

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.45pm on 11th May 2015

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present:

Councillor D Parker (DP)
Councillor R Edmondson (RE)
Councillor L Haworth (LH)
Councillor M Colley (MC)
Councillor P Elms (PE)

Apologies:

Councillor B Hilton

In attendance:

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr Hilton, Mr Lodge, Mrs Foley, Mr Foley, Mrs Backhouse, Mr Backhouse, Mr Jackson, Mrs Fisher, Mrs Hatherall

Planning Application: 3/2015/0302 Variation of condition 6 of planning permission 3/2012/0490 to allow use as a wedding venue for up to 40 days per year at Clough Bottom, Rabbit Lane, Bashall Eaves, BB7 3NA:

Mr and Mrs Backhouse spoke regarding their current planning application. They said their training centre and conference centre has been running for more than 25 years and is part of a farm diversification project. Since the out barn was converted in 1995/96 it has catered for a variety of functions including gala dinners. A number of local people are employed at the facility and the business puts back some £250,000 per year into the local economy with delegates staying at local hotels and guest houses etc.

Access has been created at the venue in a bid to alleviate the increase in traffic and a Traffic Management Scheme is in place using minibuses and coaches where possible.

DP raised concerns about the increase in traffic that would be travelling to and from the venue if it was used for more weddings and the implications that would have on Rabbit Lane and Cross Lane.

Mr Backhouse said 1.4 miles of highway had been by-passed due to access being created through the farmyard.

Mrs Backhouse said she did not believe that people in Waddington had seen an increase in traffic over the past 25 years due to the Traffic Management Plan which has been in place during that time which the business has worked within. She added that although the application was for 40 weddings it did not mean that there would necessarily be that number

as last year the business only ran five weddings. Bookings would be controlled and a one-way system put in place in a bid to ensure the traffic created is managed responsibly. The Backhouses said they would be happy for people to visit the site to see the business in action.

Weddings have been taking place at the venue since 2009, five took place last year and 12 are booked for this year.

Mr and Mrs Backhouse said they were hoping for the support of Waddington Parish Council for their application.

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

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

3.1 Defibrillator

NC had sent an email to Barry Whitehead and he had responded by telephone to say the decision is expected at the end of May.

3.2 Hole in the track at Sanderson's Farm

Mr Jackson reported that the hole had not yet been repaired.

Action: RE to visit and pursue

3.3 War Memorial

The second quote, as requested by the insurance company, had only just been received.

Action: NC to pursue the claim.

3.4 Dog Waste Bin

NC had contacted James Russell at RVBC with regard to the positioning of Dog Waste Bins in the village but had received no response to date.

Concern was raised that some dog walkers need to be re-educated about the responsible way of disposing of waste and it was suggested that more signs would be beneficial.

Action: NC to contact James Russell regarding the position of the Dog Waste Bin near the school (re-locate to the pavement side rather than the road side) and to pursue WPC suggestions relating to additional facilities.

3.5 Playing Field Signs

DP had got an estimate for a pole at the playing field to display signage relating to the play equipment. The quote was £215+VAT. The signs will be placed to the right hand side of the cycle rack, opposite the bin.

Action: DP to make the necessary arrangements with LCC.

3.6 Railings

NC has received one quote from Dale Cox for the work and was hoping to have received the second quote prior to the meeting.

Mr Jackson said that on a previous occasion WPC had been given funding from the Aggregate Levy towards the cost of painting the railings.

Action: A decision to be made in June regarding the work.

3.7 Higher Buck Cobbles

NC had again written to Adrian Dowd at RVBC asking why no enforcement action had been taken regarding the cobbles.

Mr Dowd's email response said: In my understanding, one form of hard and impermeable surfacing has been replaced by another form of hard and impermeable surfacing and this does not require planning permission (please note that former "Conservation Area Consent" requirements have now been incorporated within planning permission requirements).

3.8 Parish Laptop

Two quotes had been put forward.

Action: It was agreed that money be spent on a new Parish laptop.

Action: NC to seek further advice about the best Windows package to use.

3.9 Public Rights of Way Consultation

The information had been passed by NC to DP and RE. No further comments were made.

3.10 Parish Council Election

NC ensured "Acceptance of Office" paperwork was signed by the elected members of Waddington Parish Council and co-opted members.

4. Website

The Waddington website is now up and running and can be administered by NC and LH.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 Moorcock Inn update

NC had been on the Planning Inspectorate website, and the appeal is "in progress" but there is no decision yet.

5.2 Variation of condition at Clough Bottom, Rabbit Lane, Bashall Eaves.

See earlier minute.

6. Village Maintenance

6.1 Fell Road escape lane

DP had contacted LCC and would pursue the matter.

6.2 Signpost outside the Post Office

One of the "finger" signposts towards West Bradford is bent.

Action: DP to pursue.

7. Allotments

7.1 Skip hire

DP noted that Plot 3 is now in a better state and has been very well cleared.

7.2 Plot update – numbers 2 and 17

DP noted that Plot 2 looks much improved and Plot 17 no longer has hens or chickens, but the rent for the year has been paid in full.

Mr Jackson informed the meeting that a new padlock has been fitted to the cupboard.

8. Best Kept Village

Mrs Hatherall asked if some posters could be displayed in the village and some information posted on the website asking residents to keep their properties and surrounding areas tidy ahead of the judging.

As noted at the Annual Meeting, DP is to meet with Mr Foley and then Chris Moon can be given specific instructions about what jobs need doing.

Action: NC to sort posters for displaying in the village and on the website

Action: DP to meet Mr Foley

9. Expenditure and Income

9.1 Income/Expenditure

NC reported that since year end the following payments had been made:

Expenses	Little Green Bus	£100
	E-on	£119
	White Sands Media	£374
	RVBC green waste disposal	£93

Income	Precept	£13,693
Balance	@ April 14 th	£24,179.94

9.2 Internal auditor

Action: Clare Atkinson, company secretary of Yate Slate in Clitheroe, was appointed as the new internal auditor for Waddington Parish Council.

9.3 Governance

Action: Members of Waddington Parish Council agreed with Annual Governance statement in accordance with the Annual Return for the financial year ended 31st March 2015.

9.4 Additional signatory on the account

NC said as Ken Jackson is no longer a member of Waddington Parish Council an additional signatory is needed for the NatWest account.

Action: It was agreed that LH would become the additional signatory.

10 Items of Correspondence

10.1 D Midgley letter

Mr Midgley wanted to draw Councillors’ attention to a newspaper article in which the adoption of a “neighbourhood plan” had stopped a large scale housing development in Winslow.

Action: NC to circulate a copy of the article to members of the Parish Council.

10.2 RVBC Planning & Development Committee agenda

For information

10.3 RVBC Minutes and Proceedings of the Council and Committee

For information

10.4 Adult learning course

Information to be displayed on the Waddington website and on the Parish notice board.

10.5 Open Craft exhibition

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11. Borough Council update

None received.

12 AOB

12.1 Play equipment

A member of the public had contacted the Parish Council with her concerns after her daughter had fallen off part of the equipment. DP had met with the resident on site to look at the equipment.

LH said the play area is split into two age defined sets of equipment in designated coloured areas.

Action: NC to write to the resident in response to her concerns.

The date of the next meeting is: Monday, June 8th 2015 in the Village Club, Clitheroe Road at 7.30pm.

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

Approved: Signed:.....

Date: June 2015