

# Waddington Parish Council

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## Waddington Parish Council-Minutes of Meeting-Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

This meeting took place on Zoom. CB hosted the meeting on behalf of WPC.

### 1.Attendance

**Present:** Waddington Parish Councillors: Doug Parker, John Hilton, Roy Edmondson, Liz Haworth, Gil Fisher, Roy Hampson.

**Apologies:** None received      **In attendance:** Darren Taylor and Carol Baird (Clerk to the Parish Council)

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

Decision: All were in favour that the minutes of the last meeting in September be approved and sent out.

### 3.Borough Council / County Council Update

There was no update as Bob Buller was not in attendance.

### 4.Matters arising

#### 4.1 Update on the HARP project

The most recent HARP meeting with United Utilities was discussed. Several of the Councillors were disappointed that much of the meeting was taken up with points that had already been raised at previous meetings. The idea of a Bailey bridge or a temporary by-pass or other suggestions raised by WPC Councillors were largely dismissed which was again a disappointment. There is to be a trial run of the route on Wed 14<sup>th</sup> October by a HGV and Chris Tighe is to report back to WPC on the trial run before Christmas.

**Action** – CB is to chase CT for an update following the trial road journey. DP is to contact David Smith to see if he can help in any way with the situation.

#### 4.2 Village Café

RE mentioned at the last meeting that several villagers have commented that the village café is becoming an eyesore and spoiling the look of the rest of the village. The new owners are to be approached to try to rectify the situation asap, even if it is just to tidy up the façade of the building before it can be fully re-opened.

**Action** - CB called David Sharp to find out the details of the new owner of the café and is to try to contact the new owner on behalf of WPC. If the person is not responding to any contact CB was asked to send a letter by recorded post.

#### 4.3 Wasps at the Old Smithy

CB read out the recent email received from Kathleen Taylor at the last meeting. It was agreed that WPC should do something about the issue. DP asked Andrew Herd to have a look at the issue and he solved it within a few days. WPC has received a thank you email from Mr and Mrs Taylor.

#### 4.4 Waddington Parish Councillors

Since the last meeting WPC has received a resignation letter from Michael Colley. Michael has been thanked for the many years of service to WPC.

Darren Taylor was co-opted to the vacancy that has arisen. He was proposed by Liz Haworth and seconded by Roy Edmondson. He was welcomed on to the Council and will be receiving paperwork relating to new Councillors shortly.

John Hilton has announced that he may shortly have to resign as a Councillor by the end of the year as he is leaving the village so another vacancy will be publicised in the near future. In the meantime John outlined the extra jobs he does as a Councillor so that the other Councillors could volunteer for these tasks in the future.

- Meter readings at the Pavillion and paying over monies received from the meter in the changing rooms
- Spiid speed monitor in the village. This involves putting the speed monitor around the 4 locations in the village, re-charging the unit and analysing the data received from the device.

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- John is currently in possession of the WPC marquee. CB is to enquire if/when it can be returned to the village club.

## 5. Highways

### 5.1 Flood Signs

CB informed highways where the flood signs would be positioned. WPC are awaiting feedback from LCC.

### 5.2 Kerb lowering request from WPC to 44 Waddow Grove, Waddington

Since the last meeting CB contacted LCC Highways and sent photos of the kerb lowering request and photos.

## 6. Playing Field/Playground/Other Village Assets

### 6.1 ROSPA Playground Inspection

In August the ROSPA playground inspection took place. The report was circulated at the meeting and discussed. LH agreed to take the report and read it and assess which works need doing. This has now been done.

**Action:** LH to send the report action points out to possible contractors.

### 6.2 Painting of the village railings

Andrew Herd has been successfully painting the village railings as agreed by WPC. The invoices for each stage have been sent in and paid by WPC. GF asked if he could also paint the railings over the bridge. DP has asked Andrew Herd if he can do this extra job by the end of the year/early 2021.

## 7. Planning Applications

The weekly list of RVBC planning applications is circulated to WPC Councillors. Since the last meeting the Parson's Croft development had been objected to by WPC but was passed at planning by RVBC. There were no other applications objected to since the last WPC meeting.

## 8. Accounts

### Expenditure and income update from 7<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 (items of £100 or more)

#### Expenditure (items over £100)

Clerk's salary for September	£357.54	including the new annual pay award
	£ 35.52	backpay to the clerk for the pay award May to August 20
Water bill May to August - allotments	£119.24	
Water bill May to August – Playing field	£17.45	
Painting the village railings – A. Herd	£1097.50	

#### Income

Skip repayment - allotments	£25.00
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## 9. A.O.B.

### 9.1 Allotment holders meeting

It was unanimously agreed to delay an allotment holders' meeting until after the lockdown phase of Covid-19 when meetings can take place more easily.

**Action** - CB to send out renewal contracts to all allotment holders in November asking for payment by cheque. A SAE will be enclosed for a signed copy of the contract to be returned along with a cheque, or payment can be made by BACS.

### 9.2 Stream Clear Up

At the September meeting LH raised the issue of a possible clean up of the village stream especially around the pipe outside the village club. It was agreed that this job would go on a list of jobs for consideration in 2021.

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**Action** – CB to compile a list of jobs for the future. The Councillors also asked if CB could contact David Capstick to clean the bush shelters every quarter. CB to also add the painting of the telephone box to the future jobs list.

### 9.3 Remembrance Sunday and Royal British Legion Poppies

It was agreed that WPC would purchase more poppies to go on lamp-posts throughout the village. A wreath would also be purchased and given to Rev Christopher Wood to lay at the war memorial given the restrictions on gatherings during the current pandemic.

**Action** – CB to order more poppies and the wreath on behalf of WPC.

### 9.4 St Helen's Church Donation

Rev Christopher Wood has approached the Council to ask if it would consider making a donation towards Parish funds.

**Action** – After discussion an amount of £200 donation was proposed by JH and seconded by GF. CB to send a letter with the cheque asking that the monies be used within the Parish of Waddington. JH volunteered to find out who the cheque should be made payable to.

### 9.5 Christmas Tree

Gil Fisher informed the meeting that the Christmas tree has been ordered for the centre of the village.

### 9.6 Dog waste issues

DT reported that the waste bin opposite Brook House Barn is overflowing with dog waste bags since the dog waste signs have been stuck on all the waste bins in the village. There is also a health and safety issue with the open waste bin outside the post office having a dog waste sticker on it and overflowing with dog waste bags.

**Action** – CB to contact RVBC to discuss how the above issues can be resolved.

### 9.7 Zoom meeting

The meeting had to be re-started after every 40 minutes as WPC does not hold a license for Zoom meetings.

**Action** - It was agreed at the meeting that CB could purchase a Zoom license for a year to enable easier WPC meetings via zoom.

### 9.8 Dates for future WPC meetings

These are to be sent as an attachment and publicised on the WPC noticeboard.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

**All are very welcome to attend Parish meetings. At the current time meetings are taking place by Zoom. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list please contact the Clerk, Carol Baird, at the above address. Thank you.**