

Minutes of Little Waldingfield Parish Council Meeting 17 February 2015

Present: A Sheppard, S Braybrook, B Campbell, M Ewen, M Foster
D Cllr J Antill, D Crimmin & one member of the public

Apologies for absence

None.

Declarations of Interest

None.

Minutes of the last Meeting

The Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Police and District Councillor Reports

A written Police report detailed 2 reported crimes – burglaries from other buildings, one of which was a generator stolen from a farm building. The requested security advice leaflets have not been received from the police.

Cllr J Antill reported that Babergh DC have a predicted underspend for 2014/15. Solar panels continue to be installed on their properties. The consultation on the Local Plan is underway but there is a lack of interest from the public. Babergh is allaying the Plan to that of Mid Suffolk DC. 2 Parish Councillors attended a consultation meeting.

Speedwatch

Following the resignation of R Ridgeon as the village scheme coordinator and lack of anyone willing to take on that role the scheme has come to an end. It is thought that posts have already been erected for mobile speed confirmation signs. The possible purchase of a mobile sign will be explored.

Dog Fouling

Dog waste sprays have been purchased which should last on grass for about 3 weeks. It must **only** be used on the cross field grass paths. They will be issued to 2 residents who volunteered to mark waste.

Public Session

There were no questions raised. When asked, the member of the public confirmed that they felt speeding through the village was more of a danger to residents than dog fouling.

To receive progress reports

Clerk – the Clerk has received nomination papers and advisory notes for the forthcoming election for those interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, and can advise candidates of their electoral number.

Chairman – The necessary Council protocols and policies have now been agreed and adopted. The new Clerk, Dave Crimmin, will assume his role on 1st April.

Forthcoming Council Elections

Nomination papers were issued to those interested parties present. Publicity on the election will be placed on the website and village noticeboard to raise awareness and interest.

Annual Litter Pick

This was set as 14th March. Meet at the Parish Room at 10a.m. Signs are to be borrowed to warn motorists and S Braybrook will put them in place on the approaches to the village.

Action required on previously circulated emails

Details of projectors for displaying planning applications, their prices and the need for such equipment was discussed at length. This could also be used by other village organisations. Funding from Cllr C Spence's locality budget is available. The incoming Clerk confirmed he has a projector that can be hired at a reasonable rate for meetings as required. B Campbell proposed that an Epson projector EB-955W be purchased at a cost of £758.99. There were 1 vote against, 2 abstentions and 2 in favour, so the vote to purchase was carried.

Planning Matters

The lifting of the 'agricultural tie' on Spinney Cottage has been refused. The extensions under construction at Bridge Bungalow are within permitted development rights. No decision has yet been made on replacement windows at Brookwood Manor.

Financial Matters

Between meetings cheques were signed for reimbursement of materials used in the renovation of the Jubilee bench and to LCPAS for training. Cheques were signed for Speedwatch travel expenses, spraypaint for dog fouling, legal advice on Playing Field registration, printing of the History of the Church (Clive Memorial Fund), litter and dog bin emptying, street lighting costs, clerk's salary and income tax on salary. The Playing Field committee will be made aware of the S106 funding currently available of £4634.

Playing Field Registration

Bates, Wells & Braithwaite have advised on amendments needed to the Constitution and that the land should be registered. This has been forwarded to the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee who has confirmed it will be discussed at their next meeting.

Village Matters

Footpaths – Suffolk CC advise that hedges abutting footpath no.3 are not in need of cutting at the moment.

Broadband – due to the complexity of Fibre To The Premises the rollout has been delayed, but it must be completed by September 2015.

Clive Memorial

The History of the Church is due to be launched 16th May.

Risk Register

The completion of risk assessments is underway.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as 31st March.

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