

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council
The Village Club – on March 9th, 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); Coun. Bob Buller, Rev Christopher Wood, Angela Hampson, Linda Haselwood, Rick Hulyer, Kursty Smith, Pat Sharrocks, Matt Bourne, Georgina Haworth, Stephen Carey, Kate Carey, Stephen Williamson, Stephen Hatton, Chris Haworth

Apologies: Coun Liz Haworth; Cheryl Hook

7.5 Extension to closure of Public Footpath 3-43-FP15

Due to the number of people who had attended the meeting to discuss the extension to the closure, it was decided to take this matter as the first item on the agenda.

An approach had been made to LCC when members of the parish council had heard about plans to extend the closure of this section of public footpath; however, LCC had said they would be unable to look into the matter until w/c 16.03.20. It was felt that the parish council should write to LCC stating its objections to the extension; it was explained that if a reply is not received the parish council would lose its power to object after that time had passed.

An original closure had been instated to enable services to be installed at Beechthorpe House. Members of the public noted that due to the nature of the work being carried out, there is room to maintain the public right of way as well as there is no obstruction to the path resulting in no obvious necessity for it to be closed. The current order suggests that the path would be closed for a period of two years.

It was noted that an application can be made for a temporary footpath closure for a period of six months and another six months could follow if work over ran. LCC does not have the right to close footpaths for a period of two years, but as the closure notice is from the Secretary of State, the Government might have the right.

It was further noted that no plans have been submitted for the listed building consent for the property, suggesting that any current work being carried out is internal work, posing further questions about the need for such a prolonged closure. It was felt that any machinery needed to carry out work at the property could be adequately fenced off within the residential curtilage which would mean the footpath could be opened.

Residents present felt that the footpath is well used and should be accessible 24/7 as it means walkers can avoid coming down the Fell Road if they use this path.

In time it was felt that the local Ramblers Association, Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and Waddow Hall should be notified.

A further letter objecting to the closure had been emailed to the parish council by Cheryl Hook

Once the parish council has had a response from LCC further action will be discussed and additional letters may be sent to other organisations.

Decision: It was proposed by RE and seconded by RH that a letter of objection be sent to LCC and copied to County Coun. Geoff Driver & Nigel Evans MP. All were in favour.

7.1 Fell Race

As Matt Bourne had asked to speak at the meeting, it was decided to take this item as the second on the agenda. Matt explained that the race is scheduled to take place on September 27th; he is an experienced member of the Fell Runners' Association which has fully licensed & insured the event & included it on its annual calendar of events. The aim is to encourage more racing locally and engage with local residents through volunteering and sponsorship. Permission has been granted by landowners for the necessary parts of the route which cross private land. The route will cover 6.6 miles starting and finishing at Whitwell's Farm; marshals will be posted at each gate and there will be a patrol at the rear of the field. It is anticipated that the race will start at 2pm and be finished by 4pm; trained first aiders will be on hand and as race organiser Matt is not allowed to participate.

The event has been advertised as having limited parking. Runners will be asked to register at the club from 12.30pm and presentations will take place back at the club at the end of the race. There is £5 entry fee and

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additional monies will be donated to local charities. The race is open to those aged 18 and over and it is anticipated it will attract a field of around 100 people.

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

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

3. Borough Council / County Council Updates

BB reported:

- There had been a multi-agency meeting at RVBC focusing of substance misuse.
- It is hoped work will be carried out to try and improve drainage at Clitheroe cemetery following recent flooding
- The planning application for the end of Hawthorne Place is on-going as has not come to committee yet
- Information about the HARP scheme will be publicised at a meeting on March 12th between 3 and 7pm

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

4.1 Jepsons Motorhomes

It was noted that a letter has been sent but to date there has been no response; discussion followed about the need for a dropped kerb to be installed if an additional driveway has been created at the residential premises in question. It was noted that photographs of the motorhomes have been sent to Andy Glover at RVBC.

Action: To put the item on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: DP to forward the email he received from RVBC previously relating to the motorhomes.

4.2 Duck Race 2020

This year's event is to be staged on June 28th.

4.3 Public meeting – feedback

Action: It was agreed that the notes made by NC following the meeting should be put on the village website and noticeboard.

4.4 BKVC 2020

NC reported that she had been in contact with Pat Hatherell and it had been agreed that only the Coronation Gardens would again be entered into this year's competition.

