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Local Government Act 1972 Meeting of Waddington Parish Council

Monday 12th July 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 and Cox were recorded, and apologies were received from RVBC Cllr Bob Buller, and LCC Cllr Rupert Swarbrick (Longridge and Bowland). Also in attendance: Mrs C Melvin who was co-opted during the meeting as a Councillor, Carol Baird - Parish Clerk & RFO, and 12 members of the public.	
2.	Introduction	
	Cllr Taylor welcomed councillors and members of the public to the meeting. He identified the opportunity for members of the public to take part would be at agenda item 6. The Covid secure nature of the meeting was confirmed and the guidelines everyone should be follow. All present had their temperature taken on arrival and signed in to the meeting.	
3.	Declarations of Interest	
	Declarations of pecuniary or personal interests were received from Councillors in matters identified in the agenda. Cllr John Rattigan is a Foundation Governor for Waddington and West Bradford school and declared his interest in matters concerning the school. This is mainly in connection with HARP at agenda item 5.	
4.	Co-option of new Councillor to vacancy	
	Mrs Cathie Melvin was co-opted to the current Councillor vacancy arising from the resignation of Councillor Parker.	21/07/004 Prop. Cllr RE Sec. Cllr DT
5.	Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)	
	Cllr D Taylor provided an input on the HARP project, the current position regarding planning applications from Armstrong Aggregates and United Utilities, and the council's involvement to date. The update covered the following points: The necessity for the programme and work done already to improve the sections of the pipeline where it is closer to the surface.	

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The significant impact likely on the area to all residents and visitors, whether for work or leisure or travelling through.
The reliance of the United Utilities tunnel planning applications to RVBC on the successful grant of the Quarry planning application to be heard by LCC planning committee (*this was anticipated to be at the 21st July however it is not listed at that meeting*).
The limited role of the parish council in making representations to the planning committees of LCC & RVBC.
The importance of residents self-briefing on the planning proposals from the wealth of material online at RVBC's dedicated HARP planning website, and making their own representations as well as communicating them to this council – to consider in our response.
The importance of only responding to planning departments with **material planning considerations** which include but are not limited to:

- Loss of privacy
- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Parking
- Highway safety
- Traffic
- Noise
- Effect on listed building and conservation area
- RVBC & LCC planning policy
- Government policy
- Nature conservation

However, issues such as loss of view, or negative effect on the value of properties **are not** material considerations and will be disregarded.

HARP Letter from the Head and Governors of Waddington and West Bradford School.

The main points of this letter was read out by Cllr Taylor for the information of councillors present and highlighted health and safety issues raised by the school concerning the HARP proposals and its effect on the school. There were two options proposed in the letter for off road car parking near to the school to enhance road safety in this problematic area and the safety of pupils arriving & departing school.

Members of the public were encouraged to look at the village website at <https://waddington.website/harp> for the latest updates and direct links to the two planning applications submitted to RVBC by United Utilities and that submitted to LCC by Armstrong Aggregates.

Members of the public were also encouraged to approach their parish councillors with any queries about the planning applications, which

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	<p>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. Your 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 Lancashire County Council. Our local LCC Cllr for Longridge & Bowland, Mr Rupert Swarbrick intends to address the committees with concerns and issues raised by the community. Cllr Taylor then invited public participation on any subject matter.</p>	
6.	<p>Public Participation (max 5 mins per person)</p>	
	<p>HARP Issues: Steve Nightingale, questioned the action he can take about HARP as he has significant concerns about the safety, speed and proximity of lorries outside his front door which opens on to West Bradford Road at its narrowest section on the proposed route. He also queried about the strength of West Bradford bridge being able to cope with such heavy loads. Simon Parr and Nikki Smith, would like clarification as to whether the transport numbers for HARP in terms of volume are also including those transport numbers for the current Waddow Heights and Hawthorne Place developments which are still under construction. An increase in traffic has been experienced in Waddington as high vehicles cannot get under the railway bridge. They also voiced concerns relating to the speed of vehicles on West Bradford Road and through The Square. Cllr Sullivan has done some analysis of the latest Speed Indicator Device findings and this will be shared on the website at the earliest opportunity. Nigel Casson Moss has noticed some new sets of vehicle counting recorders at key points on the proposed HARP routes around the area. Cllr Sullivan agreed to look into why they are there and for how long. The timing of the implementation of those on West Bradford Road was flawed as the school holidays are about to start and work on Coplow Bridge was to soon close the road completely, both will result in inaccurate data with regards to vehicle numbers and speed. Rev Christopher Wood raised the issue of the current high speed limit on the roads in Waddington and the potential HARP impact on the increase in the number of vehicles. He wanted the issue to be raised about reducing the speed limit asap to 20mph. Cllr Taylor explained that the ten-year strategic plan at LCC Highways has expired and a new one is about to begin - with new funding. This week, Cllr Swarbrick is meeting with LCC Highways to address the concerns of the village with LCC Highways. Other Issues: Footpath across the Croft Rev Wood explained that the church are now looking at alternatives to</p>	

