

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE PAVILION ON 17th
NOVEMBER, 2015**

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public

42115 Apologies for absence

An apology was recorded from Councillor Mrs Norton

42215 Declarations of Interests

Councillor Mrs Clark declared a personal interest in the bus shelter project

42315 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 6th October, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman

42415 Matters arising

1. The CTV signs/cameras have not yet been purchased and the Clerk will proceed with ordering
2. Councillor Mrs Clark has completed the cycle survey document

42515 Sussex Police

1. The latest crime report was noted.
2. We now have 17 volunteers for the Speedwatch campaign. Sgt Pipkin will be attending the meeting on 23rd November. Councillor Ms English had produced some posters advertising this meeting.

42615 Playing Field

1. The trees along the Avisford footpath boundary have been cut back and SSE have advised that they will be installing a new power supply cable to the pavilion.
2. Councillor Siragher will obtain some more "Dog Poo Fairy" posters.
3. The Clerk will order more dog poo bags

42715 Highways Issues

1. Councillor Siragher has sent 6 letters to residents concerning overgrown footways and there has been signs of some cutting back of growth. The situation will be re-assessed in the Spring.
2. Some, but not all, of the streetlights reported with growth cutting out light have been cleared.
3. The pot hole in Eastergate Lane has been repaired.
4. The Fontwell Avenue sign knocked over during the Mutiny Festival has not yet been re-erected.
5. There has been a report of debris on the cycle path

42815 Play Area

1. The October inspection report was noted.
2. The "Tea Cup" twister needs cleaning out and the Clerk will arrange for a contractor to do this.

3. The quotation from ALD Playgrounds for £460.00 to repair the soft surfaces was considered and approved.

42915 Pavilion maintenance

1. Quotations from Terry Aldridge and Wayne Robinson for repairs and maintenance to the rear wall of the changing rooms were considered. The work was awarded to Terry Aldridge at a cost of £880.00
2. Work for repairing the timber gates to the pavilion courtyard at a cost of £170.00 was awarded to Terry Aldridge.

43015 Villages Web site

Mrs M Siragher said the site was up and running with more information being added on a regular basis. Domain hoisting costs are likely to be around £100.00 per annum.

Councillor Mrs Clark asked that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Web Site Team.

This subject will no longer be an agenda item now that the initial work has been completed, and will continue as the three villages web site operated by volunteers.

43115 Fontwell Phone Box/defibrillator

1. Quotations from Terry Aldridge and Wayne Robinson to renovate the phone box in Fontwell. The work was awarded to Wayne Robinson at a cost of 680.00 subject to the recommended BS specification paints being used.
2. The Committee resolved to accept the grants offered to the Council to purchase defibrillators. The Clerk was instructed to organise a payment of £400.00 and Councillor Strickland will try and arrange for the equipment to be delivered in the New Year. Failing that he would arrange storage at his home.
3. The Clerk was asked to contact WSCC Highways to check the latest on moving the box onto the highways verge.

43215 Operation Watershed

Project 1 – nothing further to report

Project 2 – The contractor has just completed the work and has submitted his invoice for £800.00 which is covered by the grant

received.

43315 Village Pond/Green

1. The Committee resolved to proceed with the concept of a Community Orchard on the Green alongside the cycle path.
2. The offers of trees (10 persons for far have offered) were noted.
- 3 Mr Mark Wardle of the National Trust will be advising on a planting programme, mix of trees, and suppliers and maintenance.
- 4 Mr John Bentley has offered to be act as Orchard Warden
- 5.The offers from Mr Bill Langridge to fund a new bench seat by the cycle path and M r Nick Harvey to pay for the refurbishment of the existing bench seat were gratefully accepted.

43415 Bus shelter

Councillor Mrs Wallsgrove advised that the decision on our grant application will be made by JDSAC on 14th December. If the grant is confirmed the contractors will be instructed to start work immediately.

43515 Finger Posts

The Committee resolved to accept the quotations from JK Engineering to

refurbish the finger posts at Tye Lane/The Street (£1200.00) and at Wandleys/West Walberton Lane (£1400.00).

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Walberton Task Force

Councillor Rogers reported that on 27th November 2015 a tree planting session is being organised at the Jubilee Wood. Some plants have been supplied through the Arun Biodiversity Group and some from villagers.

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2016-17 Expenditure budget

Councillor Mrs Clark outlined the expenditure items that would be taken to the Finance Committee for budget inclusion. There were no additional items put forward by committee members.

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Correspondence

1. A letter which had originally been addressed to the Church Office from P E Smith was read. It would appear that they were under the impression that all of the Green was going to be used for a Community Orchard.
- 2 Councillor Strickland passed the Clerk, for record purposes, copies of correspondence with the Hilton Hotel relating to tennis court usage

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Other Business

There was no other business for discussion.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 19th January 2016 at 6.30pm in the Pavilion.,

signed dated.....

Committee Chairman

