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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 13th July 2015

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present:

Councillor D Parker (DP)
Councillor R Edmondson (RE)
Councillor L Haworth (LH)
Councillor M Colley (MC)
Councillor G Fisher (GF)

Apologies:

Councillor B Hilton, Councillor P Elms

In attendance:

Natalie Cox (NC) – Clerk to the Parish Council
Mr J Hilton (JH), Mr N Dunn, Mrs P Hatherall (PH), Rev J Brocklehurst

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

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

3.1 Football Club & Pavilion Update

Mr N Dunn, secretary of Waddington Football Club, addressed the meeting in regard to the playing field changing rooms. He noted that one of the showers is not working and the changing rooms need painting. Mr Dunn also mentioned the drainage problems at the bottom end of the pitch which prevents the club playing games during the winter months; as a result it hires pitches at Roefield which present an additional cost. Members of WPC said the cost of improving the drainage would be in the region of £35,000 and would take 12 months to complete.

Action: It was agreed that WPC would pay for the paint needed for the redecoration as well as paying for the installation of a new shower and reduce the rent paid by half for the coming season as a gesture of good will.

3.2 Churchyard

Rev J Brocklehurst, from St Helen's Church, addressed the meeting in regard to the current state of the churchyard. He had prepared a statement for WPC which reads as follows: At the end of last year Sandy Greenwood retired. For many years Sandy had cared for the churchyard, doing far more than the Church Council paid him to do. As a result we all became

used to having an exceptional area around the church. Last year St Helen's was moved from Bradford Diocese to Blackburn Diocese, the two dioceses have significantly different approaches to the appointment of clergy and the setting of Parish Share – the money paid to the diocese. Last year there was no significant change as the share set by Bradford was accepted by Blackburn. With our transfer to the Blackburn scheme from January this year it became clear that we were facing a significant rise in parish Share. So, rather than seeking to pay for someone to care for the churchyard we asked Community Payback if they would take over the task. We made this decision based on the experience of St Catherine's who had enjoyed two years of reasonably regular grass cutting and hedge trimming for a nominal fee. The supervision of those doing the work had been very effective and the results had been good. Indeed various improvements had been made to the churchyard. It became clear this year there has been at least one change in the Community Payback set up since last year. The frequency of visits has been far lower and the supervision of those doing the work has been far less close. As a result St Helen's churchyard had not been cut in a thorough fashion. Indeed it looked neglected. The situation became so bad that various influential members of the local community have rallied support and cut the grass. The result is a tremendous improvement. I would like, on behalf of the church, to thank them. I am sure the whole community is grateful for whatever has been done over the last week. A local person has agreed to cut the grass. There is considerable local support for this.

Rev Brocklehurst noted that thanks to the efforts of members of the community the churchyard will remain mown. LH and GF had attended a meeting at the church to see how residents of the village could help due to changing financial demands on the church as a result of it being under a different diocese. People who had also attended the meeting are now trying to find ways of raising the necessary funds. A new gardener has been appointed. Another meeting is planned for July 14th which LH and GF will attend and report back to WPC. Further discussion followed about how WPC could help in the future and this matter will be discussed again at the September meeting.

Action: NC to make inquiries with RVBC.

Action: LH & GF to report back to WPC.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting

4.1 Defibrillator

The cheque has been received from the Masonic Community Fund, the adoption of the red telephone kiosk is underway and NC has contacted Keith Chamley, who did the necessary alterations to the kiosk in Clitheroe town centre, to get a price for the work which would need to be done to the kiosk in Waddington. A representative from the Masons is to give NC details about another organisation which could carry out work to the kiosk for a second quote. A cheque presentation/photo call had taken place at the kiosk prior to the meeting.

4.2 War Memorial

NC had been in contact with the organisers of the Duck Race to ascertain the whereabouts of the barriers which had been around the War Memorial fencing which have been removed.

Action: DP to provide contact details for the Holden brothers & NC to contact.

4.3 Playing Field

The new signage is now in place.

4.4 Railing

NC had been in contact with Dale Cox who is happy to carry out the work, together with some sub contractors, but said he would not be able to start until September.

PH reported that a railing by the stepping stones has become detached.

Action: NC to contact Dale Cox about the painting of the railings.

Action: NC to contact Michael and Stephen Holden about the damaged railing.

4.5 Fell Road Escape Lane

DP reported that LCC had said they would not be doing anything about the lane; as a result he had contacted County Councillor Albert Atkinson to find out why the lane is not being maintained.

Action: DP to pursue.

4.6 Fingerpost sign

DP has been in contact with Duncan Armstrong who has promised to look at the signpost.

Action: DP to contact Duncan Armstrong again.

