

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council
The Village Club – on March 12th, 2018

1. Apologies for absence

Present: Coun Doug Parker, Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Liz Haworth, Coun John Hilton, Coun Gil Fisher, Coun David Smith (LCC), Luke Conti, Don Conti, Cheryl Hook

Apologies: Coun Michael Colley, Coun Paul Elms (RVBC)

In attendance: Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council)

NB Due to participation by members of the public, it was agreed that items 3, 4 and 5.4ii be moved up agenda

3. Waddington Football Club Update

LC reported that a further “like for like” quote had been obtained by the club for the work to be carried out by Mr Bradley from Knutsford. He has quoted that the work would cost £20,410 including VAT (£17,008.60 exc. VAT). The financial position is such that club has £6,000; the parish council has committed to donating £6,500 and the club expects to receive £4,000 from RVBC (total £16,500). There are other areas in which further money could be saved from the cost of the project and further grants from the Craven Trust and Football Foundation are being pursued. Additional costs are to be expected over time and once work commences the car park would not be accessible for about two weeks as heavy-duty machinery would need to be stored on it; it is hoped that the work to the sports field drainage would be carried out over the summer months. Once the work has been completed there will be an initial annual cost of up to £1,500 for a period of a couple of years.

DS reported that a grant of up to £700 is available via LCC but that needs to be applied for asap and spent within two months of the end of the financial year.

It was suggested that the soil that will be taken out will not be removed from the site but could be used to create a wildlife or additional play area on site.

Action: To consider in due course further funding possibilities from the parish council in light of the 2018/19 new budget and in conjunction to look at the rent charged, potential opportunities for support advertising and the ongoing maintenance of the pavilion.

4. Borough Council / County Council Update

DS reported that he has continued to investigate the complaints that have been made about the state of the village roads not just from local residents, but also from those passing through Waddington. LCC have said the roads will be looked at in the 2018/19 financial year but the situation needs to be monitored closely and pressure put on the authority to ensure the work is carried out as stated. It was noted that although some of the potholes have been identified by LCC no one has returned to carry out the necessary work to repair them. DS suggested that correspondence should be sent from WPC to Coun. Keith Iddon, Phil Durnell (the head of Highways) and Dwayne Lowe (who has responsibility for the Waddington region). It was noted that the condition of the roads had deteriorated more in the past 12 months possibly linked to the closure of West Bradford bridge; it was also noted that a lot of the potholes have been reported to LCC via its “Report It” site.

Decision: LH proposed, and GF seconded that a letter be sent emphasising the ongoing concern in the village about the state of the roads and the discussion that has taken place with DS, copied to three individuals named above, as well as Coun Elms and Nigel Evans MP; and Mrs Lowry (who had written to WPC expressing her concerns). All were in favour.

5.4ii RBL: World War One Commemoration

CH promoted the “There but not there” national campaign to mark the end of World War One and those who had lost their life; money raised from the campaign will be donated to a variety of good causes in the community. The campaign would see life size figures made of a Perspex-style material fixed to village benches in for example the church yards; the Coronation Gardens, the Alms Houses. To represent those in the village who lost their life 11 fixtures would be needed at a cost of £42 each plus engraving. CH aims to ask various village organisations to sponsor the silhouettes which also come with an educational programme for schools which could be extended for

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tourists and the community by providing a “trail/map” identifying the locations of the fixtures and possibly providing biographical detail about each of the named individuals alongside the fixture. She asked if the names of the sponsors could be publicised via the parish council noticeboards. Ideally the figures would be installed in the run up to November 11th.

Decision: DP proposed and RE seconded that the parish council give its full support to the proposal and to Waddington becoming involved in the “There but not there” nationwide campaign. All were in favour.

Decision: JH proposed, and LH seconded that the parish council sponsor one of the installations and cover the cost of any engraving on all 11 of them. All were in favour.

NB The agenda resumed as set out

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

Decision: DP proposed, and GF seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be approved as sent out. All were in favour.

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

5.1 Parish email addresses

NC had received further communication from Daniel Williams at White Sands Media; she is to meet him in coming weeks to look at the village website with a view to raising the parish council's profile. It was also agreed to trail having parish councillors' email addresses on the website using an agreed formula which will redirect messages to everyone's personal email address.

Action: To use the same format for each councillor's contact address e.g. ncox@waddingtonvillage.co.uk

5.2 Higher Buck – parking; info circulated to councillors between meetings

The response from Thwaites Brewery had been sent to councillors between meetings; the response to be posted on the village website.

5.3 Christmas tree – verbal update

NC reported that she has run both the landline number and mobile number and left messages but to date has not had a response in relation to the invoice sent for the tree and its installation cost.

5.4i RBL: Poppies, village rep

NC reported that further to the earlier item on the agenda, she had been in contact with Mandy Brennan regarding the possibility of purchasing larger poppies which could be displayed in the vicinity of the village War Memorial at the time of remembrance.

