

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council
The Village Club – on October 9th, 2017

1. Apologies for absence

Present: Coun Doug Parker, Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Liz Haworth, Coun Michael Colley, Coun John Hilton, Coun Gil Fisher, Coun Paul Elms & County Coun David Smith

In attendance: Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council), Mr Adrian Hirst & Mr Neil Dunn (Waddington Football Club)

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman Coun Doug Parker.

3. Neil Dunn – Waddington Football Club

Mr Hirst and Mr Dunn from the village football club attended the meeting to discuss a variety of issues including the state of the pitch, the meters and the bench (refer to item 6.2).

Mr Hirst reported that the football club has the best team it has had in 20 years. The club now has money in the bank accumulated through fund-raising and donations. The club hopes to be able to move through the leagues however the pitch causes problems as only one out of six games has been able to be played on the village pitch this season to date. The club hopes to get some sponsorship and advertising boards over the next few years.

The main issue is the drainage and to address this matter could cost anywhere from £3,000 to £22,000. The demographics of the area are detrimental when it comes to grant allocation however PE and DS said monies could be made available via LCC and RVBC. DP also said the parish council has currently ring-fenced £6,500 towards such a project and Mr Hirst reported that the club itself has £5,000 which it could spend.

Action: Mr Hirst and Mr Dunn to attend the November meeting of the parish council to continue discussion regarding the drainage scheme.

Action: NC to put DS and PE in touch with the football club regarding possible grants/donations from the borough council and county council.

4. Borough Council / County Council update

4.1 County Council

DS reported that there is some restructuring among the Senior Leadership Team at LCC in a bid to make some in roads into the potential debts the county council is facing.

He added that rural areas were promised more of a budget share towards road improvement works than previously and as a result a highways report has been redrawn to ensure the allocation of funding is fair. The main thoroughfare through the village is to be highlighted as a priority road particularly as residents have contacted DS to complain particularly in relation to the pot holes.

DS also noted that LCC has decided to re-open some libraries which had been closed, but in consultation with the communities to ensure their needs are addressed.

4.2 Borough Council

PE reported that there is a new leadership framework at RVBC and that he is the Deputy Leader with Ken Hind as Leader. Changes are to be implemented in the structure of the Planning Department. The redevelopment of the market is ongoing and new plans, on a smaller scale, are being drawn up.

He added that regulations are changing relating to dogs in public places.

PE had made a complaint about the police's response in relation to the incident involving the refectory roof; he added that the front counter at Clitheroe Police Station is to close.

In relation to the electoral review, the parish boundaries have been agreed with Waddington joining with Bashall Eaves to be represented by one councillor. However, the consultation regarding the redrawing of the parliamentary boundaries does not end until October 16th; the proposal is for Clitheroe to join with Colne and the rural areas to be partnered with Carnforth and Lancaster. As a result, the old Ribble Valley constituency will be split across three new constituencies as another part will join with Hyndburn.

The council is considering introducing a charge for household green waste.

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5. Matters arising from the last meeting (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)

5.1 RoSPA report

To be put on hold until the next meeting.

5.2 Parish Plan/Questionnaire

Following the presentation last month members agreed that the Parish Plan, a process which could take three to four years to complete, should be put on hold for the time being; however it was agreed that JH should circulate the parish questionnaire he has been working on with a view to rolling it out to the village in the spring.

Action: JH to circulate his draft questionnaire to members of WPC for discussion at the next meeting.

5.4 Lamp post of Queensway (LCC ref 260666)

RE reported that the work had been carried out.

6. Village maintenance / Allotments

6.1 Allotment – maintenance/update

DP had been in contact with Penny Evans, Pest Control Officer at RVBC, regarding the rodent issue at the allotments. She had informed him that the main cause is the build-up of rubbish at the allotments. Every allotment holder is responsible for maintaining their allotment at all times.

Decision: It was agreed that NC should send a letter to all allotment holders prior to their annual meeting in a bid to address the public health concerns and to ensure standards are maintained at the allotments before the renewal of the tenancy agreements on January 1st.

6.2 Playing field bench

LH noted that she had put information about the vandalism to the memorial bench on Facebook to make local residents aware of the incident. PCSO Carl Elliot has been notified and has said he will keep a check on the playing fields. The bench has been removed from the site and Chris Haworth is hoping to carry out the necessary repairs. Members of the parish council had carried out a site inspection at the playing field prior to their last meeting. Concern has since been raised about the nature of some of the litter which has been left on site which needs regular monitoring.

The installation of a security light as a deterrent was discussed but put on hold for the time being.

Decision: CH to try and repair the bench and LH to speak to Pat Whiteside.

6.3 Electric Meters

JH reported that the meters are being checked regularly.

6.4 Football Club - rent for pavilion

Decision: It was agreed that the rent payments be reduced to £125 per year, but that the situation be reviewed annually to take the drainage situation into consideration.

7. Planning

7.1 **3/2017/0840 Demolition of existing single storey extension to build a new larger in width flat roof extension. Length 5.425m, max height 3.3m and height to eaves 3m. 3 Spring Gardens, Waddington, Clitheroe Road, BB7 3HH.**

No objections

7.2 **3/2017/0851 Proposed extension to the rear of existing dwelling. Stables Barn, Mill Lane, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3JJ.**

No objections

7.3 **3/2017/0887 Removal of flat roof and erection of pitched roof to existing single-storey extension to the front elevation. 93 Regent Street, Waddington, BB7 3JA.**

No objections

7.4 **3/2017/0907 Removal of existing cantilever roof structures and replacement with single span roof, Yorkshire boarded down to eaves at both ends. Slate blue fibre sheets to be used for roof. Brungerley Farm, Clitheroe Road, BB7 3HQ.**

No objections

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8.	Accounts		
8.1	Expenditure and income updated from 24/8/17 to 12/9/17		
	<u>Expenditure (items over £100)</u>	BDO Audit	£120
		Playground repairs	£1758
		Clerk's salary	£310.2
	<u>Income (items over £100)</u>	Football Club rent	£250
		Duck race donation	£500
	<u>Balance:</u>		£16,328.79

NB For more details about the parish council accounts, please contact the clerk.

It was suggested that a separate account be opened for the money which has been put aside towards the football pitch drainage scheme.

Action: NC to look into the bank accounts at the NatWest.

- 9. Correspondence (items for information only unless otherwise stated)**
- 9.1 RVBC**
- 9.1.1 Planning & Development Committee agenda for 28/9/17 – for information
- 9.1.2 Minutes & Proceedings of Council & Committees – for information
- 9.1.3 Poster relating to sale of alcohol to under 18s – for information
- 9.1.4 Parish Council Liaison follow-up relating to the provision of dog waste bags

- 10. AOB**
- 10.1 SPiD**

JH reported that Clitheroe Town Council have donated £100 for the battery powered SpID.

JH also reported that the WPC SpID is on the Fell Road will then be moved to West Bradford Road as agreed previously.

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.