

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council

The Village Club – on February 12th, 2018

1. Apologies for absence

Present: Coun Doug Parker, Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Michael Colley, Coun Liz Haworth, Coun John Hilton, Coun Gil Fisher, Coun Paul Elms (RVBC)

Apologies: Coun David Smith (LCC)

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting to be approved and signed

Decision: GF proposed, and DP seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman Coun Doug Parker.

3. Waddington Football Club Update

No one present, no update was given although members of the parish council believe the club was unsuccessful in gaining financial support from the Bowland Trust and Environmental Fund; however, suggestions have been made that the club approaches Sport England and the Craven Trust.

4. Borough Council / County Council Update

PE said there were no further developments regarding Clitheroe market to report; discussions are taking place to look at the possibility of opening the train line to Hellifield to give connections to Skipton and Carlisle.

NB Item number 6.6 was moved up the agenda for discussion under item 4

6.6 Potholes

PE reported that there is no evidence of LCC carrying out any work and he has written to them regarding the matter twice; it was noted that a number of the potholes in Waddington have been reported to LCC multiple times. Concerns were raised about people pushing prams to avoid the potholes may not be as traffic conscious as they should be, similarly with cyclists and motorcyclists trying to avoid them in the road may not be as pedestrian aware as they should. The lack of maintenance by LCC was again raised, in addition to the use of the road by the lorries from the quarry and extra traffic being forced through the village following the closure of West Bradford bridge.

It was agreed that the road surface is not for purpose and is a serious safety issues and that safety of all (road users and pedestrians) is of paramount concern to the parish council.

The difference between the road surfaces in Lancashire compared to Yorkshire is palpable (Waddington was at one time in the county of Yorkshire).

Concerns were also raised that when the potholes are full of water drivers are unable to judge that there is a pothole there and indeed how deep it is.

The ramp near Waddington Social Club has been in place for six weeks but nothing further has been done.

Decision: It was proposed by JH and seconded by RE that a letter be sent to LCC voicing all the concerns, with the support of Coun Paul Elms (RVBC) and that copies be sent to Nigel Evans MP, County Councillor Keith Iddon (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport), County Councillor David Smith and the Clitheroe Advertiser; as well as being put on the village website.

5. Matters arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

5.1 RoSPA – verbal update

NC reported that the invoice has now been paid and in response Playsafety have offered a free appointment with the 2018 inspection (normal cost £42 + VAT).

Action: NC to ask via RVBC Parish Liaison group who other parish councils use to carry out the same checks.

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5.2 Window cleaner – verbal update

RE has spoken to the window cleaner who is happy to undertake the work to the bus shelters at a cost of £20 per quarter, with the parish being liable for additional money if the roofs are also cleaned.

Decision: LH proposed, and GF seconded that the window cleaner be asked to carry out the work as discussed; RE to liaise on behalf to the parish council.

5.3 Parish email addresses

Action: NC will contact White Sands Media to progress the work regarding generic email addresses and raising the profile of the parish council on the Waddington village website.

5.4 Christmas tree

NC reported that an invoice had been received asking for £420 - £250 for the tree and £100 for the time taken to fit the lights and deliver the tree. GF said it had been agreed by text on 13/11/17 that the price charged would be the same as previously paid; following the initial discussion the tree was eventually taken down by members of the parish council who had also fitted half the lights and been kept waiting on more than one occasion for the tree to be delivered.

GF has been in contact with Neil Barton who had eventually delivered the tree and installed it to see if he would supply direct to the parish council; however there had been no response to date.

Action: To inquire whether the quarry would be willing to donate a tree to the village, or whether the three pubs would each be willing to donate £100 towards the cost.

5.5 Higher Buck – parking

DP had been in contact with a village resident who had said that when the Higher Buck was re-opened it was on the understanding that village residents, as well as patrons, could use the car park at the rear; however, it is now patrons only. The space was originally parking for the Sunday School, but it was then sold. A letter had been sent by NC but to date there had been no reply.

Action: It was agreed to put the response on the website once it has been received.