Mrs Brennan is looking into the possibility of getting a life-size Tommy sponsored for each Ribble Valley village; she would also like to have a representative from Waddington who she can liaise with and further contact details and information is to be advertised via the village website.

It was noted that there are no guidelines to determine how long poppy wreaths should be left on a War Memorial and it was felt it was an appropriate time to remove the wreaths placed in 2017.

Decision: It was proposed by JH and seconded by LH that 11 of the large poppies be purchased to represent each individual from the village whose sacrifice is commemorated on the Waddington War Memorial. All were in favour.

6. Village maintenance / Allotments / Planning

6.1 Allotments – removal of green waste

NC had been in contact with RVBC who have responded to say it would cost £55 + VAT for an additional bin plus £7 per collection; with the suggestion made that this should be from April to October only (fortnightly for a six-month period).

It was felt that a decision should wait until after the next site meeting of the allotment plots.

Decision: GF proposed and RE seconded that the annual rent be increased to £30 per year per plot from January 1st 2019. All were in favour.

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Action: A letter to be sent to each allotment holder stating that in line with the decision made earlier that as the current annual rent does not cover all the associated costs of the allotments and that from January 1st 2019 WPC plans to increase the annual fee to £30. The views of allotment holders should also be gathered regarding the provision of a green bin and the need to move it to a designated collection point as identified by RVBC.

6.2 Allotment vacant plot update

NC reported that both of the vacant plots have now been let, although the paperwork and tenancy agreements have not yet been received.

6.3 Post office planter

Parish councillors have been looking at sites for a planter to be paid for with the legacy granted to the council by Mrs Drew. It was felt that a site at the Clitheroe end of the village should be identified.

Decision: It was proposed by DP and seconded by JH that additional planters be sited near the defibrillator/bus shelter and also near the bus shelter at the Clitheroe end of the village. All were in favour.

Action: DP to purchase from Plantscape and NC to be sent the invoice.

Action: The planters to be planted twice a year in summer and winter.

6.4 Village railings - update

Dale Cox has provided a quote for painting the railings. When he had quoted for the work in 2015 at a cost of £2144 and the quote for carrying out the work currently is £2556.

Decision: JH proposed, and D P seconded that Dale Cox be asked to carry out the work as quoted. All were in favour.

6.5 Potholes

Refer to item 4 on the agenda.

6.6 Seasonal electricity

An unmetered supplies certificate has been received from electricity northwest.

7. Parish Questionnaire

NC reported that to date 46 responses had been received. The total cost of sending out the questionnaire will be in the region of £1,000 including copying and postage.

Decision: It was agreed that members of the parish council submitting their responses to the questionnaire will not be eligible to enter the prize draw.

Action: Members of the parish council will meet at 7pm not 7.30pm on Monday, April 9th to open all the envelopes and take off the raffle tickets.

8. Accounts

8.1 Expenditure and income updated from 03/01/18 to 20/02/18

Expenditure (items over £100)

Clerk's salary	£310.23
Whitesands Media	£109.80
Mrs E Drew legacy	£250.00
RVBC Concurrent Function	£717.00
Balance:	£15,349.29

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

8.2 Ribble Valley Dementia Access Alliance

A letter of thanks has been sent thanking WPC for its donation.

8.3 Annual Governance & Accountability

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Some changes are being made to the way the accounts will be audited this year due to changes in regulations.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Duck race details

This year's event will take place over the weekend of June 16th and 17th. The scarecrow theme will be "Nursery Rhymes and Pantomimes"; the duck race will take place on the Sunday as previously.

Action: NC to contact RVBC in due course and ask that the grass be cut on the brook banks as near to this weekend as possible.

9.2 Longridge Neighbourhood Plan consultation

No action.

9.3 RVBC

9.3.1 Dog's Trust

No action.

9.3.2 Planning and Development Committee 08/03/18

For information.

9.3.3 Minutes & Proceedings of the Council and Committees Vol 44 March 18

For information.

9.4 LCC

9.4.1 Consultation on transport information centres

Action: NC to respond on behalf of WPC raising its concerns about the proposed closure

9.5 Dementia Friends – local meeting

To be displayed in the village noticeboard.

9.6 LALC – planning workshop

This will take place on Thursday, May 10th from 7 to 9pm to look at the planning process.

10. Items for consideration

10.1 Settle Stories Festival

Information has been posted on the village website.

10.2 Request for parking from the Royal Preston Morris Dancers

NC to email a response saying that in lieu of potential work to be carried out to the playing field a designated/allocated space will be identified nearer the time. To ascertain more information about when the group hopes to come and what they will be doing in the village etc.

10.3 Damage to Ramsden Terrace

It has been noted that some repair work needs to be carried out as some mortar has been dislodged.

10.4 SPiD

JH reported that the device remains with Unipart Dorman for testing to the battery.

The meeting closed at 9.51pm

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.

NB The meeting in April will start at 7pm for councillors to start work on the questionnaire replies that have been received.