



NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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-MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – ST MATTHEWS CHURCH – NEW WALTHAM
 ON WEDNESDAY 11 January 2023.

Present:	Cllr. Dinsdale Shaw (Chair) Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Clerk & RFO)
	Cllrs, Breed, Poucher, Raper, Baker, Johnson, Simpson, Hebbar.
Apologies:	Cllr Keys, Dawkins
In Attendance	Cllr Shreeve, Harness, PC Dave Cave.
Cllrs/others:	Paul Marsden (NELC) **Council welcomed 1 member of the public in attendance who was interested in joining the Parish Council.
There were 1 members of the public present.	

23/001	<u>To receive apologies for non-attendance.</u> None.
23/002	<u>Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012</u> None.
23/003	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Accepted as a true record.
PUBLIC SESSION for members of the public to discuss matters on the agenda (15 mins max is allowed)	
23/004	<u>Police Report</u> PC Dave Cave was in attendance – crime figures are still very low. Although we have had some burglaries, we have put actions in place. Vehicle crime is linked to same group already identified it has been discovered. Speeding throughout the village has been a focus, and police have done 8 days of speed checks and given out a lot of tickets. Ward priorities will carry on until Feb at least – burglaries are higher this time of year, darker evenings. Not difficult for people to see when residents aren't home. PC Dave Cave is wanting to bring different guests each month that can help support the community. The first of which was Mr Dave Marsden, in attendance from NELC – responsible for looking at/investigating doorstep scam traders. They are trying to get to community events/get information out about scams and door

	<p>knocking scams that operate in the local area. Making sure residents are aware of the signs of a scam. Residents can sign up to an alert system. Getting the information out there about doorstep traders and scams need to be out there to stop anyone being affected.</p> <p>Leaflet is being produced, information that can be published into the Parish Council's next edition of the newsletter.</p>
23/005	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>Parish Council – <u>Wednesday 1st February 2023</u></p>
23/006	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>1. Wayside Drive Cllr Harness advised that the Ward Cllrs questioned the enforcement officer re the tree removal. Which had a TPO on it. Possibly gone past enforcement officer and is now a legal matter. This has been reported now and Ward Cllrs will keep us updated of any further developments.</p> <p>Council have objected to the planning application that is connected to the tree removal, believe the tree has been removed illegally. Council request for an appropriate replacement to be planted. Opposing the application as a tree has already been removed. Reinstate a new tree at the location.</p> <p>2. DM/0711/22/FULA - 20 Maple Grove Councillors were unable to see the amendments on this planning application, the documents send from planning did not show any obvious differences. Clerk to speak with planning re this and report back to Council.</p>
23/007	<p><u>Footpaths & Highways</u></p> <p>Old railway track – at the top (main road side) there is a new lockable removable bollard now. Police happy and Council that this is now installed. Stops vehicles going down, gaining access.</p> <p>Drug packets were present again down the track, lots littered around. Police can't action 'empty packets' unfortunately. But something to keep an eye on.</p>
23/008	<p><u>Community Pavilion & Play Area</u></p> <p>1. To discuss the recent water damage to the hall/changing rooms/Insurance Claim.</p> <p>The pavilion hall's football changing rooms has had water damage due to a burst pipe and leak. We have a ceiling that has collapsed and considerable damage. Clerk has been in contact with Insurers and a Claim in ongoing. It has been discussed that whilst works are happening to repair, it may be an idea to gain a quote for a staircase to be installed in the refs room to gain access to the attic space, to provide more storage space at the hall. Chair and Clerk to look at asking contractor chosen for repairs to quote and report back to Council. Agreed.</p>

	<p>2. Further discuss the car park gate/any updates No update, still trying to find a local repairer.</p> <p>3. Further discuss/update on existing play equipment on the field/possible relocation. Playdale have been contacted. Currently awaiting the quote for moving the equipment into the new play area. Clerk to report back once quote received. - Agreed</p> <p>4. Further discuss gutters on hall building Cllr Keys has installed new gutters on the front of the building. Huge thanks go out to Cllr Keys for his hard working getting this sorted for the Council.</p> <p>5. Further discuss BMX signage/Inspections needed for H&S/Insurance Council agreed that signage needed to be installed at the BMX track to ensure that users of the area know that this area is used at their own risk. Clerk to obtain quotes and purchase 2, A4 signs with agreed wording. Council also asked Clerk to add BMX track onto our insurance policy. – Agreed.</p> <p>6. Further discuss Pop Up Food trucks Pop Up food trucks are planned in; Greek Shack/Deadly Bakes and Buddy's Bites – 21 Jan & 24 Feb 2023.</p> <p>7. To discuss future village/hall events and gather dates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Raper would like to arrange for his choir to perform – Clerk to find dates, weekends (Saturday's approx 7.30pm). – Find some dates. Before May/After August • Halloween Party – Clerk to manage arrangements and book in Andy Carr for entertainment – Agreed. • Easter Egg Hunt? – to be discussed at next meeting. • New Waltham Village Music Festival – date agreed Saturday 22 July 2023, further discuss at next meeting, and agree plan of action and dates for village day meetings. Clerk already started to source bands and food trucks for event to ensure they are available for the event in plenty of time.
23/009	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>1. To further discuss the village newsletter. Next edition deadline – 16th April 2023. Deliveries next time, all must have ID Badge and a NWPC jacket. Cllr Baker wanted to thank all Cllrs for delivering.</p> <p>2. To further discuss and explore the idea of a 'Junior Parish Council' Clerk and Chair wanting to set up a 'Junior Parish Council' for the local children of the village. Offer the opportunity for children to have a say what happens in their village and hopefully show a new generation what</p>

	<p>it is to be a Parish Councillor and how they can help the community. Clerk to put together marketing/media for the proposal, and feed back to Council. Also, to approach local schools and gain what the interest could be/if they would be willing to support the idea. To be further discussed at next meeting.</p> <p>3. To discuss updating all Cllrs re new ID Badges Clerk ensured that all Cllrs ID badges were present and up to date.</p> <p>4. To discuss future 'carols on the green' event – Council normally pay for mince pies for the event at the Church. We didn't do that this year, Council to offer to fund this next year.</p> <p>5. To discuss any plans for 'King Charles' Coronation'. Council wanting to celebrate the event. To be further discussed at the next meeting and brainstorm ideas for the event.</p>
23/010	<p><u>Reports</u></p> <p>No reports.</p>
23/011	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>1. To agree/sign off Budget for 2023/24 – Agreed.</p> <p>2. To agree/sign off Precept for 2023/24 – Agreed.</p> <p>3. To receive an update on finances and bank account/Cash Book reconciliations – Approved.</p> <p>4. Approve Payments Schedule – Approved.</p>
23/012	<p><u>Any Other Business (for information only)</u></p> <p>None.</p>
23/013	<p><u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u></p> <p>To consider exemption of press and public under Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.</p>
23/014	<p><u>Payroll</u></p> <p>Approved.</p>
23/015	<p><u>Pending agenda items (updates if available)</u></p> <p>Pathway/old railway line Next village day Car Boots Food pop-ups</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Ended at: 21:00</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p>	

Minutes - Draft