4.7 Old Hall laurel trees

NC had send a letter to the residents of the Old Hall who had replied by email to say they had no laurel trees and felt the state of the footpath was LCC's responsibility.

Action: Mike Fisher to look at the state of the footpath and make recommendations to WPC.

4.8 Katy Lane culvert

This has been reported to LCC.

Action: NC to pursue with LCC.

4.9 War Memorial recording

DP reported that a representative will be attending a meeting of RVBC Parish Liaison Committee in due course.

5. Police Newsletter

After a period of absence, PC Tony Walsh has returned to work and the Newsletters are again being circulated.

Action: NC to check and circulate details about how residents can join the Farm Watch scheme.

6. Planning Applications

6.1 Moorcock Inn update

Approval with conditions has been granted by RVBC for plans to build one house at the site of the former Moorcock Inn.

6.2 Clough Bottom update

It was reported that this application had been withdrawn.

6.3 3/2015/0302 Proposed rear conservatory, 10 Queensway, Waddington.

This application had been sent in between meetings and WPC had no objection to the plan.

6.4 Planning Application Notifications

WPC had been sent a letter from Mr John Macholc at RVBC saying that in future parish councils will only receive electronic notification about planning applications rather than hard copies through the post.

7. Village Maintenance

NC had spoken to Chris Moon regarding routine maintenance jobs in the village. He is reluctant to continue working on an "ad-hoc, as and when" basis and would prefer more regular work.

Action: It was agreed to ask Andrew Herd to carry out any jobs which are identified in the foreseeable future.

8. Allotments

8.1 Plot update

PH reported that Plot 3 is being worked on, but reported that parts of the footpath near the fence are in need of repair in two places.

Action: DP to carry out a check of all allotment plots and the footpath

9. Best Kept Village Competition

No update was presented.

10. Asset of Community Value

Prior to the meeting NC had circulated questions from the nomination paper to members of WPC as directed by DP. Suggestions were made about the current and future use of the identified land and DP is seeking legal clarification about the land from a local solicitor.

11. Neighbourhood Plans

Action: In the absence of PE this item will be added to the September agenda.

12. Fire Extinguishers

Action: In light of the survey carried out and the recommendations made by Pendle Nu-Tech NC to make contact with the company and seek clarification.

13. Expenditure and Income

13.1 Income/Expenditure

NC reported that since the last meeting the following payments have been made:

Expenses	£17.61	United Utilities
	£8.60	for padlock at allotments
	£60	Fee for internal audit
	£37.80	Electricity to Playing Fields

Income	£1544	Masons (defibrillator)
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Balance	£23,198.00	@ 2/7/15
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14 St Helen's Churchyard

Refer to earlier minute.

15 Items of Correspondence

15.1 ROSPA

The annual inspection will take place in August.

15.2 Eaves Hall Lane – surface dressing

For information

15.3 Electoral Review

Action: DP took details about consultation on electoral boundaries

15.4 Farington Waste Technology Park visit

Action: RE took details about the visit proposed by RVBC.

15.5 RVBC Parish Council Liaison Committee

DP reported the lack of funding available from RVBC for the purchase of more dog waste bins. However he reported that Parish Councils are able to buy their own bins but would then be responsible to emptying them.

Action: LH to look into purchasing more signage.

15.6 RVBC Planning and Development Committee

For information.

15.7 M65 barrier upgrade

For information.

15.8 Environment bulletin

Future surface dressing with a temporary Traffic Regulation Order will in due course effect Waddington Fell Road.

15.9 LCC Parish Champion Newsletter

For information

16. Borough Council update

None in the absence of BH and PE.

17 AOB

17.1 Speeding traffic

DP reported a vehicle seen speeding along Waddington Road.

Action: NC to report the matter to PC Tony Walsh.

17.2 Longest reigning monarch

LH reported that events are being held to mark this milestone and the 90th birthday of HM The Queen. It was asked whether WPC would instigate any community events such as a village picnic to be held in honour of the occasion.

Action: To discuss at a future meeting

17.3 Twitter Lane waste water treatment works

Concerns had been expressed to a member of WPC about the process being carried out at the work on Twitter Lane.

Action: DP to investigate.

17.4 Trees by the brook

PH expressed concern about some of the trees growing along the banks of the brook.

Action: RE and DP to investigate.

17.5 Eric Edmondson Way

Concerns relating to the slippery nature of the footpath had again been raised.

17.6 Fish in the brook

PH reported that dozens of dead fish had been seen in the brook and the matter had been reported to the Environment agency by a Waddington resident on July 9th.

17.7 Parish Councillor

John Hilton was co-opted as a member of WPC.

The date of the next meeting is: Monday, September 14th 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: September 2015