

Minutes of Waddingham Annual Parish Council Meeting
On Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.45pm in the Jubilee Hall

Present:

Councillors: D Waite, R Coman, B Tutty, J Hill, A Watson, C Metcalfe, L Williams, A O'Connor, P L Wainwright (Clerk), County Councillor L Strange & two Members of the Public were present.

Election of Officers:

It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman be re-elected en bloc. Councillor David Waite agreed to be Chairman for 2015/16. Cllr J Cousins was not present at the meeting but had confirmed his agreement to act as Vice-Chairman for 2015/16 if requested. The relevant paperwork for the Chairman was completed and witnessed by the Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed the two new Parish Councillors, Loretta Williams and Colin Metcalfe. Following the Parish Elections on 7th May 2015, all elected Members signed and handed in their Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms.

Apologies:

Cllr J E Cousins, District Cllr J Summers & PCSO Raper.

Minutes:

In the minutes of 16th March 2015, PCSO Raper asked that the minutes be amended to include an incident on 27th January 2015 where 'a broken down vehicle was left in a lay-by on Kirton Road and set on fire. A Crime Report submitted for Arson - not endangering life'. Also, Cllr Coman noted that the minutes of 16/05/15 should include a note that District Cllr Summers would check with the Environment Agency about the possibility of looking at amending the category status of the Village Green as a Flood Area, currently Category 3. With the above notes included, the minutes of the Full meeting on 16th March 2015 were read and passed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. This was unanimously agreed by the Council.

Matters Arising:

Cllr B Tutty will arrange for a 20 ton load of 30mm gravel to be delivered to the North Ramper and spread across the uneven roadway. This action was unanimously agreed by Members.

Members' Declarations of Interest & Requests for Dispensation:

None to declare.

County/District Councillor's Report:

County Cllr L Strange reported that unfortunately, Lincolnshire County Council had needed to raise the Council Tax fee by 50p per week to try and assist with the shortfall in funds at the County Council following Government cuts. Cllr Strange also expressed concern that there were still numerous pot-holes in the area and urged members & the Public to continue reporting these issues with Highways and provided a telephone number to ring, 01522 555555.

Cllr Strange reported that the Castle had now opened and a new train service to Nottingham has recently commenced.

District Cllr J Summers was unable to attend the meeting but had sent a note to thank everyone who supported him in the last election. With over 70% turnout, and 2/3rds of the electorate voting for him, Cllr Summers confirmed he was

extremely humbled yet excited. If elected as Council Leader, he will continue the theme of creating efficiencies and income generation with no cuts to services.

Date & Time of Next Meeting:

The next Parish Council meeting will be held at the Jubilee Hall on Monday 27th July 2015, commencing at 7.45pm or on conclusion of the Public Time which will commence at 7.30pm, whichever is the sooner.

Police Report:

PCSO Raper was unable to attend the meeting but had sent in an Incident Report as follows:

'Suspicious Circumstances - male flagged down motorist & begged for money' on Kirton Road, Waddingham - Area search for the male but he could not be found - No Crime'

Treasurer's Report:

Balances:

Community A/C	£	370.57
Business Money Manager A/C	£	16,309.01
TOTAL	£	16,679.58

Accounts to Pay:

HM Revenue & Customs - Clerks Income Tax Apr/May 15	£	85.20
Cam & Company - Parish Council Insurance 2015/16	£	292.90
J W Cousins & Sons Farmers Ltd,		
Grass Cuts, March (1 x £85) + April ((1 x £260) + vat	£	414.00
Total Due	£	792.10

Donations:

Triangle Magazine	£	200.00
Total	£	200.00

It was unanimously agreed by Members to pay the accounts and donations due for May 2015.

Income:

West Lindsey District Council - Precept 2015/16	£	6,500.00
Northern Electric - Wayleave	£	2.30
West Lindsey District Council - Community Chest Grant	£	352.00
	£	6,854.30

Account Transfers:

On 18/05/2015, £990.00 t/f from Business Money Man A/c to Community A/c.

