

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WALBERTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE
PAVILION, WALBERTON, ON TUESDAY 31st MARCH, 2015 AT 7.00 P M**

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

In attendance: County Councillor Whittington
District Councillor Dingemans
6 members of the public

17315 Apologies for absence

Apologies were recorded from Councillors Helyer and Mrs Sargeant

17415 Declarations of interests

None

17525 Confirmation of the minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th January, 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

17615 Matters Arising

1. All grant awards have been made
2. We will require 2 more quotes for the phone box refurbishment to enable a grant application to be made
3. Verge markers have now been installed
4. Data protection registration has been applied for
5. The stream along the back of the Green is now running through the cleared ditch.

17715 Report from West Sussex County Council

County Councillor Whittington advised that construction of the Barnham to Walberton cycleway was due to start on 22nd April 2015. The cost will be £585,000.00. Councillor Whittington expressed some concern with the list of small jobs presented to Highways as this would take up a lot of staff hours to process and he considered that a lot of them could have been resolved with a Parish Council letter.

17815 Report from Arun District Council

District Councillor Dingemans presented his report (attached)

The meeting was adjourned at 7.30 pm for public questions.

Mr. P Brown thanked the Chairman for her hard work during the time that she has chaired the Council.

Mrs S Waights added her thanks to the Council for their support with the

Community Playcentre project.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.34 pm

17915 Reports from Committee Chairs

Planning Committee

Councillor Treves presented the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24th February, 2015 and reported on the meeting held in 17th March 2015.

The committee has objected to 3 applications to site wind turbines in Binsted. Councillor Treves had attended the Development Control Committee meeting which had determined the seventh house on the development to the rear of the Holly Tree. He was very dismayed with the way that the Committee had acted and with the misinformation that had been given to the Committee. The Council will consider writing to Arun DC voicing their concerns.

The Clerk advised that it was proposed to cancel the meeting planned for 7th April due to lack of applications for discussion.

There were no questions

Finance Committee

The next meeting is scheduled for 14th April

General Purposes Committee

Councillor Siragher presented the minutes of the G P Committee meeting held on 17th February, 2015.

The Clerk was asked to progress the registration applications for Assets of Community Value.

The next meeting is scheduled for 21st April, 2015

18015 Reports from other Organisations

Joint Downland Area Committee

No report available.

Walberton Task Force

Mr. P. Brown advised that the Task Force was still active and has been working in the car park. New members are always welcome.

Allotments

Councillor Rogers presented the attached report.

Parish News

The May issue will contain the Chairman's Annual Report

Village Hall

Councillor Rogers presented the attached report

Community Playcentre @ Walberton

The build is on schedule and proceeding well.

Flood Task Force

An application to Operation Watershed for additional funding and work

has stalled due to WSCC insisting on 3 quotations for the planned works. The Clerk will speak to Councillor Mrs Sargeant on her return.

Police Liaison

No report available.

The Police Surgery held on 25th February was a disaster with no members of the public attending. The next Surgery is planned for 15th April, 2015 in the pavilion 10.30 am - 11.30 am.

Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Mrs Clark presented the attached report.

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Village web site

Invoices had been received from Smeezer Ltd for work done on the village (former WAG) web site and the sites for the Neighbourhood Plan. These invoices remained unpaid as the Clerk was seeking approval to pay. Councillors Roddham, Siragher and Mrs Clark will meet with the designer to arrive at an acceptable solution to the problem. Councillor Roddham will arrange the meeting.

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Parish Council e-mail

The Orange web mail system currently used has not been very reliable. The Clerk has been consulting with J & R Computer Services about other systems and it is proposed to move to a gmail address. The Clerk was authorised to proceed with the changes.

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Pre School outdoor area

The Council considered that it would not be possible for the Pre School to fence off an area to the north of the Village Hall.

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Villages Cluster Group

Councillor Mrs May had attended a recent meeting. Aldingbourne, Eastergate and Barnham Parish Council have appointed a Planning Consultant to act for them in opposing the planned 2000+ homes which will affect their parishes. Although the Council is sympathetic it considered it was unable to make any financial contribution to the costs of employing the consultant.

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Correspondence received

1. The Open Gardens organisers had asked if it would be possible to use the playing field for overflow parking. The Council resolved to suspend byelaw 4 (1) on 14th June to allow this.
2. M H Kennedy & Son Ltd grass maintenance costs for 2015 were approved.
3. The dates of the Baptist Church open air services were noted.

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Other relevant business

1. Councillor Treves reported that the finger post at the bottom of Hedgers Hill had been broken. The Clerk will arrange repairs.

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Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be the Annual Meeting on 19th May 2015.

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

Chairman of the Council

