

-MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – PAVILION HALL – NEW WALTHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2024 .

Present:	Cllr. Dinsdale Shaw Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Clerk & RFO)
	Cllrs, Poucher, Johnson, Sandell, Hebbar, Raper, Simpson, Keys
Apologies:	Cllrs, Bridges, Baker
In Attendance Cllrs/others:	Cllr Dawkins, Harness, Shreeve PC Dave Cave
There were 5 members of the public present.	

24/085	<p><u>To receive apologies for non-attendance.</u></p> <p>Accepted.</p> <p><i>*Well wishes go out to Cllr Baker in his absence.</i></p>
24/086	<p><u>Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012</u></p> <p>Cllrs Breed & Hebbar – Allotment</p>
24/087	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>Approved.</p>
24/088	<p><u>Police Report</u></p> <p>Police report distributed to Councillors.</p> <p>Chair wanted to advise all that a positive email was received from resident, they were so appreciative of the police teams work over Halloween. What they are doing, is obviously working. Great to read some positive feedback.</p> <p>Locally there has been increase in vehicle crime, most have been items/loose change on display. Burglaries have been a focus in the local area also. Residents to stay vigilant and support each other as a community to look after our properties. Log all concerns, incidents to 101, if the local team doesn't have a log, they won't know about the incident.</p>

	<p>Another police officer will be starting with our local team and will offer further support for the area.</p> <p>Remembrance Sunday, PC Dave Cave and Inspector Stringer will be in attendance and will lay a wreath.</p>
24/089	<p><u>Public Session</u></p> <p>None.</p>
24/090	<p>Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 4th December 2024</p>
24/091	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DM/0373/23/FUL - Land at Louth Road, NW Councillors concerned re infrastructure of the village. Too many new builds in the area already. Local Schools, roads etc cannot cope with even more – Object. 2. DM/0895/24/FUL – 118 Peaks Lane, NW – Approved/No objections. 3. DM/0907/24/FUL – 208 Station Road, NW – Approve/No objections.
24/092	<p><u>Footpaths & Highways</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chair updated re Station Road Bus stop overgrowth, this is still ongoing. Land is privately owned and not maintained by NELC or Parish Council. <p>Also, thanks went out to Cllr Harness, who has managed to get a dangerous tree on corner of Station Road/Peaks Lane dealt with.</p>
24/093	<p><u>Community Pavilion & Play Area</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pavilion Play Area Contractor is now booked in for 23 November (weather permitting) for the equipment to be safely installed along with safety matting. Full (annual) play area inspection will then be arranged. 2. Pavilion Hall Quotes have been sought for new fridge and freezer for the hall. Ward Councillors have agreed to gift a sum to the Parish for the purchase of these. Thanks were given. <p>Blinds – to be ordered by Clerk asap.</p> <p>Sound System – Cllr Keys to seek sound system and report back.</p>
24/094	<p><u>Events</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Halloween event went very well. Thanks went to Chair, Clerk and Cllr Simpson who ran the event. 2. New Waltham Music Fest – 16th August 2025 – Agreed.

	<p>3. Wreath making – first date sold out. Second date was added. Council agreed that half of the profits made on the second date – Agreed.</p>
24/095	<p><u>Allotments</u></p> <p>1. Allotment Updates. Allotment is now at full capacity, all 12 plots allocated.</p> <p>2. Fires on the allotment It was debated that tenants wanted to be allowed small/controlled fires on the site at certain times of the year, this was put to a vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenancy agreement changes for 0 fires = 2 votes • Restricted times/dated when controlled fires=5 votes <p>(Cllrs Breed and Hebbar abstained their vote due to conflict of interest)</p> <p>The tenancy agreement will be updated to reflect these changes and presented to Council one again for adoption.</p>
24/096	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <p>1. Newsletter Councillors distributed latest edition of newsletter.</p> <p>2. CCTV Still no reply from NELC re this. Council wanting to install new camera at the BMX track. Just awaiting permissions to connect into the NELC lamp post. Ongoing.</p> <p>3. Priors Green No response from NELC. Clerk seeking quote from private maintenance company. Council looking at moving away from NELC – Agreed.</p> <p>Two gates are over. Quote was given. Council felt too much. Just needs repairing, not replacing. Ongoing.</p> <p>4. Village Planters Council wanting to add more colour to the village. Quote obtained for self-watering planters. Chair wanting Councillors to highlight area within the village that would be an ideal position for them. Wanting to get local businesses to sponsor them. Possibly put out to residents, ideas/identify areas. To table to next agenda – Agreed.</p> <p>5. Football Pitches Nothing to update – still with Solicitor.</p> <p>Concerns were raised with the football association re players/spectators urinating on the field during matches. Police were involved and advice sought. Changing rooms were not left as expected previously, but this seems to have improved since Chair of Council brought these things to attention of the association.</p>

	<p>6. Remembrance Sunday Chair arranged with local Church. Chair will welcome and then Church will take over the service. Chair to do reading and lay wreath.</p>
24/097	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>1. Budget Friday 10th January – meeting arranged.</p> <p>2. Financial documents: a) Bank Reconciliation signed and approved and budget monitoring document distributed to Cllrs – Approved and signed.</p> <p>3. Payments for month: All Approved (list on agenda).</p>
24/098	<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>
24/099	<p><u>Payroll</u></p> <p>Salaries agreed as true reflection according to employment contracts – Agreed.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Ended at: 21:00</p> <p>Signed..... Date.....</p>	