

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION, WALBERTON, ON TUESDAY 27th JANUARY, 2015 AT 7.00 P M

Present: Councillors Mrs May (Chair), Mrs Clark, Mrs Norton, Siragher, Rogers, Helyer.

In attendance: County Councillor Whittington
26 members of the public

12115 Apologies for absence

Apologies were recorded from Councillors Treves, Roddham and Mrs Sargeant.

An apology was also recorded from PCSO Karen Pereira

12215 Declarations of interests

None

12325 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th November, 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

12415 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that needed discussion

12515 Report from West Sussex County Council

County Councillor Whittington advised that planning permission had been

granted for the off road sections of the Barnham to Walberton cycleway and work was expected to start before the bird nesting season. Large potholes in Barnham Lane were being repaired.

12615 Report from Arun District Council

No report available

The meeting was adjourned at 7.15 pm for public questions. The Chairman brought forward agenda item 13 (Dandara proposals for Fontwell) to allow full public participation.

Mrs S Wallsgrove read a letter from Mrs Devis asking for the Parish Council's support against development in Fontwell.

From the discussions it was evident that residents had concerns over the number of homes proposed, lack of infrastructure, increased traffic, schooling, health care, drainage and the possible inclusion of a small industrial complex on the site.

Dandara are currently conducting some investigations on the site and have employed some security workers as they have claimed instances of vandalism and

theft of equipment. It seems that here are generators running all night and that the staff are allegedly living in a container with no proper sanitation. Residents were concerned not only with the constant noise but also with the welfare of the security staff. Arun District Council – Planning and Environmental Health – have been contacted and asked to investigate and it was suggested that the Police are also informed.

The Chairman summed up saying that the Parish Council is behind the residents and is against any development on the Dunhill Medical trust site in Fontwell. However it is a strategic site and Arun District Council will decide if it is eventually used for housing.

Mr. P Brown advised that a Community Plan is being produced alongside the Neighbourhood Plan and that this will be passed to the Parish Council for action. Mr. Brown also suggested that the Village Hall Committee might like to join forces with the Walberton School PTA in arranging the next fireworks/bonfire night.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.50 pm

12715 Reports from Committee Chairs

Planning Committee

Councillor Mrs May presented the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th January, 2015

The Clerk advised that it was proposed to cancel the meeting planned for 3rd February due to lack of applications for discussion.

There were no questions

Finance Committee

Councillor Siragher presented the minutes of the Finance Committee meetings held on 16th December 2014 and 20th January 2015.

There were no questions.

1. The Council resolved to adopt the recommended budget for 2015/16.
2. The Council resolved to adopt the recommended precept of £34766.00 for 2015/16. This equates to £36.00 per annum for a Band D property and represents an increase of £0.97p.
3. The Council resolved to adopt the recommended grant awards as follows:

Community Playcentre	£150.00
West Sussex Mediation Service	50.00
Arun Community Transport	100.00
Walberton Cricket Club	150.00
Sammy Community Transport	100.00
Binsted PCC	300.00
Village Friends	100.00
Walberton Pre School	150.00
Walberton Allotments Association	200.00
Citizens Advice Bureau	100.00
Southdowns Concert Band	100.00
Walberton Short Mat Bowls Club	150.00
Home Start	100.00

General Purposes Committee

No meeting to report.

The Clerk will speak with Councillor Roddham and sort out a suitable

date for a meeting in February.

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Reports from other Organisations

Joint Downland Area Committee

No report available. The Clerk advised that the grant awarded to the Council for Finger Post refurbishment (£634.00) is being paid. There are still some funds available for projects and it was suggested that a bid be made for the painting of the Fontwell phone box and a defibrillator. The Clerk will speak with Councillor Roddham.

Walberton Task Force

Mr. P. Brown advised that the Task Force was still active and has been working in the car park and Scotland Lane. Dr. Hydes has asked for the ivy to be cleared from her wall in the car park and this will be attended to.

Allotments

Councillor Rogers presented the attached report.

Parish News

Councillor Mrs Norton had been unwell at the last deadline date and items missed will be included in the next issue.

Village Hall

Councillor Rogers presented the attached report

Community Playcentre @ Walberton

The Charity's legal costs for the work their own solicitors undertook in helping prepare the final lease amounted to £908.12 + VAT and came under budget. Resolved that this account should be paid as soon as possible

Flood Task Force

The ditch along the back of the Green has been cleared by contractors at a cost of £150.00

Police Liaison

Councillor Helyer reported that there are instances of scam telephone calls being made.

The Clerk has arranged for Police Surgeries to be held in the pavilion on 25th February and 15th April 2015 from 10.30 am -11.30 am

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Rogers presented the attached report.

1. The Council agreed that Facebook and Twitter accounts, monitored by Mrs M Chaffe, can be set up
2. The Council resolved to register for the Data Protection Act.

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A27 Arundel Bypass

There was nothing new to report. The Chairman is waiting for information from Nick Herbert MP.

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Correspondence received

1. Mrs Barratt has written to the Council suggesting that

double yellow lines between the entrance to the village car park and the Old Bakery would improve safety. This suggestion was rejected.

2. Mr P Brown had written with regard to the Open Gardens day. It was agreed that a Big Picnic on the playing field would be arranged by the Open Gardens organisers.
3. There has been ongoing correspondence with WSCC relating to verge markers. Councillors still want these markers installed opposite the shopping parade and at the Pond. The Clerk was instructed to advise WSCC to proceed.
4. There has been a FOI request for information relating to web sites. There is the official Parish Council web site, and the former WAG site with 3 domain names feeding in to it and being used by the Neighbourhood Plan team. The future of web site(s) will be discussed at the next GP committee meeting.

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Other relevant business

1. Councillor Roddham has asked for up to date village photos for the former WAG web site.
2. Councillor Mrs Clark reported 2 streetlights partially obscured by foliage. Councillor Mrs May will look into this.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 31st March, 2015

Signed..... Dated.....

Chairman of the Council

