

# Waddington Parish Council

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## Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### 1. To receive apologies for absence

**Present:** Coun Doug Parker (Chairman); Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Michael Colley, Coun John Hilton, Coun Gil Fisher, Coun Paul Elms

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

**Apologies:** Coun Liz Haworth

### 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.

### 3. Matters arising from the last minutes (not covered elsewhere)

#### 3.1 Website Updates

NC reported that she had carried out a variety of updates to the website, but could not find a link to the “Waddy Ducks” event. At the appropriate time a link will be made from the village website to the organisation’s Facebook page.

#### 3.2 Memory Bench

Dilys Day from RVBC had been in contact to ask the parish council to undertake the entire project from purchasing the bench, installing it and ensuring it is painted the correct colour. As the project is supported by the Mayor’s Fund (when Coun. Bridget Hilton was in post), the parish council will be reimbursed for the full costs. However, no further information has yet been forthcoming about the specifications of the bench and where it can be purchased etc.

**Decision: DP to speak to Dilys Day for clarification of the next steps.**

#### 3.3 Dog Warden – update

NC had received a message from Joanne Ormerod, Dog Warden at RVBC, to say two visits had been made to the property and a letter of warning presented. The owner of the property had been contacted and had assured RVBC that the property would be cleaned immediately as it is now at risk of being fined.

#### 3.4 Best Kept Village – presentation

DP to attend the event in Wrea Green together with a representative from the Almshouses.

#### 3.5 Dove Syke Nursery

NC has been in contact with Dove Syke Nursery to say the parish council would like to same size Christmas tree as in previous years.

GF said she had spoken to the chairman of Chatburn Parish Council about their Christmas tree lights and will arrange to take the Waddington set over to be shown how to alter the settings.

**Decision: GF and DP to organise a meeting with Chatburn PC.**

#### 3.6 Waddington Road – vehicle

NC had been in contact with Insp Paul Goodall regarding the provision of white lines on the Fell Road and concerns over a car which frequently parks directly opposite the entrance to the Higher Buck car park. In his reply Insp Goodall said the provision of white lines was the responsibility of LCC, but he would look into the matter of the car. No further information had been forthcoming prior to the meeting.

**Decision: NC to email/pursue further.**

LH had emailed parish councillors prior to the meeting asking them to consider sending a letter out to local householders highlighting concerns about parking in the village.

**Decision: It was agreed to send the letter, amended slightly, to residents at the Clitheroe end of the village in the first instance.**

#### 3.7 Bunting

**Decision: RE and MC to sort and GF to store the bunting once it has been taken down.**

#### 3.8 Cross Lane sign

JH reported that the sign has been “propped up” and if it falls again will be reported directly to LCC.

#### 3.9 Overgrown public footpath

Using the “Report It” facility on the LCC website, NC has reported the overgrown vegetation of footpath FP23 across from Waddington and West Bradford School.

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## 3.10 Letter to quarry

NC, as requested, had sent a letter to the quarry owners thanking them for their assistance over the summer.

## 4. Village maintenance

### 4.1 ROSPA inspection

LH had reported that the areas of risk identified are the same as previously and at a low level with the exception of one piece of equipment which needs oiling.

**Decision: LH to carry out the necessary remedial works.**

## 5. Allotments

**Decision: DP and RE to carry out a full site visit to all allotments prior to the annual Allotment Holders' Meeting next month. (6.45pm on November 14<sup>th</sup>)**

## 6 Planning

Nothing to report.

## 7. Accounts

### 7.1 Completion of external audit

**Decision: Waddington Parish Council approves and accepts the Annual Return (including the certificate) as carried out by BDO.**

### 7.2 Expenditure and income update from 11/9/16 to 9/10/16

<u>Expenditure</u>	Office expenses including: new shredder & Microsoft Office licence Hedge Cutting	£106.01  £57.60
	Unipart Dorman (SiD)	£2476.80
<u>Income</u>	Allotment rent	£10.40
<u>Balance</u>		£13,101.84

## 8. Correspondence

### 8.1 RVBC

#### 8.1.1 Minutes and Proceedings of council and committees Sept 2016

For information.

