

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 18th
AUGUST, 2015**

**Present: Councillors Mrs Clark (Chairman), Mrs Wallsgrove,
Ms English, Siragher.**

**In attendance: Councillor Strickland , Mrs S Sargeant, 7 members of the
public**

- 31615 Apologies for absence**
An apology was recorded from Councillor Rogers
- 31715 Declarations of Interests**
Councillor Mrs Clark declared a personal interest in the bus shelter
- 31815 Confirmation of the minutes**
The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21st
July, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman
- 31915 Matters arising**
There were no matters for further discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 6.35 pm for public questions.

Mr A Curzon asked why the cycle path had to go across the Green and why it had not been notified to residents. He also thought there were safety concerns with the path being open to both Eastergate Lane and West Walberton Lane. He also asked if measure were being taken to prevent easy access from the path to the Green for the travelling community. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council had supported the cycle path and always knew that the route would go across the Green. The route has been determined by a right of way across the Green which the path is following. The Chairman will speak to WSCC to see if the surface dressing can be changed from tarmac to something that will blend in better with the surroundings. The Council will also investigate the possibility if installing bollards or rail fencing as safety measures.

The meeting was reconvened at 6.55 pm

- 32015 Sussex Police**
1. There were no crimes of note in the Parish recorded in the latest reports
 2. An article appealing for SID volunteers will be included in the next Parish News report. Consideration will be given to putting posters on the notice boards.
- 32115 Playing Field**
1. The Chairman thanked Woody Burgess (aged 12) for attending and for his presentation/request for the provision of a tennis court. Cllr Mrs Clark explained that the Council had been looking at a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) which could incorporate a tennis court but this was something for the future. Woody was invited to the Neighbourhood Plan open day on 22nd August to show his

presentation and find out how much support there is for tennis facilities.

Councillor Strickland reported that he had been in contact with the Hilton Hotel to enquire if their tennis courts could be made available to parishioners. Evidently the Hotel does not own the land on which the courts are situated and the manager will need to speak to the owners before reporting back with an answer.

3. The quotation from D.D. Bentley (£450.00) to top out the trees behind the senior football pitch goal area along the footpath to Avisford Park Road was considered and approved.
4. The quotation from Terry Aldridge (£475.00) to repair the damaged car park knee rail was considered and approved.

32215 Highways Issues

1. The Community Winter Plan was reviewed. The Clerk will order a supply of salt for the car park bin.
2. The Clerk was asked to speak to SSE to find out if it was their responsibility to trim vegetation around streetlights. Councillors Ms English and Mrs Clark will provide the column numbers of lights that need maintenance work and the Clerk will check the column at the entrance to the car park.

32315 Play Area

1. The August inspection report was noted. The Clerk will arrange repairs to the torn play surface.
2. Following the ROSPA inspection the report was considered. There was nothing that required immediate or urgent attention.

32415 Pavilion maintenance

1. The work authorised at the July meeting has been completed.
2. The Clerk has yet to purchase a new kettle

32515 Web site

1. Councillor Mrs Clark reported that the sub committee had held its first meeting and things were starting to progress with the village site. Cllr Strickland will now be liaising with Mrs M Chaffe to keep the Parish Council site up to date.
2. The Clerk reported that BT had now installed a new hub in the office and work was underway in switching from Orange webmail to outlook although this was not without problems. JNR Computers are attending the office on 19th August to move things forward.

32615 Fontwell Phone Box/defibrillator

Councillor Strickland has made an application to the British Heart Foundation for a grant to provide a defibrillator. He is expecting to be granted about 50% of the actual cost.

32715 Operation Watershed

1. The quotation (£800 + VAT) from MH Kennedy & Son for ditch clearance was considered and approved. This work is covered by a grant already received.
2. Mrs S Sargeant will continue to monitor flooding within the Parish and will be taking up the issues highlighted in the Atkins Report and the Lidsey Surface Water Management Plan.

32815 Village Pond

The quotation from Perfect Petals (£223.25) for maintenance was

considered and approved.

32915 Bus shelter

Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove reported that a grant had been applied for and that the application will be considered in September.

33015 Finger Posts

The quotations from JK Engineering for the refurbishment of finger posts at Tye Lane/The Street (£1200.00 + VAT) and at Wandleys/West Walberton Lane (£1400.00 + VAT) were considered. It was agreed that an application for grant aid will be submitted to JDAC and that the quotations will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

33115 Walberton Task Force

No report available

33215 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to consider

33315 Other Business

Councillor Mrs Clark asked that the hedge at Pipers Cottage be added to the list of properties to be contacted.

33415 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 6th October at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.,

signed dated.....

Committee Chairman

