

Wacton Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in Wacton Village Hall on Wednesday 30th May 2018

Present: -

Chair: Calvin Goreham, Councillors: Peter Jacques, Ian Mortimer

5 members of the public also attended plus District Councillor Des Fulcher

1. To consider apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Paul Muston, Christine Goreham and Alison Thomas and all agreed to accept

2. To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda:

None

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2018.

The minutes were duly signed by Chair as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed, Ian Mortimer Seconded Peter Jacques all agreed.

4. To consider matters arising from the last minutes (for information only):

None

5. To Receive the chairman's report, discuss and make decisions on anything that is needed

It was reported that the tree work at Jalu Barn had been completed as well as the pad for parking on the Village Green although complaints had been received regarding youngsters parking on it in the evening.

It was also reported that a parishioner would forward an email to the clerk ref Wacton Common road thanking a parishioner for her work on the flower pots.

6. To receive reports from the County Councillors:

. No report from County Councillor Alison Thomas.

7. To receive a report from the District Councillor:

Des Fulcher then gave his report and the points are detailed below

The Chief Exec of SNDC will not be standing for election when the merger of South Norfolk DC and Broadland DC takes place.

The Early Help Dementia scheme that will be delivered by South Norfolk Council was held at Netherton House in Long Stratton on the 21st May but there will be a second event at Wacton Village Hall on 20th June 2018 all are welcome to attend with refreshments being provided. There will also be another event at The Sugar Beet, Swainsthorpe on the 24th August and the group are hoping to run a dementia café

from their also. The clerk offered to forward the details to Norfolk ALC for them to send round to all clerks in their monthly newsletter.

South Norfolk on Show is on Sunday 1st July all welcome.

8. To receive the Footpath wardens report and to agree on a decision to an email that was recently sent to all councillors electronically.

The footpath wardens usual detailed report was emailed to all councillors and there were no questions or comments on this report. It was agreed that the footpath warden would only deal with the agents direct regarding any footpath issues on Wacton Common.

9. To Receive a report from the Tree Warden:

Peter Jacques reported that there was some concern that there seemed less bats flying around the tree near Jalu Barn. Peter had checked this out and could see no issues regarding the work done on the tree and it was also reported that the work was done with the permission of South Norfolk DC and had been subject to a planning application.

10. To discuss the recent flooding issues on Wash Lane

No update

11. To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee:

Calvin Goreham reported that there had been a good attendance at The Village hall AGM and that 3 new trustees had come forward and one was considering doing so.

12. To discuss grant applications for 2018/2019.

2 grant applications were passed to the chairman for passing to the relevant parishioners and these needed to be filled in before they could be discussed.

13. To consider and Planning Applications:

The following planning applications were considered, and comments made

2018/1060 No comment made

2018/0768 A discussion ensued on this with many points raised and it was agreed that the Parish Council would refuse this application with the information discussed sent to planning and the clerk would drop them off on his way home

14. Correspondence

Local Council Public Advisory Service had sent many emails to the clerk on various items.

Email from Norfolk ALC ref training which was passed onto councillor Ian Mortimer.

An email had been received regarding Fly Tipping which the clerk reported to Highways and the issue had been dealt with.

It was asked if an email could be sent to a parishioner thanking them for the work they had done on the planting of the tubs around the village green.

15. Authorisation of Cheques:

- Cheques were authorised as follows:

Parish Clerk salary and expenses	£423.88
Anne Barnes for Internal audit	£60.00
Fenland leisure for new swings on Village Green	£2310.00
Came and Co for Parish insurance	£850.12
Clerks membership of SLCC and ALCC (shared with Tharston and Hapton PC)	£88.50
Tony Rowson for Woodland Project	£22.22
Tony Rowson for Woodland Project	£TBA
Tony Rowson for Signs on Village green	£TBA

Cheques agreed and signed and detailed on the accounts.

The clerk also commented that the first Precept payment had been received as well as the Council tax support grant.

Calvin Goreham would look to contact Barclays bank regarding getting the new mandate forms that are needed.

16. To receive the Accounts for the year end 31st March and sign the AGAR

The clerk took the meeting through the year end accounts and the Internal auditors report and commented that he had implemented the recommendations already.

The chairman thanked the clerk for his good work on this and read out the excellent comments regarding the clerks work from Anne Barnes.

The chairman then signed the AGAR in the following order

Statement of Assurance

Certificate of Exemption

Accounting Statement

These were all witnessed by the clerk and were approved by the full council

Proposed Ian Mortimer Seconded Peter Jacques

17. To discuss the possibility of erecting seating in the play area

Chairman Calvin Goreham reported that he had been made aware of a sum of money from the old youth club that a parishioner had asked if it could be used to erect seating in the play area. It was agreed after a short discussion that this would happen, and the benches would be concreted in

Proposed Ian Mortimer, Seconded Calvin Goreham all agreed

18. To discuss the following issues regarding the playing field

- To discuss levelling the playing field

It was agreed to get Richard Moss to roll this on behalf of the parish council and Tony Rowson would approach him ASAP. It was also noted that the issues with the moles was too difficult to deal with due to how prevalent they were.

- To discuss the issues of dog mess on the playing field

More complaints had been received on this issue, but it was agreed that unless the culprits were actually seen and reported there was nothing the Parish Council could do.

19. To receive reports and discuss any on-going matters: -

a. The Woodland Project Review:

Grant Application has been returned by the Lottery as it was missing two items it had now been returned to The Lottery Fund.

Peter Jacques then made comment that work on the bridge had started and that the students from long Stratton High School had again attended for an hour.

It was also reported that John Pyle from South Norfolk council had informed the district councillor that the woodland project would feature in the next issue of The Link magazine.

It was reported by a parishioner that more wood was needed to finish the bridge for the woodland project and it was agreed to allow the parishioner to purchase the wood on behalf of the council who would refund him.

Proposed Ian Mortimer Seconded Peter Jacques

It was also agreed that the clerk would contact Long Stratton Parish clerk for contact details for the girl guides and brownies.

Finally, it was reported that we had been successful in obtaining a £1000 grant in the Tesco bags for help scheme.

21 . Matters raised by councillors and members of the public (for information only)

Many matters were raised and are listed below

- The grass cutting had not been of the best standard and Tony Rowson would take to Excite on the Parish Councils behalf.
- The pump house on the green needed some urgent work done asap.
- The road far end of Victoria Cottage had some very deep potholes and the clerk would report this asap
- It was agreed that the Parish Council contact the Tree surgeon to inspect the trees regarding the insurance.
- The clerk was asked to check if we had paid an invoice from Excite ASAP for tree work done in March.
- It was agreed that Tony Rowson would get the signs needed for the play area and the village green ASAP.

21. To discuss Parish Speed Watch Group:

The group was now in place and there had been 5 letters sent to speeding notices from the police. It was also reported that some new volunteers were needed for the group to assist in making the scheme work even better

23. Items for the next agenda:

Councillor Training

24. Date of Next Meeting: - Next parish Council meeting 4th July at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 9.10 pm