6. Village maintenance / Allotments / Planning

6.1 Allotments – removal of green waste

Action: NC to contact RVBC about the possibility of having a green bin at the allotments.

6.2 Allotment vacant plot update

NC reported that a plot remains vacant currently as a number of people on the waiting list have changed their mind and as such she is working down the list.

6.3 Post office planter

DP had been in contact with Oak Tree Nursery regarding winter planting for the future; however, for the time being it will be planted with summer plants at the end of April.

NC reported that the son of village resident Elizabeth Drew had been in contact to say she had bequeathed a sum of £250 to the parish council which he felt a suitable legacy would be to use the money towards the cost of an additional planter for the village.

Action: At the next meeting further discussion will take place about the possible siting of a second planter, in the meantime parish councillors to consider suitable locations.

6.4 Best Kept Village Competition 2018

It was agreed that Waddington should be entered in the annual competition as usual.

6.5 Great British Spring Clean

Some promotional material had been sent about a national event, but it was felt the timing did not fit in the Best Kept Village Competition.

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Decision: RE proposed and GF seconded that a leaflet promoting a village clean up be sent out with the parish questionnaire; the event will take place on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7pm.
Action: NC to source black bags etc from RVBC.

6.6 Potholes

See earlier item.

6.7 Planning application 3/2017/1214 Resubmission of planning application 3/2017/0674 for four dwellings including associated infrastructure, parking and access at The Moorcock Inn, Slaidburn Road, Waddington

The application had been circulated prior to the meeting; there were no objections or comments.

7. Parish Questionnaire

JH reported that further changes have been made to the front page of the questionnaire, specifically relating to the prize draw and the time frame for claiming prizes. The draw will take place at the annual meeting on May 14th with £100 in prizes to be allocated. The parish is asking for the questionnaire to be returned by March 29th, with prizes to be claimed by June 11th with the winning numbers to be posted on the noticeboards and website by May 16th – therefore the questionnaire will need to be put in the post by the end of February. JH hopes to be able to provide some initial feedback from the statistics at the annual meeting.

The resulting questionnaire is now 10 pages (five A4 double sided). Once the sheets have been printed and stapled two matching cloakroom tickets will need to be attached to each questionnaire.

NC said she had been in contact with RVBC regarding addresses for village residents; following a conversation with Diane Rice, the council's legal advisor, it was agreed that the information should be sought via the Royal Mail.

Action: NC to print the labels for all the envelopes.

Action:

- A pdf version of the questionnaire (and spring clean-up flyer) to be sent to Borough Printing
- Two sets of envelopes to be purchased
- 550 second class stamps to be bought from the Post Office in Clitheroe where they will be available over the counter.
- The questionnaires will be sent via Ashton Sixth Form College where they will be franked, and the parish council will reimburse the cost.

8. Accounts

8.1 Expenditure and income updated from 15/12/17 to 03/01/18

<u>Expenditure (items over £100)</u>	Pallisters for allotment	£275
	Clerk's salary	£310.23
<u>Income (items over £100)</u>	Allotment rents	£275
<u>Balance:</u>		£14,886.09

NB for more details about the parish council accounts, please contact the clerk.

9. Items for Information

9.1 UK Cycling event: Sunday, April 15th – for information

9.2 LALC annual report

This item was for information; NC also reported that in further correspondence with Marion Gelder, the Standing Orders can be adapted to suit individual council needs providing all items in bold are kept and adhered to as they constitute the governing laws.

9.3 RVBC – Parish Council Liaison Committee – verbal report

JH reported that money could be available to pay for parish lengthsman, but was unsure if the person needed to be employed by the council as opposed to paid on an ad-hoc "as and when" basis as is the situation in Waddington.

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9.4 SPiD

JH reported that there is an issue with the battery life of the SPiD as originally once fully charged it worked for 35 days but currently the battery life is 5 days. He has been in contact with the supplier Unipart Dorman who have taken it for testing and reported that other similar models had also experienced some issues. A further report will be made at the next meeting.

9.5 Village railings

Dale Cox has been asked to quote for painting the railings which he last did in 2015.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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.