

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 12th October 2015

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present:

Councillor D Parker (DP)
Councillor L Haworth (LH)
Councillor G Fisher (GF)
Councillor J Hilton (JH)
Councillor R Edmondson (RE)

Apologies:

Councillor Michael Colley; Councillor B Hilton; Councillor P Elms
P Foley, K Lawrence, A Gregson

In attendance:

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr J Aizlewood & Mr J Shorter – Community Road Watch local coordinators
C Mellalieu; L & J Hasleswood; A Scott; A & S Healey; M Allanson; C Haworth; P Hatherall; K Tucker

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

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

3. Community Road Watch Presentation; Question & Answer

Mr J Aizlewood said the organisation was aware of the problems of speeding in Waddington, adding that in Sabden members of the Parish Council, who had been faced with a similar issue, had decided to do something proactive.

Community Road Watch was a Lancashire Constabulary pilot scheme which was launched in 2011 in the Blackpool area with volunteers being trained to use speed cameras to monitor traffic through villages, as well as mobile telephone use and seatbelt offences. Groups of three or four individuals, with an officer, would record speeds before logging it on prepared paperwork. Letters are then sent by the Constabulary to offenders.

Three years ago Mr Aizlewood and Mr Shorter had completed the six months' training at Hutton using laser cameras that are fully calibrated by the police.

It was explained that locations are selected where concerns have been raised, as well as areas where the mobile van cannot park. Risk assessments are carried out. The parameters of the scheme were also explained, for example areas around schools cannot be recorded during

opening and closing times for safety reasons, however, Community Road Watch volunteers have been into schools to work with classes and talk to them about operating the cameras. A minimum of two volunteers & a maximum of four wearing high visibility jackets go out at given times during daylight hours working alongside a police officer or PCSO for two hours to record vehicle speeds. Volunteers must note the time, the speed of the vehicle, its registration number of the car, as well as its make, model and colour.

Any information captured is checked using the Police National Computer. An Inspector checks letters before they are sent out and the hope is the letters will act as a deterrent and slow drivers down. Volunteers cannot stop vehicles or issue tickets. However, information collated can be used as supportive statements in court. Further advice is given by the traffic and highways departments.

The Community Road Watch team does not just monitor its own village covering a geographic area from Longridge to Belmont.

Currently there are only three Community Road Watch teams in East Lancashire. Anyone wanting to set up a group would be given support by Mr Aizlewood and Mr Shorter and monitoring could take place as often as a member of the Constabulary was available. It was noted that the more regular the monitoring the better the results.

It was suggested that funds from Ribble Valley Borough Council's Parish Grant be used to purchase another SPID (Speed Indicator Device) for Waddington. Newer models are solar powered rather than battery operated.

Concerns were raised by village residents about the speed of some motorbikes travelling up the fell road; the lack of a follow-up from LCC after doing a vehicle speed survey; overgrown hedges are forcing people to walk in the road putting themselves in danger;.

Action: Waddington Parish Council to send a letter to LCC to see if there is any follow-up to the speed survey that was carried out.

Action: Waddington Parish Council will contact the highways department based at Whalley about further traffic enforcement.

Action: It was suggested that residents contact county councillors and the local MP to ask for action to be taken.

Action: Waddington Parish Council to contact county council representatives regarding possible follow-up work.

Action: To price solar powered SPIDs that could be purchased with money from the Ribble Valley Parish Grant as there are four possible locations for these devices in the village.

Action: To contact the landowner where the hedge overhangs the footpath to ask for it to be cut back.

Action: If anyone is interested in setting up Waddington's own Community Road Watch group please contact the parish council.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not covered elsewhere)

4.1 Defibrillator / BT phone box

Work on the telephone box continues.

4.2 War Memorial

Action: DP to follow-up the invoice for the work carried out to ensure the insurance claim can be completed.

4.3 Fell Road escape lane

JH is trying to get an article in the Clitheroe Advertiser and Times to highlight the future of the escape lane.

4.4 Asset of Community Value

Nothing to report.

4.5 Christmas tree lights

Ken Jackson had provided some details about the cost of replacement lights from Dove Skye Nursery. The cost would be £168 inc VAT for an additional four strings of lights. GF had contacted a Burnley company – who had provided the Christmas lights for Chatburn – to get some prices. The lights were priced at £575 for a static set and £950 for a multi-coloured “twinkling” set.

Action: NC to email the company and purchase the £950 set and organise collection with RE.

Action: NC to ask Ken Jackson about safety testing of the lights.

Action: To have the tree lights on from early December and for longer hours.

4.6 Village stone signs

The vegetation round the sign on West Bradford Road has been strimmed and the grass cut.

4.7 Sport England funding

Nothing to report.

4.8 ROSPA report

Nothing to report, however the report needs looking into to ensure any remedial work is carried out.

5. Police Newsletter

Overnight on 5/9/15, a burglary took place at a business premises in a rural location on the outskirts of Waddington. The offenders forced a door on the building open but it appears no entry was made and nothing stolen. (Taken from the monthly Police Newsletter)

6. Planning applications

None received.

7. Village Maintenance

DP had received a letter from Mr Metcalfe which will be circulated in due course to members of the Parish Council.

8. Allotment update

Pat Hatherall asked to meet a representative from Waddington Parish Council at the allotments to look at the foot path.

Action: DP to meet PH with Andrew Herd

9. Best Kept Village

DP to attend the presentation ceremony to represent Waddington Parish Council and letters have been passed to the Higher Buck.

10. Neighbourhood plans

To be put the agenda of the next meeting.

11. Expenditure/Income update from 10/9/15 to 11/10/15

12. Correspondence received

12.1 Letter from Ken Jackson

A letter had been received from former parish councillor Ken Jackson thanking members for the gift and good wishes.

12.2 RVBC Parish Grant Scheme

Refer to earlier minute about speeding traffic.

12.3 RVBC Licensing & Gambling Policy consultation

No comment made.

- 12.4 LALC: Tree packs, devolution deals, WWI memorials, Commonwealth Day 2016
- 12.5 Ribble Valley Rural Forum poster

13. Borough Council update

None as no representatives present.

14. AOB

14.1 Dog Fouling

Concern was raised by PH about dog owners using the paths through the churchyard and the resulting dog fouling.

Action: LH to put up some signs in the area.

14.2 Environment Agency

DP to meet a representative from the EA at 10am the following day re the brook and there will be representation from the EA at the November meeting.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is: Monday, November 9th 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: November 2015