

# **NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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# -MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – ST MATTHEWS CHURCH – NEW WALTHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

| Present:                                    | Cllr. Dinsdale Shaw (Chair)                         |
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|   | Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Clerk & RFO)               |
|   | Cllrs, Baker, Poucher, Raper, Briggs, Keys, Johnson |
| Apologies:                                  | Cllr Shreeve, Dawkins, Hebbar, PC Dave Cave         |
| In  | Cllr, Harness                                       |
| Attendance                                  |   |
| Cllrs/others:                               |   |
| There were 0 members of the public present. |   |

| 23/031 | To receive apologies for non-attendance.  |  |  |
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|        | Accepted.   |  |  |
| 23/032 | Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012   |  |  |
|        | Cllr Pat Simpson – 23/040 .3  |  |  |
| 23/033 | Minutes of Previous Meeting   |  |  |
|        | Accepted as a true record.  |  |  |
| 23/034 | Welcome new Clir.   |  |  |
|        | Council welcomed Cllr Charlotte Briggs to the Parish Council.   |  |  |
|        | PUBLIC SESSION  |  |  |
| for    | for members of the public to discuss matters on the agenda (15 mins max is allowed)   |  |  |
| 23/035 | Police Report   |  |  |
|        | Chair read aloud police report – 56 reported crimes in the Ward. Bikes and footballs had been stolen in NW. Criminal damage to van at the pavilion, caught on CCTV. Incident on Becklands avenue. Shop thefts locally also. ASB, only one incident. Council wants to reiterate for public to call 101 for <b>all incidents</b> , otherwise there can be no increase of police presence within the village. Criminal damage to fence at the BMX track, fence removed and stolen. New BMX signage already damaged and had to be removed. New fencing needs to be installed in the area for health and safety. Grit bin has now been removed and put into storage as it was constantly being vandalised. |  |  |

## 23/036 **Future Dates** Parish Council – Wednesday 5th April 2023 23/037 **Planning** 1. DM/0973/22/FUL - Land at rear of 37-39 Peaks Avenue, NW Chair advised that there are a number of residents that are in favour of the application, as well as against when looking at the comments on NELC Planning portal. Council voted to reject application grounds that landowner should maintain land and make safe. Council request that trees put back in place as per the Trees and Woodland Trust request. Council also notes parking issues in the area. 23/038 Footpaths & Highways 1. No updates. 2. Cllr Poucher brought up the current works at Tollbar, there are currently 'meaningless' signs at the roundabout and they are confusing motorists. This is a major junction, and it needs to have clear signage. Council to monitor situation. 23/039 **Community Pavilion & Play Area** 1. Changing rooms damage/insurance claim Council decided not to go ahead with the insurance, due to hall being under insured, it would be a large bill and only a % of the insurance would cover works. Cllr Keys has drafted in a team of tradesmen who have begun to clear the area and repair the damage for a considerable smaller amount. Cllr Keys has saved the Council a large amount of money. Huge thank you to Cllr Keys and team. 2. Car park gate Company has been out to view damaged gate, awaiting quote. 3. Existing play equipment relocation Quote from Playdale was £12,000 to relocate equipment. Cllr Keys advises that it might be worth contacting company on Wilton Road, (Newby leisure) - to quote for just installation, with us removing the equipment. Councillors agreed that Cllr Keys to remove equipment. Clerk to enquire into installation and feed back to Council once quote received. Guttering on hall building Cllr Keys has replaced all the guttering on the hall exterior. Again, saved Council money by assisting with free labour. Thanks go out to Cllr Keys once again. 5. BMX Track BMX track is fully covered by Parish Council Insurance (Public Liability). 6. Wooden fences/Pavilion Car Park The wooden posts surrounding the pavilion car park have rotted away over time as the wood was put directly into the ground. Lost a few now. They also need painting to help preserve the woodwork. Motion to purchase paint for car park fences -Approved.

#### 7. Acoustic Boards

It had been discussed that the pavilion hall is very echoey and members of the public and Council find it difficult to hear when in the hall. Acoustic boards would help with this issue. Cllr Simpson and Baker visited Scartho Methodist Church to look at an example and were impressed. Cllr Keys and Baker will liaise and sort out quotes. – **Agreed.** 

#### 8. Explore mosquito device

Chair wished to discuss this device that can be installed outside a building. It creates a high-pitched noise that is an irritant to anyone 'lingering' in an area. A consideration for the Council that we can revisit if ASB gets worse around the hall.

### 23/040 Parish Council Matters

#### 1. Village Festival

Clerk updated Council re the planned music festival. 8 bands are booked in to play live music, stage has been sought via same lorry company use last year, 30+ stalls have been booked in and have all paid a pitch fee of £15 per pitch. Food vendors, 10 have booked in and have paid a pitch fee of £20 each. Andy Carr is booked in to host the event. St Johns Ambulance has been approached to provide medical care for the event.

2. Gardening contract – NELC have quoted Council to take over maintenance of village areas at a considerably less amount than the private contract used previously. Council sad to lose previous gardener, as he has been with Council for some time, and wish to thank him for all his hard work over the years. However, raising costs have meant that Council needed to seek out a cheaper alternative. SLA(contract) signed at meeting—Approved.

#### 3. Allotment

Cllr Breed now has further quote for a total of £218 Materials £150 labour – **Agreed.** 

### 4. Kings Coronation

Raise the flag. The next newsletter edition will be a 'Royal Edition' to honour the kings coronation – **Agreed.** 

#### 5. Village Plan

As requested by Council, Clerk constructed an 'emergency plan' for the village. Clerk to inform Chair of VHC of this plan and that the village hall has been identified as an evacuation venue/meeting venue within the plan, this is a legally required document and shall be held by the Clerk – **Agreed.** 

## 6. Village Hall

Clerk to write further letter to VHC, requesting minutes of meetings. Further clarification re noticeboard is needed. Cllr Baker has now withdrawn his candidacy for representative for the VHC. Council voted on a new village hall representative, this role will be taken on by Cllr Pat Simpson – **Agreed**.

| 23/041                 | <u>Reports</u>  |  |  |
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|                        | <ul> <li>Cllr Baker – Ernllca conference, wanting to attend. Permission from Council to attend – Approved.</li> <li>Personnel Committee – Completed 1:1s for all staff members. Caretaker to received 5% wage increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Relief caretaker has been given written warning re performance and is being reviewed regularly by the Personnel Committee - Agreed.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 23/042                 | <u>Finance</u>  |  |  |
|                        | To receive an update on finances and bank account/Cash Book reconciliations     Approved.   |  |  |
|                        | 2. Approve Payments Schedule – <b>Approved.</b>   |  |  |
| 23/043                 | Any Other Business (for information only)   |  |  |
|                        | Environment Portfolio – through Ward Cllrs can request a bin day. After village festival, NELC can collect from one area – full day.  |  |  |
|                        | Methodist Church @ Humberston is closing at Easter.   |  |  |
|                        | Transpennine – Service will not improve before 13th September, earliest.  |  |  |
|                        | Resident complaint re why youths haven't got a youth club to give them something to do. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to do this. `   |  |  |
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| 23/044                 | Exclusion of Press and Public   |  |  |
|                        | 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.   |  |  |
| 23/045                 | <u>Payroll</u>  |  |  |
|                        | 1. Staff salaries/payments - Approved.  |  |  |
| 23/046                 | Pending agenda items (updates if available)   |  |  |
|                        | Pathway/old railway line Next village day Car Boots Food pop-ups  |  |  |
| Meeting Ended at:21:00 |   |  |  |
| Signed.                | Signed Date   |  |  |