

Waddington Parish Council

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Meeting of Waddington Parish Council
The Village Club – on September 10th, 2018

1. Apologies for absence

Present: Coun Doug Parker, Coun Roy Edmondson, Coun Liz Haworth, Coun John Hilton, Coun Gil Fisher, Coun Paul Elms (RVBC)

Apologies: Coun Bridget Hilton (RVBC), Coun David Smith (LCC)

In attendance: Natalie Cox (Clerk to the Parish Council); Roy Hampson; Graham Whitwell; Sarah Bolton

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.

Item number 5.4 was moved up the agenda to enable participation by members of the public:

3/2018/0750 Change of use of redundant barn to form one unit of residential accommodation at Twitter Bridge Barn, Twitter Bridge Farm, Twitter Lane, BB7 3LG

GF declared an interest in the item and did not take part in the following discussion.

Sarah Bolton and Graham Whitwell had sent an email to the Parish Council which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The addressed the council to voice their objection to the above application.

They said the barn is used on almost a daily basis for livestock and storage all year round and is therefore not “redundant”; if the barn is used for a different purpose it would deny access across a waterway resulting in livestock having to be walked on Twitter Lane which has highways implications especially as the water course is impassable in the winter months if there is no access to the bridge; the barn in effect is essential to the current farm business and changing its use would also have implications for the highways, the flood zone and potential consequences for wildlife including barn owls & bats.

The couple said they had been in contact with the ward councillor, the AONB.

Decision: LH proposed and JH seconded that a letter of objection be sent to RVBC siting the potential impact on the highways, the environmental concerns and the fact that the barn is used and is therefore not “redundant” and would have a detrimental impact on an existing business and also suggest that the charity and the business, which are both based in the village, be encouraged to have a conversation to see if a mutually agreement can be forged.

3. Borough Council / County Council Updates

PE gave a brief update from RVBC noting that the market design has not yet been put out to public consultation and there is general frustration in the borough about the road closure.

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

4.1 Email addresses / website

Despite several emails NC said she had not received any correspondence from White Sands Media regarding the website updates, adding councillors email addresses and ensuring GDPR legislation is adhered to.

Action: NC to continue pursuing.

4.2 Bunting

LH reported that there is a choice of colour of bunting. It was agreed to have red, white & blue bunting again.

Action: A decision to be made at the next meeting about how much bunting to buy.

4.3 Christmas Tree

GF said she has been in touch with someone about providing a 15ft tree ideally on the last day of November; GF and MF will put the lights on the tree and take them down; a price will be agreed in due course.

4.4 Best Kept Village certificates

Ken Jackson has asked that certificates from previous successes be scanned and added to the Waddington village website.

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4.5 Double yellow line enforcement

A letter had been sent to NC by Matt Campbell, District Lead Officer for LCC Highways who said he would arrange for a Traffic Regulation Order to cover the extents of the double yellow lines as soon as possible to make them fully enforceable by Lancashire Parking Services.

4.6 Damaged wall

A letter has been sent to Ross Lee Construction regarding the damage to the wall.

5. Village maintenance / Allotments / Planning

5.1 Allotments

5.1.1 Site visit

Prior to the meeting councillors had made a site visit to the allotment plots. As a result of the inspection letters will be sent to the tenants of plots 2, plot 8 and plot 13.

5.1.2 Pest control

Tim Wearden who lives adjacent to the allotment plots had contact NC to report an issue with rats running from the plots across his garden.

Action: JH to contact RVBC and make an appointment for the pest control officer to visit the site and discuss what appropriate action should be taken.

5.1.3 Cost of water

Due to the warm weather over the summer, the water bill for May to August was £199.62 which will be covered by the parish council.

5.1.4 RVBC Boundary

RVBC had been in contact over the summer to ask the parish council to inform tenants that they needed to clear space adjoining the garages to enable drain pipes to be installed within the boundary of the garage. Letters had been sent to all the tenants in question by post and email as appropriate.

