

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council
The Village Club – on January 13th, 2020

1. Apologies for absence

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

In attendance: Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council); Rev Christopher Wood, Robin & Pat Hatherell, Pam & Andrew Wilson, Jean & Stephen Hatton, Keith & Linda Underwood, Chris & Carolyn Haworth, Andrea Wilson, Hilda Tomlinson, Gordon Whitwell, Mark Ellacott

Public Participation Items:

Considering the number of members of the public who had attended the meeting, councillors agreed to move two items to the start of the meeting to enable public participation to take place.

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 3/2019/1099 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement two-storey dwelling. Parsons Croft, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3JQ

CH spoke regarding the application, see appendix 1.

CW said he had not had any notification about the application. The Blackburn Diocese had withdrawn from the sale of the Vicarage garden land, but the applicants have still included that land in their application and have told the Diocese that they are “determined to go ahead” and want the Diocese to re-consider.

ME raised concerns about the dangers of cars trying to get out on to Slaidburn Road, and the potential for months of construction activity on the site, should permission be granted.

It was noted that RVBC had agreed to extend the end of the consultation period from January 6th to the 24th due to the Christmas break.

Parish councillors expressed concerns about the proposed size of the application; the style – which they felt would not be in keeping with the surroundings and the fact that properties on either side would be overlooked.

SH said there had been no attempt to fit the proposal into the village’s Conservation Appraisal and therefore it could not be accepted as part of the village scene.

It was noted that if more than 10 letters of objection are sent to RVBC the application has to go to committee; a ward councillor can also ask for it to go to committee – Coun. Bob Buller (RVBC ward councillor for Waddington) has been in contact with residents.

Decision: LH proposed and RH seconded that a letter of objection be sent from Waddington Parish Council to RVBC and that it be noted that concerns were raised by councillors that neighbouring properties had not been informed about the application. All were in favour.

9. Items for Consideration

9.3 Orchard Cottage car wash

The Parish Council had been sent an email from a resident concern about a car wash and valeting business being run by a resident of Orchard Cottages, The same email had been sent to RVBC and the local ward councillor expressing concern that no planning permission has been given for the business and raising concerns about the noise, the run-off which will be generated and traffic congestion which could result.

LH said there could be environmental implications which should be brought to the attention of the Environment Agency and River Ribble Trust. Other councillors raised concern about the potential for noise and chemical pollution, and the adverse impact the business could have on wildlife in the brook. It is believed there is a covenant on the properties that prevent business operating from them.

Decision: GF proposed and JH seconded that letters be sent to the planning and environment departments at RVBC, the Environment Agency and River Ribble Trust expressing the parish council’s concern about the impact that a car wash business could have on the local environment and the potential for traffic congestion in the immediate vicinity. All were in favour.

Action: It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr McEwan stating the parish council’s intention to contact the various organisations regarding the car wash business.

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Action: To contact Coun. Bob Buller about the run off from the housing development on Clitheroe Rd near the town's cemetery where groundworks are currently underway, which councillors believe is having an adverse effect on the run off into the River Ribble; asking whether RVBC could insist that wagon wheels are washed before construction related vehicles leave the site.

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

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

3. Borough Council / County Council Updates

No representatives present to give an update.

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

4.1 Willow Tree

GF said the work would be carried out in due course.

4.2 Police update

DP said he had contacted PC Nigel Keates and asked him to attend a subsequent meeting of the parish council, potentially with Sgt Kevin Day also in attendance.

Councillors discussed whether the officers should be invited to address a parish council, or a full public meeting to focus on issues such as what residents should do if they see a problem; give an overview of problems being experienced in the village and how it is being addressed by the police.

Action: it was agreed that the officers be invited to address a whole village meeting on Monday, February 10th between 7.30 and 8.30pm; if time permitted a parish council business meeting would follow, however additional business could be concluded at 7.30pm on Tuesday, February 11th if needed.

Action: The meeting to be advertised via the three pubs, village noticeboards, the website, Waddington Watch – a “Neighbourhood Watch-style” Facebook page; the post office, the village club, the school and church newsletters.

Action: LH to design a poster focussing on the theme of inviting residents to a public meeting with local police officers following concerns about substance misuse in the community and the police response to it.

4.3 Signage on Cross Lane / Fell Rd

No update to report.

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

5.1 Allotments

5.1.1 Plot 2

DP reported that Alan Moorhouse is still keen to take the plot on; however, RH has carried out a site inspection and to date the plot has not been cleared and there is still livestock on it in pens.

Decision: DP proposed, and RH seconded that legal advice be sought (from RVBC legal department in the first instance) in order that all matters have been dealt with legally and in order so that the parish council is not open to prosecution or liability; a letter also to be send to the tenant stating that legal advice is being sought and that costs incurred in clearing the site may be passed on to the tenant if the site is not completely cleared by the end of January. All were in favour.

5.1.2 Plot 17

NC reported that she had contacted current tenants about the possibilities of utilising the vacant plot for the storage of compost bins or similar; however tenants were concerned that it could becoming a “dumping” ground and as it is generally unfit to be cultivated should not be let.

5.2 Planning

See earlier item.

5.3 Traffic matters

5.3.1 Vehicle access to Twitter Lane playing field

To prevent any vehicles gaining access to the playing fields and causing potential damage to the newly laid drains a number of measures need to be taken.

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Decision: RE proposed, and LH seconded that the padlock code be changed, and two additional posts be installed to stop vehicles being able to gain access via the footpath.

5.3.2 Brungerley Bridge – verbal update

NC said she had contacted County Coun David Smith but had not yet received a response.

6. SPiD

No updates to report.

7. Accounts

7.1 Expenditure and income update to 31.12.19 (items of £100 or more)

Expenditure (items over £100) Clerk's salary £310.23

Income (items over £100) Allotment rent £270.00

Balance at 31.12.19: £9526.44

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 Planning & Development Committee 09.01.20

8.1.2 Minutes & Proceedings of Council and Committees, Dec 2019

8.2 LALC

8.2.1 Buckingham Palace Garden Party

8.2.2 RV area minutes

9. Items for consideration / Information

9.1 Meeting dates 2020

Due to the Easter bank holidays it was agreed that the date of the April meeting be changed.

Decision: RH proposed, and MC seconded that the April meeting be scheduled for the third Monday in the month (20th) so as not to clash with Easter Monday. All were in favour.

9.2 Archiving of parish documents

NC had contacted CW about possible storage space for some parish council documentation, some outside space is available at the vicarage, but suitable storage boxes will need to be purchased with the agreement of councillors.

9.3 Orchard Cottage car wash

See earlier item.

9.4 Seating area at top of Branch Rd

Action: Andrew Herd be asked to remove the brackets from the old noticeboard and carry out remedial works as needed to the bench.

9.5 Flood prevention leaflet

Prior to the meeting NC had circulated a short leaflet to be posted through houses around the brook regarding flood prevention measures.

Action: 40 copies of the leaflet to be made and distributed accordingly by DP and the same information to be displayed in the noticeboards and on the village website.

9.6 Church refectory

The parish council has been approached by church members asking if they still had a key for the refectory – parish meetings having been held at this venue previously.

Action: NC to check with the previous clerk.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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