Waddingham Parish Council 2015/16 Accounts Outturn Forecast:

A forecast on expected outturn position at the end of the financial year, taking into account all known commitments is:

Bank Balances at 11.05.2015	£	16,679.58
Less March Invoices/Donations due for payment	£	992.10
Less known Commitments to 31/03/2016	£	6,735.00
Plus Income May 2015	£	0.00
Plus Income Commitments to 31/03/2015	£	636.00
Less Flood Relief Maintenance 2012 - 2020		
(£1k x 10 years) Balance	£	9,050.00
Anticipated Outturn at 31/03/2015	Surplus	£ 536.18

Waddingham Annual Return - Year ended 31st March 2015:

The Audit Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2015 has been completed by the Financial Responsible Officer. The Clerk then went through the accounts and Annual Governance Statement with Members. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to approve the accounts to 31st March 2015 and also approved the Annual Governance Statement. The Chairman and Clerk signed and dated the relevant forms. The Notice of Appointment of Date for the Exercise of Electors' Rights is currently advertised on the PC notice-board for viewing rights to the accounts until Friday 5th June 2015. The date for the papers to be with the external Auditors, Grant Thornton is 8th June 2015.

Waddingham Beck Cleaning - Quote 2015:

Quote 1 - Complete Weed Control Humberside - £125 + vat = £150.00.

Proposed Cllr A O'Connor, Seconded Cllr J Hill that quote from Complete Weed Control be accepted, this was unanimously agreed.

Pensions Regulator:

The Clerk read out information provided by 'The Pensions Regulator' confirming that the law on workplace pensions has changed and from 1st July 2016, every employer with at least one member of staff must automatically enrol those eligible into a workplace pension and contribute towards it. Further information to be sent in due course.

Planning:

- a) Application: 132420 - Planning Application for conversion of redundant farm offices to 2 no. flats at Waddingham Grange, Kirton Road, Waddingham. *Members had viewed the application and unanimously agreed to support it and have no objections. The Clerk has forwarded this information onto WLDC.*

Highways:

Highway related issues discussed included:

- ➔ Pot-holes along Church Road/Stainton Avenue, on Redbourne Road, at Clock House Corner just past the bend and on Brandy Wharf Bridge will all be reported.
- ➔ The Clerk will again report the standing water on Danger Bridge and ask Highways to look at the Grips on Snitterby Road as they need digging out. The condition of the road opposite the Marquis of Granby has deteriorated and will be reported to Highways also.
- ➔ The Parish Council has received a further letter from the residents of Holme Cottage on Brandy Wharf Road expressing their disappointment at the decision of Highways to reject the positioning of 'Cautions - Horses' signs near to their property on Brandy Wharf Road. It was unanimously agreed to send a further letter to Highways, strongly supporting the erection of Caution signs and asking them to reconsider and also request that a formal speed survey be carried out along this stretch of road. Further, if the decision is still not in favour of erecting the signs, ask if the 'caution horses' signs already in place on the B1205 near to Clock House Corner and on Rasen Road can be moved as they are no longer required in these areas.
- ➔ Grass cutting has taken place at Public Footpaths 76 & 77.
- ➔ South Kelsey Parish Council has sent a letter asking if Waddingham and Snitterby PC's would be interested in sharing the costs of a SID Speed Watch system. The Clerk will check with Redbourne PC on how they 'share' the SID machine and also ask what the views of Snitterby PC is to sharing the system.

Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities:

The Parish Council has received details of transparency obligations for parish councils with an annual turnover not exceeding £25,000 (England only). The new requirements are effective from 1 April 2015 onwards, and all councils under the £25,000 threshold must implement the new requirements to publish certain information within the required timescales. It was agreed to pass between Members and discuss further at the next meeting.

Flood Relief Scheme:

The banking slippage on the Flood Relief Scheme is currently being monitored.

Waddingham Parish Council Website:

The Grant funding of £352.00 has now been received and work will soon be carried out to start putting everything together and hopefully be completed by the next PC meeting. An invoice from 123 Connect will be sent to the Clerk on arrival and payment will be arranged. This was unanimously agreed.

Play Area - Village Hall:

A meeting had been held between Members of the Play School, Village Hall Committee and Parish Council and details of the proposals, to be funded by the Play School, were discussed. The Parish Council awaits plans of the proposals.

West Lindsey Local Development Framework:

No further information at this stage.

Other Organisations:

Cllr A Watson informed the meeting that the Village Hall had made a loss of £1k this year and there was a shortage of support for most of the events arranged. The Clerk read out a letter from the Triangle Committee asking the Parish Council if they are willing to relinquish their obligations under the Triangle Community Magazine. It was agreed to ask for further information before any decision made.

Correspondence:

All correspondence available for viewing. Information relating to an Electoral Review of Lincolnshire County Council will be passed between Members.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Flood Relief Scheme, Parish Council Website, Central Lincolnshire Local Plan, Transparency Code and the usual items.

Any other Urgent Matters:

There were no urgent matters.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.