5.2 3/2018/0624 Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with single storey extension to The Hey, Beechthorpe Ave, Waddington, BB7 3HT

Notice had been sent out to councillors during the summer break; there had been no objections.

5.3 3/2018/0677 Removal of condition 3 to allow holiday let to be used as a permanent dwelling, land adjacent to Dovecote Tearooms, Mill Lane, Waddington, BB7 3JJ

Notice had been sent out to councillors during the summer break; there had been no objections.

5.4 See earlier item

5.5 3/2018/0751 Structural improvements to existing detached garage forming an annexe at Feazer Cottage, Slaidburn Road, Waddington, BB7 3JJ

No objection.

5.6 Painting of railings

Dale Cox had been in contact with DP to say he had been unable to paint the railings due to a change in staffing; Andrew Herd had said he would consider the job, but it was agreed to postpone making a decision until the February meeting of the parish council.

5.7 Twitter Lane playground – RoSPA Safety Inspection Report.

Action: It was agreed that the invoice should be paid and Vulnet Alko who have carried out previous repair at the playground be asked to quote for the remedial work.

Action: LH to contact the company with the appropriate pages of the inspection report.

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6. Parish Questionnaire

It was agreed to move this item to the end of the agenda and consider it depending on time constraints.

7. SPiD

JH reported no problems with the SPiD.

8. Accounts

8.1 Expenditure and income updated to 15/08/18 (items over £100)

Expenditure (items over £100)

A Silverwood (spraying)	£378.00
RVBC grass cutting	£1290.78
A Herd (defib box, bench repairs)	£255.48
Bowland Mountain Rescue	£100
Clerk's salary	£310.23
A Herd (work to stream)	£104
RJ & D Bradley (drainage)	£20,410.08

Income (items over £100)

Waddington FC	£14,410.08
	£13,528.19

Balance:

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

8.2 Football club mower, gate and fence

Action: To ask representatives from the football club and cricket club to attend the next meeting to discuss in more detail plans to put a fence round part of the perimeter of the playing field to protect the drainage whilst also allowing some limited parking at future events.

8.3 Duck race money

It was suggested that money be directed to the football club towards the drainage and associated works including the proposed fence.

Decision: DP proposed, and LH seconded that the parish council reimburse the football club for the top soil and grass seed it had needed to purchase.

9. Correspondence

9.1 RVBC

9.1.1 Planning & Development Committee 02/08/18 & 06/09/18

For information

9.1.2 Housing land availability

For information

9.2 LCC

9.2.1 TPO at Waddow Grove

The work had been carried out during the summer break.

10. Items for consideration

10.1 Stream

10.1.2 Vegetation near Social Club

10.1.3 Himalayan Balsam

Action: On both matters it was decided to approach the Ribble River Trust to ask for some expert advice and also whether they have volunteers and/or contractors willing to carry out this type of work.

Action: To check paperwork from the Environment Agency regarding carrying out this type of work on an ad-hoc basis.

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Action: Put out a request for help from village residents if it is eventually decided that the parish council will have to carry out the work.

10.2 Road signs near Brungerley Bridge

JH reported that there are inconsistencies with the signage leaving and approaching the village from Clitheroe.

Decision: GF proposed, and LH seconded that a letter be sent to LCC ask that the appropriate signage be installed.

10.3 Flower planter at Branch Road

Action: Andrew Herd to be asked to remove the planter.

10.4 Publicity for village events

A letter had been received from a local resident concerned about the lack of publicity for the duck race and scarecrow festival.

Action: A letter be sent explaining that the parish council is in agreement with her sentiments, but that the duck race and festival are organised by a different village committee not connected with the parish council.

10.5 Co-opting new parish councillor

Decision: DP proposed, and JH seconded that Roy Hampson be formally co-opted onto the parish council.

Councillors returned to item 6. Parish Questionnaire

Some time was spent editing the document and councillors agreed to discuss the findings and particularly the extra comments made at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.44pm

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.