

Waddington Parish Council

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Local Government Act 1972 Meeting of Waddington Parish Council

Monday 11th October 2021 7.30pm at Waddow Hall, Clitheroe Road, Waddington.

Minutes

Minutes from our meetings are normally reviewed and agreed at the following scheduled meeting and thereafter published to the village website.

		Ref no. & Cllrs Proposing & Seconding
1.	Attendance and Apologies	
	The attendance of Cllrs Taylor, Edmondson, Sullivan, Bolton, Rattigan, Cox, and Melvin were recorded. Apologies were received from RVBC Cllr Bob Buller, and LCC Cllr Rupert Swarbrick (Longridge and Bowland). Also in attendance were Carol Baird, Parish Clerk & RFO, and a member of the public; Rev. Christopher Wood.	
2.	Introduction	
	Cllr Taylor welcomed councillors and a member of the public to the meeting. He identified that the opportunity for members of the public to take part would be at agenda item 4. The Covid secure nature of the meeting was confirmed.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	No declarations of pecuniary or personal interests were received from Councillors in matters identified in the agenda.	
4.	Public Participation	
	There were no items raised.	
5.	Minutes of previous meeting	
	It was resolved to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the previous Waddington Parish Council Meeting held on the 13 th September 2021.	21/10/005 Prop. Cllr CS Sec. Cllr JR
6.	Any matters arising from the minutes & not covered on this Agenda (resolutions closed & not requiring being on Agenda)	
	Lending Library – the family proposing installation of a library have been emailed to progress the project further. The Council would be kept updated on developments. LCC Highways – Since the last meeting the clerk has made reports to LCC about blocked grates on Waddow Grove and flooding issues on the footpath on West Bradford Road by the school & action promised. Waddington Volunteers – The Chairman asked for thanks to be recorded to residents in The Square who volunteered to paint, repair, and clean out the telephone kiosk and had done an excellent job.	

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7.	Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)	
	<p>Cllr Taylor provided an update on the HARP project; LCC Highways have provided a written response to United Utilities' planning application for the HARP project relating to the Lower Houses Compound and surrounding area in which Highways recommend that the planning application should not yet go before a planning committee as United Utilities have not answered all the questions raised by Highways. Whilst this relates to the HARP application around the Lancaster area and not the Ribble Valley, it does provide an insight of the level of detail required by Highways and is an approach likely to be applied to the applications in the Ribble Valley area.</p> <p>It is understood that Cllr Swarbrick has recently met with MP Nigel Evans and briefed him on local concerns in relation to HARP.</p> <p>There have been no HARP newsletter updates provided since July due to the fact the project has not moved on in the last few months.</p> <p>Members of the public are encouraged to continue to refer to the village website at https://waddington.website/harp for the latest information and direct links to the planning applications submitted to RVBC by United Utilities, and that submitted to LCC by Armstrong Aggregates regarding the quarry.</p> <p>Members of the public were also encouraged to approach their parish councillors with any queries about the planning applications, which were being dealt with at RVBC by Mr John Macholc, Head of RVBC planning services, and planning officer Mr Rob Hope at Lancashire County Council planning office in relation to the quarry application.</p> <p>Ward councillor, Mr Bob Buller sits on the Planning Committee at RVBC whilst LCC Cllr for Clitheroe North, Mr Ged Mirfin sits on the Planning Committee for LCC. The local LCC Cllr for Longridge & Bowland, Mr Rupert Swarbrick intends to address the committees with concerns and issues raised by the community.</p>	
8.	Updates from Committees	
	<p>Personnel Committee – the first meeting is to take place in Nov. date to be confirmed.</p> <p>Finance Committee – the next meeting of the group for the Quarter 2 Review will be on Mon. 18th October 21.</p>	
9.	Monthly Financial Reporting	
	<p>The monthly finance report was circulated to Council, received, and noted. The Finance Committee intend to address the 2022/3 budget at their next meeting.</p>	

