Waddingham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 at Jubilee Hall

Present: Cllrs LJ Williams (Chair) JA Hill GA Thacker PH Williams A Watson A White R Coman C Metcalf (Vice-chair) Cllr A Yates The Clerk

Cllr Strange and Cllr Summers were also in attendance 4 members of the public

Public Participation:

A member of the public stated that he was applying for planning permission, in the parish, to demolish some exisiting livestock sheds and replace with a new piggery. He assured the council that there would be no increase in the number of pigs housed and that the new building would be more efficient, environmentally friendly and provide a better working envitonment as well as improving the welfare of the livestock. He invited members of the council to visit the site if they would like to.

A member of the public thanked the Waddingham Parish Counncillors for the hard work that they do.

A member of the public raised the issue of the flood relief maps. His property on Millstone Way is currently for sale and he reported that the sale has has fallen through twice due to outdated maps. He also stated that the when people use the internet to search for Waddingham a number of pages refering to the flooding in 2007 and not how successful the flood relief scheme has been since this date. Cllr L Williams stated that the Parish Council are trying to assist with this matter and that it is to be discussed on the agenda.

0703/1 Apologies for Absence

None

0703/2 Declaration of Interest

a. 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. *None*

To note dispensations given to any member of the council in respect of the agenda items listed *None* requested

0703/3 Minutes of Previous meeting to be approved and signed

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3^{th} January 2018 were approved and signed as true and correct.

0703/4 Matters Arising

Cllr L Williams asked if the anything had been done about the flooding on Clay Lane. Clerk has reported to highways and will follow up. It was reported that a ditch on Clay Lane has not been maintained which may be causing the problem. The volume of the bird scarer which was reported at the last meeting has been reduced.

0703/5 County Councillor's/District Councillor's Report

County Councillor Strange reported that he is working with other agencies to try and improve the situation with the outdated flood zone maps. He wondered if the Environment Agency may have some

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concerns about the upkeep of the flood relief scheme. He reported that the Flood Re Insurance Scheme should now make it possible for everyone gain affordable flood insurance.

Cllr Strange has attended a meeting with all the 5 other County Councillors who border the A15, Cllr R Davies from Highways and senior planning officers to discuss the problems and look at improvements that could be made- possibly widening the road in areas and installing rumble strips.

Rates have increased in the county but rural councillors are fighting hard for fairer funding.

Cllr L Williams thanked Cllr Strange for the work he has undertaken on Waddingham Parish Council's behalf regarding flooding matters.

0703/6 Police report

Police not present. Incident statistics were provided.

0703/7 Clerk's report

Final request for the precept has been submitted to WLDC. Clay Lane flooding had been reports to the highways department.

0703/8 Finance

(a) Financial report.

Business Money Manager Account- £1996 Community Account £7117

(b) Accounts for payment

- (i) C Wright, Salary and expenses-£531.00
- (ii) LALC, Annual Subscriptions-£257.77
- (iii) Waddingham Village Hall Hire £50.00 (£30 parish council, £20 NP group)

(c)Payments received

£2 – Hetts Johnson Whiting Solicitors

- **(c) Audit year ending 2017/18-** Clerk to contact V Hallam to see if she would be happy to complete the internal audit as previously.
- **(d) Change of parish council bank account-** Unity Trust are able to offer banking for Parish Councils but there is a monthly fee. Clerk to contact Co-Op bank also.

0703/9 To consider website hosting quote- Website hosting quote to increase due to hosting renewal upgrade (£99+vat) and daily backup facility(£36+vat). Resolved to accept the quote for payment at the May 2018 meeting.

0703/10 Correspondence for discussion

- (i) Sir Edward Leigh- Flood Maps -see minute reference 0703/16
- (ii) M Ward- an email was received regarding a planning application. Resolved Cllrs to look at the application and comment on planning matters accordingly.
- (iii) **Community Speed Watch Update-** No parish councillors wish to be trained as community speed watch officers. Resolved to place information on the website and in the Triangle so members from the local community can apply if they wish.

0703/11 To discuss and resolve on the purchase and positioning of a new noticeboard

A number of noticeboards were discussed. It was resolved to purchase a board from noticeboards.com at a cost of £1359.00. Clerk to contact Cllr Summers to request a grant from the district councillors initiative fund. Cllr Yates to discuss with the church the possibility of sharing a noticeboard.

0703/12 Planning applications and decisions- PA136796- to erect dwellings at the Marquis of Granby- refused. Clerk to contact landowner to request the site, which has deteriorated, is cleaned up.

0703/13 Data Protection-Data Protection regulations are changing. Clerk has discussed with LALC and is to attend training in June regarding the new regulations and the role and requirements for a Data Protection Officer.

0703/14 Highways matters- To resolve the location of advisory speed limit signs

Following advice from the Road Safety Partnership, councillors to position signs around the parish. Signs should be moved regularly to have full effect.

0703/15 Flood Relief Scheme and Beck Cleaning Matters

Flood relief scheme currently working well. No issues following the substantial rain.

0703/16 Flood risk status rating

Following Cllr L Williams correspondence with Sir Edward Leigh a response was received from Richard Wills -Executive Director for Environment and Economy. The national requirement to use undefended modelling for planning purposes is unlikely to change. However, the EA have now confirmed that it is intended to remodel the Ancholme catchment during 2018/19, and LCC will be working with them to ensure it reflects as far as possible the benefits provided by the scheme at Waddingham. It was resolved that the parish council will adopt a policy and procedure for the inspection and maintenance of the flood defences. Cllr Watson to write the policy for approval at the May meeting. It was also resolved to add a section to the www.waddingham.gov.uk website which celebrates the success of the flood defences.

0703/17 Neighbourhood Plan Report-The last NP meeting was cancelled due to heating issues at the Village Hall. To remain on the agenda.

0703/18 Constable Ings Report- Cllr Metcalf presented the proposed administration procedures for Constable Ings Environment Fund and Grass and Herbage Lettings. The proposal were discussed and amendments made. Item to remain on the agenda. Cllr L Williams thanked Cllr Metcalf for the work that he had put in to the draft proposals.

0703/19 Items for the next agenda

Internet Banking Constable Ings-Cllr Metcalf e-mail addresses

0703/20 To discuss and resolve moving into closed session

Resolved to move in to closed session. Members of the public left the meeting.

0703/21 To approve the clerk's contract and terms of employment

Resolved to approve contract following some alterations.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018, 7pm at the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.21pm