#### 8.1.2 Funding

Dilys Day had sent some information through regarding funding via the Big Lottery Fund Celebrate Programme which is available until October 21<sup>st</sup> for one-off events/activities to celebrate local communities.

DP reported that he has the contact details for a lady who is happy to help local groups/organisations obtain grants by assisting with applications forms.

#### 8.1.3 Training via RVVHA

For information.

### 8.2 LALC

#### 8.2.1 RV Area Committee

This meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Council Chambers, Clitheroe.

**Decision: NC to forward the agenda to JH.**

#### 8.2.2 Consultation on Council Tax Referendum Principles

#### 8.2.3 Neighbourhood planning Bill

**Decision: NC to forward both documents to members of the parish council for future discussion.**

### 8.3 LCC

#### 8.3.1 Cosy Homes

**Decision: To be placed on Waddington Village website.**

#### 8.3.2 "Be a councillor" roadshow

Information has already been uploaded to the Waddington Village website.

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## 8.4 Citizens' Advice Bureau

**Decision: It was agreed to send a donation as in previous years to the organisation.**

## 8.5 Boundary Commission Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

MP Nigel Evans had sent a letter to the parish council about the planned boundary changes and the division it would cause to the Ribble Valley council area with the creation of two constituencies – North Lancashire and Clitheroe & Colne. A similar proposal had been muted in 2011 which were withdrawn due to representation against the changes. Mr Evans asked for strong representation from within the Ribble Valley to keep it together.

RVBC had also sent a letter to the clerk outlining their views on the proposals: the new Clitheroe and Colne constituency would add part of the Ribble Valley to part of Pendle, while the North Lancashire Constituency would take the other part of the Ribble Valley – including Waddington and West Bradford – along with parts of Lancaster, Wyre and Preston. The aim is reduce the number of MPs by 50 and have constituencies made up of similar numbers.

PE reported that a representative from the Boundary Commission had visited RVBC with a presentation about the proposals and there is now a period of consultation.

In the letter from RVBC, Chief Executive Marshall Scott said the council had passed the following resolutions:

1. Reject the Boundary Commission Parliamentary proposal for the Ribble Valley.
2. Urge counter proposals upon the Boundary Commission which keep the Ribble Valley Borough in one parliamentary constituency, to be called Ribble Valley.
3. Direct the Chief Executive to write on behalf of the council to the Boundary Commission setting out the council's position and to submit the council's views in writing to the Assistant Commissioner appointed to chair the public hearings on the future shape and size of Lancashire parliamentary seats before the first public hearing on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Manchester, and
4. Submit proposals that:
  - I. Base the council's proposals on community interest keeping the new constituency within the borough
  - II. Avoid the new constituency covering more than two local authority areas
  - III. Keep the numbers in the new constituency within the tolerance level of 71,507 and 78,507
  - IV. Minimise the amount of change and voter movement from the existing Ribble Valley parliamentary constituency to the proposed new one, and
  - V. Send every Town and Parish Council and other voluntary cultural and business organisation in the Ribble Valley a copy of the Council's views and urge them to support the Council's proposals for the Ribble Valley constituency and to send their views to the Boundary Commission.

**Decision: Parish councillors agreed to support the position of the Ribble Valley by responding via the Boundary Commission website [www.bce2018.org.uk](http://www.bce2018.org.uk)**

## 9. Borough Council Update

PE reported that the Moorcock situation continues and that there is a meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> at Trinity Church, Clitheroe, regarding the plans for the market led by Coun Sue Hinds who is keen to hear the views of members of the public on the proposals.

## 10. AOB

### 10.1 Branch Road, Waddington

DP had been contacted by a resident asking for a one way system to be introduced on Branch Road in a bid to cut traffic speed with traffic from West Bradford not being allowed to travel down Branch Road. DP had contacted LCC and had received an email response to say this would suggestion would not help reduce the speed of traffic and in could in fact have the adverse effect as all traffic would be travelling in one direction.

**Decision: DP to feedback the information to the resident.**

**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.**