

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council
The Village Club – on December 9th, 2019

1. Apologies for absence

Present: Coun Doug Parker, Coun John Hilton, Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Liz Haworth, Coun Gil Fisher

Apologies: Coun Michael Colley; Coun Roy Hampson

In attendance: Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council); Rev Christopher Wood, Coun Bob Buller (RVBC), Michael Fu

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

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

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 3/2019/1034 Demolition of modern agricultural buildings and conversion and extension of two barns to form one new two-storey dwelling with separate two-storey annexe building in curtilage, Closure of existing vehicular access, construction of new access, drainage and landscaping. Teewood Farm Barns, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3JJ – circulated prior to meeting.

5.2.2 3/2019/1036 Construction and extension of building to create one new dwelling including drainage, landscaping, closure of existing access and construction for new access at Betty Barn, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3JQ – circulated prior to meeting.

It was agreed that these two items be moved up the agenda as a member of the public had attended to speak on both applications; GF declared an interest in both items and it was agreed that she could remain in the meeting for the presentation, but would leave the meeting during any following discussion.

MF said he and his brother were putting in the two applications to prevent deterioration of the sites; in both instances the site lines needed to be moved/amended to make accessing the properties less hazardous and to improve the appearance of the properties for continued use in the future.

Councillors agreed that in both cases improvements would be made to the buildings, they would become more aesthetically pleasing, deterioration would be prevented, housing stock would be improved, as would access – there were no objections to either application.

3. Borough Council / County Council Updates

BB said an agenda item on the recent Parish Council Liaison Committee regarding concerns about substance misuse in the borough had been delayed due to the absence of the Head of Regeneration and Housing.

Residents are reminded that if they have any concerns they should contact the police to get an incident recorded and it was felt that generally there should be local debate about people's concerns.

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

4.1 Christmas light switch on

The feedback both on the night and subsequently was that it had been a very good event with around 200 people attending; hot chocolate and cake had been served in the refectory afterwards.

It was felt that the light switch on should become an annual event with some additions to be made going forward e.g. find some local reindeer to be present!!

4.2 PCSO Elliott

DP said he had emailed PCSO Elliott but not heard back, he had contacted the police via 101 to be put into contact with Sgt Stuart Banks with a view to inviting him to the next meeting of the parish council.

LH said she had been in contact with Rev Andy Froud in Clitheroe about the ongoing issues and he had started a discussion item via Facebook which has invited comments from both concerned adults and teenagers. Councillors expressed ongoing concerns about the wider mental health issues associated with the drug culture and the necessity to tackle the issue in rural pubs going forward.

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It was felt ongoing surveillance should occur in Waddington and that a member of the police force be invited to talk to the parish council in the first instance, with a potential to hold an open meeting for the whole village in due course to discuss concerns and what response there should be to it.

Action: DP to pursue contacting a representative from the police.

4.3 Seal Metal recycling

No update to report.

4.4 WWB School noticeboard

NC said she is waiting for further information from the school PTFA and will report back in due course.

4.5 Willow tree

GF said MF had not yet completed the work, but would be reminded that it needs to be carried out.

5. Village inc Allotments / Planning / Traffic matters / Maintenance / Misc.

5.1 Allotments

5.1.1 Plot 2

NC reported that Alan Moorhouse has expressed an interest in taking on Plot 2 and will be given the paperwork in due course.

Action: RH be asked to carry out a site visit to see what progress has been made by the tenant who has been asked to vacate Plot 2.

Action: To ask allotment holders if they would be interested in taking on Plot 17 communally as a storage area and for compost bins as little grows on the plot due to its location under large trees.

Action: The allotment sign to be updated to reflect the generic parish council email address.

5.1.2 Allotment holders meeting

Decision: LH proposed and GF seconded that the minutes of the Annual Allotment Holders Meeting be approved as sent out and be circulated to all the current tenants. All were in favour.

5.2 Planning

See earlier item.

5.3 Traffic matters

5.3.1 Signage Cross Lane / Fell Rd

No update to report.

6. SPiD

JH reported that the SPiD will be moved from near the school to the Fell Road, data analysis had should there were no particular issues to bring to the council's attention.

7. Accounts

7.1 Expenditure and income update to 29.11.19 (items of £100 or more)

Expenditure (items over £100) None

Income (items over £100) None

Balance at 29.11.19: £9,638.57

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

8. Correspondence (for information unless otherwise stated)

8.1 RVBC

8.1.1 Parish Council Liaison Committee 21.11.19

8.1.2 Planning & Development Committee 28.11.19

9. Items for consideration / Information

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9.1 Waddington Fell Run

It was noted that a fell run is being planned in Waddington for September – more details to follow in due course.

9.2 Vehicle access to playing field

JH reported that vehicles have been seen driving along the footpath at the edge of the car park and through the playground to access the playing field; a suggestion to stop the problem would be the installation of some wooden posts to stop cars accessing the field.

Action: RH be asked to monitor the situation and LH to speak to Neil Dunn with regard to the matter.

9.3 Brungerley Bridge

It was felt that the permanent water present on the Clitheroe side of the bridge continues to present a danger to motorists, particularly cyclists and those on mopeds and motorbikes.

Action: NC to contact County Coun Smith regarding the matter which seems to be linked to the non-maintenance of drainage in the area which subsequently leads to the accumulation of surface water which then becomes more hazardous as it freezes.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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