



# NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## -MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – COMMUNITY HALL & PAVILION – NEW WALTHAM  
 ON WEDNESDAY 12 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00PM.

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

19/259	<u>To receive apologies for non-attendance.</u>  As above – accepted.
19/260	<u>Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012</u>  Cllr Poucher declared interest with planning applications due to nature of his job.
19/261	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u>  Accepted as a true record – Agreed.

### PUBLIC SESSION

19/262	<u>Police Report</u>  Council welcomed PCSO Morgan to the meeting as she introduced herself as new part of local policing team.  Issues were mentioned re ASB, cars driving onto the Greenlands field and parking up at the back bushes, drug paraphernalia had been found. Grass very churned up quite badly.  Speed trials were also mentioned, why this had stopped. Chair mentioned that due to lack of attendance for training this was put on hold and brighter nights may now be needed. To be re-scheduled.
19/263	<u>Future Dates</u>  Parish Council – Wednesday 2 February 2022

19/264	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p>No Planning to discuss.</p>
19/265	<p><b><u>Footpaths &amp; Highways</u></b></p> <p>Parent parking at Tollbar was discussed – many still parking all the way down this stretch and causing issues. Chair to speak to Debbie Swatman to see if any update re this.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that residents had complained about vehicles and lorries turning down Pretymen crescent, traffic comes from the Co-op entrance/exit. This also needs discussing with Debbie.</p>
19/266	<p><b><u>Community Hall &amp; Pavilion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>New Village Playground</b> Construction date to begin works is 14 March, this is now confirmed. Invoice for Playdale is with NELC for payment. Further funding is still being sought for phase 2 of the works. Cllrs discussed that local businesses and housing developers could be approached for funding. Clerk and chair to look into this. Regular updates on this project to be given at each meeting.</li> <li>2. <b>Table tennis equipment</b> Gifted to the Council from 'Table tennis England'. Council agreed that residents can hire this and the hall for £10 for an hour's session.</li> <li>3. <b>Drug Use around the hall</b> This was mentioned in the police report. Youths were caught on CCTV and police contacted.</li> <li>4. <b>Kitchen Urn</b> The kitchen urn stopped working and as it is regularly used by large groups and the dementia café, we purchased another. However, it suddenly started working again – so council has a spare as looking like old one could be on its way out.</li> </ol>
19/267	<p><b><u>Parish Council Matters:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Meeting with VHC</b> Chair discussed this meeting which took place in December between himself, Chair of VHC and Cllr Steve Harness (who Chaired the meeting). Councillors were told that NWPC do not have any rights over the village hall, and this has been confirmed with evidence provided by Cllr Harness. During this meeting a bridge was attempted to re-build the relationship and it was discussed how NWPC could assist them moving forward and hoping we could all work together. It was agreed that a further meeting would be beneficial. It was agreed that Cllr Shaw (Chair NWPC) was to send over a letter/details of what NWPC could offer them in terms of help and support. Cllrs further discussed Cllr Baker's removal from the VHC and Council agreed that this was unlawful and that Cllr Baker was still NWPC's representative on the VHC and would continue to be so.</li> </ol>

	<p>Council agreed to wait until after the VHC AGM to further discuss and meet with the VHC.</p> <p><b>2. Village Litter Pick</b> 12 March 2022 was the date agreed to do a community litter pick in the village. Poster/details to go out.</p> <p><b>3. Skip Hire</b> 26 February 2022 was agreed date for an Enfield corner 'tidy up', community event once again – poster to go out with details.</p> <p><b>4. Gardener 2022</b> Contracted village gardener to commence in March 2022.</p> <p><b>5. Queens Jubilee</b> Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June Cllrs agreed that a village day would be great morale for all in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. A separate meeting, to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> January arranged to discuss just the village day.</p> <p><b>6. Pride of New Waltham Awards</b> Council want to hand out awards to residents that have done something special or gone above and beyond for others. Residents can send In nominees to Council. Certificate and gift to be awarded. Could be announced at the village day. <b>Agreed.</b></p>
<b>19/268</b>	<p><b><u>Finance</u></b></p> <p>1. Financial documents were distributed to the Council, including details of accounts.</p> <p><b>2. 2022/23 Precept</b> Council raised the precept by £3,000 for 2022/23.</p>
<b>19/269</b>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business (for information only)</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>19/270</b>	<p><b><u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u></b></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>
<b>19/271</b>	<p><b><u>Payroll</u></b> Schedule shown virtually and to be signed by Chair after meeting.</p>
<p><b>Meeting suspended at: 21.00</b></p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p>	