Waddingham Parish Council

Minutes of the **Parish Cou**ncil **Meeting** held on **Wednesday 5th March 2025, 7pm at** Jubilee Hall

**Present:**  Cllrs L Williams (Chair), P Williams, C Jones, E Law, S Kirman, G Thacker & J Thacker

Cllr S Bunney

The Clerk

2 members of the public

**Public participation:**

**22/25 Apologies for Absence -** Cllrs A White & B Tiley

**23/25 Declaration of Interest**

To record declarations of interest by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared. To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed**. – None**

**24/25 Minutes of Previous Meeting to be approved and signed**

**The minutes from Wednesday 8th January 2025 were signed as a true and accurate record.**

**25/25 Matters arising - none**

**26/25 County and District Councillors report**

County Councillor Bunney reported that debate is currently happening regarding district councillors and how things may change for them following the creation of Greater Lincolnshire. There will be a Mayoral election on 1st May to appoint the new mayor. Lincolnshire CC has been working with North Lincs and NE Lincs Councils to agree the deal. County Council and districts will change within the next two years.

District Councillor Duguid was not in attendance again. He has not attended a single Waddingham Parish meeting since he was elected. This is disappointing for the parish as his predecessor, Cllr Summers attended the majority of meetings. Cllr Bunney reported on district matters. Food waste collections for households will commence in March 2026. Houses will be provided with bins and caddies.

There is nothing further to reported regarding Scampton at present.

**27/25 Police Report**

No report available

**28/25 Clerk’s report-** All items covered on the agenda.

**29/25 Finance**

1. **Schedule of payments and receipts:**
2. **C. Wright, salary February- £293**
3. **C. Wright, salary March- £293**
4. **C Wright, expenses February and March- £47**
5. **Ian Moore contracting, pipe repairs and bank rebuild- £1200**

Current Account Balance- £3622

Reserve account balance- £3521

**30/25 Correspondence for discussion or information**

1. Information- Cllr Bunney, Village and Community Halls , a guide to surveys
2. Information-Central Lincolnshire Authority Wide Design Code- notice of consultation
3. Discussion- request to remove ivy from oak tree on the Green- resolved to leave ivy and wait for professional arboriculturist report in the future. The Woodland Trust advise that ivy does not damage trees and is not parasitic.
4. Information-LCC, Lower Witham Flood Resilience

ACTION: Clerk

**31/25 Emergency Plan Update**

Cllrs L Williams, B Tiley, E Law and the clerk had met with the emergency Planning Team to discuss the plan and run through scenarios where the plan may be activated. Following the table top exercise there were some suggestions for improvements. The plan will now be amended and republished. Further exercises will be undertaken in the future.

**32/25 Flood relief scheme and beck cleaning matters**

Weeds at the Kirton Road/Redbourne Road junction are no longer there so no remedial action is required. Cllr Jones reported that the flood defence channel in the first field off Radbourne Road is still overgrown. Cllr L Williams to report. Cllr Jones reported that children have been playing on the bank of the beck which is contributing to erosion. It was suggested that sand bags could be added to reinforce the bank. To be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**33/25 Repair and Refurbishment of barriers**

Work completed. Item to be removed from future agendas**.**

**34/25 Play Area-**

A resident has offered the donation of some play equipment for the village play area. The equipment has been used but due to relocation is no longer needed. Following careful consideration, it was resolved that the council would not be able to accept the generous donation. The reasons being, the equipment is made from wood so would require regular maintenance, the equipment has some high towers which would increase the insurance cost and the council may need to install safety matting underneath the towers. Cllr L Williams to contact the residents to thank them for their kind offer and explain the reasons why the council cannot accept the equipment.

It was also noted that the dropped kerb needs some remedial work.

ACTION: L Williams

**35/25 Constable Ings Trust**

DDM Agriculture have not returned email or calls regarding the rent review of the land at Constable Ings. Clerk to contact Perkins, George, Mawer. Following a further expression of interest to rent the land it appears as though the land will need to go to auction. Clerk to contact LALC for advice.

ACTION: Clerk & Cllr G Thacker

**36/25 North Ramper update**

No further update.

**37/25 Letting of roadside herbage**

Cllr G Thacker and J Thacker expressed a pecuniary interest in this item.

Following advertisement in the Triangle no comments have been made by residents. Cllrs Thacker would like to rent the land at a cost of £20 per year. It was resolved that an impartial third party should write up the agreement. Clerk to take advice from LALC.

ACTION: The Clerk

**38/25 Highways Matters to include any issues that arise**

The poor road surface from Clock House to Danger Bridge has been reported and from Danger Bridge to North Ramper. Highways are aware of the issue and Cllr Bunney reported that work is due to be carried out as part of a larger refurbishment.

There are a number of potholes on the road going around the Village Green. These have been reported to Highways who have replied to say that the road is serviceable and in an acceptable condition. Cllr Bunney to report again.

It was reported that the road sign for Broadbeck is down. Clerk to report.

ACTION: Clerk, Cllr Bunney

**39/25 Planning Matters to include any issues that arise after distribution of the agenda but before the meeting**

Consultation regarding entrance at Marquis of Granby- no comments to make.

**40/25 EV Chargers**

Following the council’s response to a question from LCC regarding potential locations in the village for EV chargers no further information has been received. Clerk to try to find out more information.

ACTION: Clerk

**41/25 Streetlighting update**

Cllr L Williams has been contacted by an LCC officer who has confirmed that street lights cannot be placed on private residences if the owners do not want it there. This may be the reason why some of lights are no longer in Waddingham. The officer is going to investigate if there is enough street lighting in the village. Historical photos do show that there used to be a light on a post outside the Marquis of Granby.

ACTION: Cllr L Williams

**42/25 Confirmation of date and time of next meeting 2025** May 7th 2025 Jubilee Hall 7pm for Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Council meeting at 7.30pm

**43/25 Additional Items for the November agenda-** Beck Erosion

**44/25 To resolve to move into closed session-** Resolved- all agreed

**45/25 Grass Cutting Tender-**

Three tenders have been received. All tenders were discussed. One tender was priced much more highly than the other two so it was resolved not to accept that one. Careful consideration were given to the additional two tenders which were priced very similarly. It was resolved to award the tender to the current contractor AJ Williams. His price was competitive and the work he has undertaken for the council for the past few years has been of a high standard. Clerk to respond to each contractor to thank them for their time and let them know the outcome.

ACTION: Clerk