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	<p>re-routing the public footpath across the Croft. This is because the re-routing was viewed as being too expensive. New signage was advised explaining the situation to the public; that the land is future burial land owned by the church and is for livestock. The public right of way extends only to walk directly from one gate to the other without diversion.</p> <p>Traffic Lights/Road Closure on West Bradford Road</p> <p>It was mentioned that work has now started on Coplow Bridge with the majority of the work taking place during the school holidays. There will be a significant diversion necessary for residents wishing to travel between Waddington and West Bradford in the coming months.</p>	
7.	Minutes of previous Meeting	
	It was resolved to confirm the accuracy of the Minutes of the Waddington Parish Council Meeting held on the 14 th June 2021.	21/07/007 Prop. Cllr CS Sec. Cllr SB
8.	Any matters arising from the minutes & not covered on this Agenda (resolutions closed & not requiring being on Agenda)	
	None notified	
9.	Updates from Committees	
	<p>The draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 28th June 2021 had been circulated to the councillors for information, the next meeting being scheduled for September. The June meeting reviewed the spending and governance in Q1 and whilst the budget remained very tight, there were additional savings identified and the council should be able to meet its commitments this year.</p> <p>Insurance</p> <p>There was a question raised about the disproportionately high cost of insurance paid by the council in comparison with other local councils. Cllr Rattigan explained that the current high rate is due to the playground equipment being included under contents cover. He is currently gathering quotations for next year's insurance policy for renewal in Q4, March 2022. They are generally less than a third of the cost paid in previous years.</p> <p>Savings made</p> <p>Cllr DT identified that £240 cost savings had been made by collecting the new playground roller log which needed replacing from the manufacturers and WPC volunteers fitting it themselves.</p>	
10.	Monthly Financial Reporting	
	The financial report was prepared and circulated by the Responsible Financial Officer Carol Baird. There were no queries. It was noted that VAT claims would now be made every six months rather than annually.	
11.	Rent Review	

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	<p>The hire rates for the playing field and marquee were discussed. It was important that the rates reflected the period of hire each year pro rata.</p> <p>Playing Field It was resolved not to increase the overall rental income this year but to adjust the invoicing to more fairly reflect the period of hire; 8 months use by the football club and 4 months use by the cricket club. It was unanimously resolved to set the rents at £335 and £165 respectively, totalling the £500 income received currently. A debate took place regarding the need to introduce a formal contract for hire. A draft would be drawn up and circulated ahead of the next meeting, this will include arrangements for a cleanliness check and handover process regarding the pavilion between the council and any users at the end/start of each season or period of hire.</p> <p>Marquee Hire There is a large marquee (6x3 metres) available for hire. There will be photos of the marquee and a booking facility on the website. It was resolved to hire the marquee at a rate of £50 per weekend or three day hire period.</p>	21/07/011 Prop. Cllr DT Sec. Cllr JR
12.	Council's Policy and Procedure	
	It was resolved to adopt the Risk Management Policy which had been circulated to councillors.	21/07/012 Prop. Cllr DT Sec. Cllr JR
13.	Projects	
	<p>A list of proposed projects which had been circulated at the June meeting had been re-categorised by the finance committee into short-medium- and long-term projects to be pursued and implemented by the council.</p> <p>Cllrs Rattigan and Bolton have been investigating funding opportunities to fund the short term projects identified as the current budget for this year does not include any earmarked funds for any projects.</p> <p>Cllr Rattigan gave an update on a Lottery/Ikea grant for the playground he has applied for, and Cllr Bolton has registered the councils interest in applying for the Farming in Protected Landscapes funding specific to the AONB and has applied for more information on grants from the Forest of Bowland and Champion Bowland funds.</p>	
14.	Volunteering in the village	
	<p>It was intended to debate opportunities to increase the number of volunteers to assist with village enhancements and maintenance tasks and to consider the potential establishment of a mailing list of volunteers to receive information about community activity inviting volunteers with requisite skills and availability to get in touch.</p> <p>Due to time constraints this item will roll over to the next meeting. The clerk had registered for SLCC training on the subject as well.</p>	
15.	Planning Applications	

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	<p>It was resolved not to provide any response, objections or seek conditions in relation to the following Planning Applications:</p> <p>Planning Application No: 3/2021/0589 Location: 90 Regent Street Waddington Clitheroe BB7 3JA Proposal: Proposed demolition of ground floor conservatory and walls. Erection of a two storey and single storey side extension and associated works.</p> <p>Planning Application No: 3/2021/0623 Location: Glebe House, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, Proposal – Application for tree works in a conservation area - T1 Beech Tree located next to the front gate – selective pruning away from the road and wires. Crown lift to 4 metres.</p> <p>Planning Application No: 3/2021/0628 Prospect Villa 69 West Bradford Road Waddington BB7 3JD Proposal: Single storey extension to rear.</p> <p>Planning Application No: 3/2021/0638 1 Cornmill Court Waddington BB7 3HB Proposal: Conversion of garage to living space- applications for full consent.</p>	
16.	Updates from Partnership Meetings	
	None were reported.	
17.	Matters brought forward by Cllrs & Clerk as INFORMATION only	
	There were no items raised at this point in the agenda	
18.	<p>Next Meeting Dates The following dates were considered and approved: 18.1 Draft July minutes to be circulated – by Monday 19th July 21 18.2 Agenda items and Reports for the September meeting to be submitted to the Clerk by midday Monday 6th Sept. 18.3 Next meeting to take place Monday 13th September 2021 7.30pm.</p> <p>The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 9.30pm and all present were thanked for their attendance and contribution.</p>	

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Clerk to Waddington Parish Council