

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council The Village Club – 7.30pm on 8th February 2016

1. To receive apologies for absence

Present

Councillor Doug Parker (Chairman)
Councillor Roy Edmondson
Councillor Liz Haworth
Councillor John Hilton
Councillor Paul Elms

Apologies

Councillor Michael Colley
Councillor Gil Fisher
Councillor Bridget Hilton

In attendance

Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council)

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

The meetings of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman Councillor Doug Parker.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere)

3.1 SpIDS

NC has been sent a link from LCC to a company which provides battery operated SpIDS.

Action: NC to also investigate alternative companies which would provide solar powered SpIDS.

3.2 Community First Aid event

Action: Dates agreed with the Social Club – to be confirmed with the First Responders.

3.3 Christmas tree lights

The lights are now in the possession of the Parish Council.

Decision: DP and LH to check the settings and effects of the new lights with the new transformers.

3.4 Neighbourhood / Parish Plans

Action: NC to continue investigation after receiving communication from the clerk to Simonstone Parish Council and work in consultation with them to develop a parish plan for Waddington.

3.5 Parish bus service consultation

3.5.1 Reply to Nigel Evans MP

NC had sent a letter to Nigel Evans regarding LCC plans for the bus services which will have a major impact on rural villages in the Ribble Valley. LCC are due to meet mid-February to consider its budget and an additional meeting of RVBC's Parish Liaison Committee is planned.

3.5.2 Meeting with other local parish councils

The clerk of West Bradford Parish Council has been in touch to try and organise a joint meeting of West Bradford, Waddington and Grindleton Parish Councils.

Decision: It was agreed that once a date has been set, representatives from Waddington Parish Council will attend.

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3.6 The Outbarn – update

It was reported that there may have been a change in circumstance with regard to the current application. It was also noted that Bashall Eaves Parish Council had sent in representation to RVBC regarding the planning application and it is suggested that members of the parish council read the letter via the council's website.

3.7 Overhanging vegetation

LH had reported prior to the meeting that the work had been carried out.

3.8 Recreation ground / allotment utility bills.

NC reported that she had been in contact with United Utilities and EON.

With regard to the water bills, there has been a change in the timing of the bill being sent to the parish council and as a result the current statement was for a longer period of time than in the past.

EON reported that there are three meters in the changing rooms which were read on December 18th. The new showers could account for some of the increase as there is no variation in the rates applied year to year.

Decision: It was suggested that the matter be adjourned and discussed again at the next meeting.

3.9 RoSPA

LH reported that the parts have been ordered and will be fitted in due course.

3.10 Speeding on the Fell Road

NC had received a response from LCC regarding a survey which was carried out on the Fell Road in September 2014. The recommendation put forward was that WPC considers deploying the SpID on the plate installed at Austin House. LCC also stated that it would be happy to install additional plates at suitable locations if WPC felt they were needed.

Action: It was suggested, due to the location of the site, that this was possibly a good site to fit a solar powered SpID.

4. Village Maintenance

4.1 Lengthsman

Andrew Herd had said he was happy to take on the role, but on an ad-hoc basis. Due to concerns raised about protecting Mr Herd and WPC it was felt further advice should be sought.

Action: NC to contact the LALC re insurance and the benefits of self-employed status and the need or otherwise to have a contract in place.

4.2 Best Kept Village Competition

Decision: It was decided that WPC should enter the competition.

Decision: Members of WPC will hold a walk round the village to identify problem areas in March/April.

Decision: To look at the possibility of enlisting the assistance of Peter Foley (a BKVC judge) to identify problem areas.

4.3 Highways issues

Any issues with highways can now be identified via Lancashire County Council by using the following "Report it" link:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/fault-search.aspx>

5. Planning

5.1 3/2016/0081 Application for tree works: Waddington Old Hall, Clitheroe Road, Waddington, BB7 3HP

5.2 3/2016/0082 Application for tree works: Shireburn Caravan Park, Edisford Road, Waddington, BB7 3LB

Decision: There were no objections to either application.

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6. Allotment update

Action: NC to pursue the waiting list to offer the two “free” plots i.e. numbers 15 and 17.

7. Community Emergency Plan

JH and NC had met again to discuss the plan and consider purchasing a number of items as part of the CEP and for use at other parish events.

DP had been in contact with Mary Coar who had agreed that sandbags can be stored at her farm for future use.

Decision: It was agreed to purchase a dozen hi-vis vests with identifying transfer printing on the reverse.
Decision: It was agreed to purchase a hi-vis jacket for each member of WPC including the clerk with identifying transfer printing on the reverse.

Decision: To purchase a battery operated loud hailer, lanyards and metal whistles.

Action: JH and NC to continue putting together the CEP file and a press release will be sent to the Clitheroe Advertiser and put on the Waddington website asking for residents help in locating specific information.

Action: To try and recover some of the costs from the Parish Champions Fund via LCC.

8. Queen’s 90th birthday celebrations (June 11th)

LH reported that the deposit has been paid for one of the bands and she is currently awaiting communication from Slaidburn Silver Band regarding their availability on the date.

9. “Quiet Lane Status”

JH has had two approaches from local residents who wish to apply for “Quiet Lane Status” for Cross Lane and Rabbit Lane. The aim of the status is to reduce traffic on the lane in a bid to promote alternative means of transportation and encourage access to the countryside. As a result of the status the road would be removed from satnav links. RVBC would be the awarding authority. The residents are asking WPC, and the wider community, for support in principle for the status.

10. Accounts

10.1 Expenditure and Income Update

At January 28th 2016 the balance was £13,081.

10.2 Insurance renewal

Decision: It was agreed to renew the policy with Zurich Insurance although the premium has increased by approximately £150.

10.3 Holden Clough Landscapes

An invoice has been sent to WPC for work to maintain the War Memorial and ensure the up keep of the surrounding planters.

Action: To investigate the historic agreement between WPC and the nursery with regard to the work carried out.

10.4 RVBC grass cutting 2016/2017

Decision: To renew the contract with RVBC.

11. Correspondence

11.1 RVBC Parish Liaison

DP and JH had attended the meeting. There had been a presentation about War Memorials from the War Memorial Trust and some further discussion about LCC’s plans for the future of subsidised bus services in the county. Also any parish wanting to participate in a “Clean for the Queen” event can get additional rubbish bags from RVBC.

11.2 Hedge Planting

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An event is being held by the Friends of Bowland and is due to take place on Saturday, February 20th at Edisford Road from 10am.

11.3 Environment Agency “drop in”

A “drop in” session is being held in Whalley Village Hall between 3 and 8pm on Wednesday.

Decision: DP to copy the letter and post through appropriate letterboxes in the village.

11.4 CPRE training

A free training session is being held on Tuesday, March 15th.

Action: NC to forward the information to DP, JH and RE.

11.5 Invitation to Enterprise Zone event

A meeting is taking place at Mellor Brook Community Centre on Thursday, February 25th from 5pm regarding the development of the enterprise zone at Samlesbury, including planned improvements to the local road network.

11.6 Food hygiene

Food hygiene courses are being held as follows:

- Surestart Park and Child Family Centre, Norfolk Grove, Church on March 7th from 9.30am to 4.30pm
- Trinity Methodist Church, Parsons Lane, Clitheroe on March 14th from 9.30am to 4.30pm

For more details contact Catherine Curry on 01254 888614

12. Borough Council Update

PE reported his involvement in the Licensing Committee meeting which looked at the music festival planned for the grounds of Clitheroe Castle this summer.

13. AOB

13.1 Dog fouling

LH has received complaints about Beech Mount and Old Hall Lane.

Decision: To have some more signs made and installed.

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.