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10.	Council's Policy Documents	
	A revised timetable for the creation and implementation of outstanding policy documents was circulated and noted.	
11.	Allotments	
	<p>In line with legislation and national best practice, it was noted that the village allotments are provided primarily for cultivation of the plots for fruit and vegetables by tenants. The Council does not own the site, the landowners are the Waddington Alms Houses Trust, with land agents being J. Pallister & Sons. The current state of the allotments was discussed. Some plots are well used and cultivated as intended, and some are in a dreadful state.</p> <p>The Council has asked for a copy of the current lease from the landowners via the land agents and one cannot be located. The heads of terms need to be reviewed before the allotment tenancies can be updated and renewed. Cllr Sullivan volunteered to be the lead Councillor for the allotments.</p> <p>It was resolved to delay the November allotment holders meeting and renewal of all tenancies until after the landowners and the council have a land tenancy agreement in place. The clerk is to inform all the allotment holders of the delay.</p>	21/10/011 Prop. Cllr DT Sec. Cllr RE
12.	Preparations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2-5th June 2022	
	<p>The clerk shared the arrangements for the previous Diamond Jubilee celebrations in the village in 2012. This took the form of a new fingerpost signpost located by the post office, a fun day and picnic, Maypole dancing, a celebration lunch, decorating houses competition, planting 1000 bulbs by school children, and the planting of a cherry tree by the W.I.</p> <p>Councillors were asked to consider if they would like to volunteer to lead the arrangements for the celebrations with the Clerk. This item will be on the agenda at the next Council meeting in November, as a budget proposal for the event will also be put to the full council by the Finance Committee.</p>	
13.	Planning Applications	
	<p>It was resolved not to provide any response, objections or seek conditions in relation to the following Planning Application: 3/2021/0801 Kelvedon, Beechthorpe Avenue, Waddington BB7 3HT Proposed demolition of a single storey kitchen. Construction of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Applications for full consent.</p>	
14.	Updates from Partnership Meetings	
	There were no updates from Partnership Meetings.	

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15.	Matters brought forward by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only	
	<p>Chairman's notice to resign - Cllr Taylor thanked all councillors for their support and kind words following his recent decision of intent to resign his position as Chairman and Councillor. This would be prior to November's full council meeting as he is moving out of the area and would be ineligible to continue.</p> <p>He thanked Cllr Rattigan for his interest in taking on the position of Chairman of the Council and, in the absence of another interested candidate, this matter could be voted on at the next meeting to enable a smooth transition.</p> <p>Councillors thanked the Chairman for all his work since joining the Council. All the tasks which Cllr Taylor has undertaken – including but not limited to HARP, SPID, defibrillators, staffing, website, accounts will be re-allocated at the next meeting in November.</p> <p>Lancashire Life Article – Cllr Sarah Bolton was thanked for her article promoting the village as part of a feature on her farm in <i>Lancashire Life</i>.</p> <p>Farming in Protected Landscapes – Cllr Bolton updated the meeting that AONB Forest of Bowland have been granted monies for projects relating to Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL). Farmers could apply for funds to protect the landscape, ideas include planting trees in the appropriate places, natural flood measures and feasibility studies.</p> <p>Footpath's update – Cllr Bolton has also met the AONB Footpath Officer and LCC Footpaths Officer to seek to replace stiles with gates in the local area. Monies could be obtained to achieve these aims. Consideration is to be given to identifying a <i>priority footpath</i> which is circular from the village centre, providing increased access to the countryside for visitors and residents, thereby potentially attracting more funding from FiPL.</p> <p>Ribble River's Trust have offered to do a River Day in the village to promote awareness of factors impacting on the brook in the village and beyond. They would set up a marquee and provide information to promote and raise awareness on maintaining the health of the brook. They may also demonstrate an electro-fishing survey which safely captures fish for study before releasing them back unharmed.</p>	
16.	Next Meeting Dates	
	<p>The following dates were considered and approved: 16.1 WPC Councillors requested to put up the poppies on village</p>	

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	<p>lampposts for the Remembrance Day - to meet at the cenotaph with ladders and cable ties at midday on Sunday 31st October. 16.1 Agenda items and Reports for the November meeting to be submitted to the Clerk by midday Monday 1st Nov. 16.2 Next meeting to take place Monday 8th Nov. 2021 7.30pm. at Waddow Hall conference room.</p>	
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Minutes to be agreed and signed by the Chair at the meeting in November 2021.