent to them by WPC. The Masonic Lodge like to contribute towards worthy causes and have identified that providing defibrillators for villages is such a cause. Members of the Lodge agreed that an application be made to the Provincial Yorkshire/West Riding Community Fund to purchase a defibrillator for the village. BW has been in contact with Simon Doyle from the First Responders about the sort of equipment which will be needed. A meeting in May will consider the application and BW will keep WPC informed of the outcome. WPC welcomed the decision.

Coronation Gardens:

PH asked for the Control of Waste Transfer to be signed to enable the Coronation Garden bins to be emptied. It costs £3.59 per bin to be emptied once a fortnight.

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

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

3. Police update – None received.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

4.1 Website

A report had been sent to NC from Daniel Williams to say that he hoped to have the initial work completed by the middle of the week to enable WPC to review progress so far and give their feedback. The development site can be found at <http://dev.waddingtonvillage.co.uk>

Action: NC to send out the link to WPC members via email.

Action: LH & NC to meet with Daniel to review the website prior to launch.

4.2 Defibrillator

See above for details.

4.3 Pothole at Sanderson's Farm

Action: KJ to check progress.

4.4 War Memorial

Since the collision, NC has been in contact with WPC's insurers to get the necessary paperwork to make a claim, photographs have been taken and the paperwork completed so far.

Action: To get a quote for replacing the damaged bollards before sending all the paperwork to Zurich.

4.5 Insurance policy

NC has received the paper work for 2014/2015.

Action: NC to pay the premium.

4.6 Little Green Bus

NC had contacted the service to ascertain how many villagers use the service. At the moment 10 people make use of the bus and/or car facilities on offer.

Action: To send a donation of £100.

4.7 Healthy Streets & 20mph posters

Posters have been received to go on display in the village.

Action: DP to put the posters in the WPC noticeboards.

4.8 Dog Waste Bin

NC has been in contact with James Russell at RVBC asking for the bin to be relocated at the opposite end of the footpath from the school. In his reply Mr Russell said he appreciated the parish council's opinion that they did not want to lose an existing amenity but said he would consider locating it to a "more popular site in the village commonly used by dog walkers".

Action: NC to contact RVBC and suggest that the bin be moved to the telegraph pole near the stepping stones on the inside of the gate by the brook and also to ask for the bag not just to be emptied from the bin on The Croft, but to be removed altogether.

4.9 RVBC Signpost

NC had been advised by RVBC that this new web facility was being aimed more directly at community groups rather than parish councils.

5. Planning

None received

6. Village Maintenance

Two signs for the playing fields had been located by Chris Moon. They need to be sited near the children's play area. RVBC were originally going to put the signs up but there was a subsequent delay as the borough said it was going to have signs made instead.

Action: NC to email Ken Winstanley at LCC Highways to ask about appropriate posts for the signs and put him in contact with DP.

7. Allotments Update

7.1 Plot 3

The tenancy agreement for the plot has been returned, but as discussed during a site meeting, no rent will be payable for the first 12 months.

It was suggested that a skip will be needed to enable the site to be cleared properly. The skip would have to be sited inside the gates to the allotment and would be available to all allotment holders who would be advised by email that it would be on site.

MR suggested that WPC considers having a community skip once or twice a year in the village in an advertised locality.

Action: NC to get quotes for skip hire so WPC can discuss whether to pass the cost on to the former tenant of Plot 3 as per correspondence sent in December.

7.2 Plot 17

Both the tenancy agreement and the rent has been received for this plot.

8. Best Kept Village

8.1 Application forms

Action: It was agreed that the application be completed as in previous years with the addition of the Higher Buck.

Action: In due course a letter is to be sent from WPC informing those identified in the application form of their entry into the Best Kept Village competition.

8.2 Railings

LH informed the council that a donation of £350 has been given towards the cost of painting the railings in memory of the late Mr Gordon Hook.

Action: A letter expressing WPC's thanks to be sent to Mr Hook's family.

NC has been in contact with three painters with regards to the railings – Brian Ferguson who carried out the job in 2009, Stephen Stewart and Simon Thompson.

- Mr Ferguson recommended the use of Alkasane rust inhabitant primer (£70 for 5 litres) followed by an Alkasane top coat (£75 per 5 litres), due to the position of the railings he said he would expect them to need repainting every four to five years. He asked WPC to tell him the meterage and then he can put a quote together and four to five people would be made available to work on the project.
- Mr Stewart said he was too busy and therefore would not quote for the job, but would recommend the use of Dulux Metal Shield, a trade product which is water-based and holds its colour. He would recommend a spot primer and two coats of paint.
- Mr Thompson will send a quote by email

Action: NC to pursue two quotes.

Action: NC to contact David Ingham re possible funding opportunities including the AONB and the Aggregate Levy.

9. Expenditure and Income – from January 11th to February 8th

Expenditure:

Pallisters for Allotments £275

Office expenses	£69.87
Computer “clean-up”	£35

10 Items of Correspondence

10.1 Streetlife

LH informed WPC that this new facility is like a village chatroom and various items relating to the parish council and other issues concerning Waddington have already been posted.

10.2 Agendas for RVBC

WPC has received the Minutes and Proceedings of RVBC’s Council and Committees Volume 41 Number 4 and the Agenda for the Planning & Development Committee on March 12th.

10.3 NA local council Star Awards

10.4 National Plant monitoring survey

This was passed to PH.

11 Bridget Hilton update

N/A as BH not in attendance

12 Any Other business

12.1 Cricket pitch hire

NC had been contacted by an individual asking to hire the cricket pitch but after asking for further clarification about why and when the hire was for, no further information has been forthcoming.

12.2 Higher Buck cobbles

WPC had been contacted by Steve Higgins to draw attention to the cobbles which have been removed from outside the Higher Buck which is within the Waddington Conservation Area. DP contacted RVBC and informed Mr Higgins that the matter had been brought to the attention of Mr Adrian Dowd the Principal Planning Officer (Design and Conservation); an inspection has been carried out by RVBC and it is now considering how to proceed.

Action: NC to write to RVBC saying that WPC understands no action is being taken and asking for a detailed explanation as to why no enforcement action is being taken.

12.3 Parish Council elections

DP and NC had attended an event at RVBC entitled “Preparing for Parish Council Elections”. Vacancies on WPC will be advertised on the parish noticeboards and nominations must be received by April 9th.

Action: MR to make inquiries about the number of parish councillors which Waddington should have.

Action: Completed nomination forms must be returned to NC before April 9th.

12.4 LALC membership

Action: NC to renew the annual membership of £213.20

12.5 Parish laptop

NC had taken the Parish laptop to Adrian Clark over the half term holiday. He had spent some time trying to “clean it up” and ensure all the necessary updates were completed. However as the laptop uses Windows XP that software is no longer available and he recommends replacing the laptop.

Action: NC to get a quote for a “like for like” replacement complete with software and set up costs.

12.6 Duck Race

PH asked for WPC’s permission to close the Coronation Gardens for the duration of the race. Although noting that it is pleased the community event is being revitalised, concerns were expressed that WPC has not been informed about any of the details about either the duck race or scarecrow festival, or had any contact from the event organisers and has only heard about it “on the grapevine” through church magazines.

Action: NC to write to the organisers advising them about the ownership of the Coronation Gardens and its plans to close the area during the event on account of the hard work which is put into maintaining this area.

The date of the next meeting is: Monday, April 13th 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Club, Clitheroe Road.

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

Approved: Signed:.....

Date: April 2015