



NEW WALTHAM  
PARISH COUNCIL

# MINUTES

## EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – NW Pavilion – 7pm

### Apologies

Roger & David H, both have other engagements, Prem & Steve both away.

### In attendance

Stephanie as Chair, Terry, Jo, Dennis, Karen & Pat

**027** Minutes of the previous meeting accepted as a true record of the meeting

**028** It was agreed to defer the Music Festival 2027 to a separate committee dedicated to the event.

We discussed the probability of a Village Day, using the same date as already agreed, but to involve as many village groups as possible, both primary schools, the 2 churches, scouts, guides, new waltham garden club, new waltham ladies group, Rotary, First Aid, Friendship Group, ( they are requesting a cheaper gazebo too), The Hedgehog charity, The Council to run the pig races. The yale key game as Byron is making one, so any spare yale keys please, all donations welcome.

It was suggested we ask for donations from the stalls, this was not agreed but discussed as implications on how to ask for donations...

It was agreed to advertise as many events as we can agree on date wise to include in the next newsletter, March hopefully.

It was asked if we could get the scouts to provide the climbing wall for the day. Also to ask Mr Bridges if he would be interested in coming along.

Do we need to hire the security team again, could we get a quote as to how much it would be for the event, probably from about 1-4pm for the event.

**029 Easter Fun Day** was discussed, just a fun day with an egg hunt on the field, looking for clues and getting a prize at the end. With craft Activities in the hall, these can be purchased quite cheaply, Stephanie to look into this. Do we have this as a council paid for the community event?

Fri 3rd or Sat 4th April were dates suggested for this event.

**Eden Project Big Lunch**, it was decided to defer this as David has more information about the event, though the group were thinking of maybe focusing on the events we have planned for this year and have the big lunch next year, given time and amount of planning to run properly. The types of event were discussed, a street party type of atmosphere but how do you recreate that on a field and how would you promote people to bring a picnic to the field, maybe tie it in to another event.

**Halloween Festival**, it was suggested to have the pumpkin competition again, but to encourage people to let us know where the pumpkins are, addresses so that people can do a pumpkin walk, no date specifically for this just over the week leading up to October 31st, as an alternative to a scarecrow festival. It was discussed about organising a disco for the children, to get Andy Carr to come along and run the event, Friday 30th October was the date suggested for this with fancy dress competitions in the different age groups. Time suggested was 2-4/5pm.

**Fashion Show**, to hold this in June, ticket price £3 and to have a raffle too.

Stephanie has the contact details to find out what dates the company is available to put on the show.

**Classic Car Show**, possible to attach to the village day as it was thought it would be a good way for the club to test out our venue for future dates dedicated to more of a car show.

**Christmas Carols and an event of switching on** new christmas lights at the pavillion, Dennis thought it would be a good idea to have a good light display at the pavillion, also to ask Gary if his band would consider playing for us, maybe hot chocolate with all the trimmings, make an evening of it. No date was fixed for this and would be discussed in detail at the next meeting.

**Table Tennis**, Pat suggested she ask her brother who plays table tennis if he thought it would be a good venue for this. If yes then maybe look at purchasing or applying for a second table. No dates fixed for this either as if a yes probably would be a regular occurrence.

**Car Boot**, it was agreed this is not really the right place for that and too much competition in the area, maybe a table top type sale in the hall in the winter months, maybe a clothing swap too was also discussed.

At the next meeting when we have pinned dates to events we are to pin names to actions to be carried out so everyone is clear who is running what etc. This will help to get things done easier and more efficiently.

**AOB** Village Notice Board, it was brought to our attention the notice board outside the village hall has NWPC written across the top, implying it is a council notice board... can we look into this please?

Defibrillator, Stephanie has seen an advert to get a free defibrillator installed, it was discussed to be placed near toll bar, maybe at the outside of the bus shelter. Everyone agreed it was a good idea in principal, location would have to be thought about, but toll bar roundabout area was a good idea.

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm**

Date of next meeting: Wed 25th Feb 7pm at the Pavillion.