Action: A date to be arranged for a walk-round to identify areas which may need a clean-up and draw up a list of areas to be targeted.

4.5 VE Day celebration

CW reported that a lot of events are being planned in West Bradford for the weekend of May 8th including a family day, bell ringing.

Action: It was agreed that Waddington would support its neighbouring parish and offer to put up signs and displays advertising events in West Bradford following consultation with the parish clerk.

Action: It was suggested that the newly purchased bunting could be put up over the weekend.

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

5.1 Allotments

5.1.1 Plot 2

Alan Moorhouse has agreed to take on the tenancy of Plot 2; a skip has been ordered for March 12th to help with the clean-up operation; it was further noted that livestock had been removed from the allotment plot.

Decision: It was proposed by RH and seconded by DP that Mr Moorhouse be given a year rent-free for the plot. All were in favour.

Decision: It was further proposed by RH and seconded by DP that the cost of hiring the skip be passed to the previous tenant. All were in favour.

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5.1.2 Parking near allotments

People who use the garages near the allotment plots have complained that some vehicles have been parked inconsiderately outside the garages, resulting in them being unable to open the doors sufficiently to get vehicles in and out of the garages.

Action: It was agreed that an email should be sent to allotment tenants asking them not to park in front of the garages or where the road narrows.

5.2 Planning

5.2.1 3/2020/0143 Proposed new services pipework to gable wall of building at Brook House Farm, Clitheroe Road, Waddington, BB7 3HW

MC declared an interest in the above application and did not take part in the debate.

There were no objections.

5.3 Traffic matters

5.3.1 Vehicle access to playing field

It was noted that work is on-going.

5.3.2 Brungerley Bridge – LCC response

NC reported that LCC had replied to say within the next four to six weeks work to alleviate the issue will be undertaken.

5.3.3 SPiD

JH reported that once the batteries have been fully charged the SPiD will be reinstated on West Bradford Road. It was noted that statistics from the device suggest that traffic on the Fell Road rarely travels above 30mph; in response to a question about the location of the SPiD it was noted that LCC must approve the locations.

5.4 Maintenance

5.4.1 Painting of white railings

Dale Cox had been in contact with NC to say he was unable to carry out the work. Members of the local community had expressed an interest in carrying out the work in a similar way to the brook clean-up, however it was felt that due to the proximity to the main road there were too many concerns about safety.

Action: DP to ask Andrew Herd if he will consider carrying out the work.

5.4.2 Road traffic signs

It was noted that any signs which are purchased cannot be put in the road as they would be classed as obstructing the highway.

It was further noted that Environment Agency directives mean that rubble, concrete and other masonry cannot be removed from the brook if they impact on the direction of the water course. However, they can cause a backlog of water which then goes onto the carriageway.

Action: Residents were asked to send photographs of the overflow of water to NC so that they can be forwarded to the EA.

Decision: JH proposed and RE seconded that two signs be purchased which say "Slow; flood ahead". All were in favour.

6. Correspondence

6.1 RVBC

6.1.1 Minutes and proceedings of RVBC

7. Items for consideration

7.1 Fell Race

See earlier item

7.2 Parking

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The resident who had asked for this item to be added to the agenda was not present at the meeting.

7.3 Use of playing field on 09.05.20

NC reported that Michael Tomlinson had been in contact with the parish council asking if he could use the playing fields on May 9th for an event following a sponsored walk. Councillors raised concerns about the event would be policed in a public area and the potential for damage to the newly installed drainage system. It was agreed that the event could start and finish in the car park but it would not be available for an event following the end of the walk particularly as additional insurance would be needed to cover a public event of this nature, along with the cost of the administration needed to ensure all aspects were fully covered.

Decision: GF proposed and RH seconded that the public car park could be used for the start and end point of the walk and the parish council would also oversee use of the pavilion toilets at the end of the walk. All were in favour.

7.4 Parish marquee

It was noted that Martin O’Gorman currently has the marquee which needs to be repaired before it is stored at the Social Club.

7.5 Extension to closure of public footpath

See earlier item.

7.6 Accounts

Expenditure and income update to 10.02.20 (items of £100 or more)

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| <u>Expenditure (items over £100)</u> | Clerk’s salary | £310.23 |
| | Andrew Herd | £214.99 |

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| <u>Income</u> | Allotment rent & electricity | £192 |
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Balance at 10.02.20: £8063.94

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

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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.