

Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd of April 2023 at Waltham Village Hall

In line with the Transparency Code all public documents relating to the meeting are published in an Agenda Pack on the Parish Council Website at <https://walthampc.org.uk>

Present: Parish Councillors: John Barry (Chair), Jane Robinson, Sue Browne, and Ben Grillet,

City Councillor Robert Thomas was also in attendance, as was Tony McCord, parish clerk and one member of the public.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm with a welcome by the Chairman.

23/24.001 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr Chris Crowley due to work commitments.

23/24.002 Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or Other significant Interests:

There were no declarations of interest.

22/24.003 Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on the 7th of March were unanimously approved as a correct record of business and resolutions and signed by the Chairman.

23/24.004 Public Session:

Mr John Hockley, the member of the public, introduced himself as a prospective candidate in the forthcoming Parish Elections. Members wished him well in his endeavours.

23/24.005 Chairman's report:

- a) **Parish Plan:** Cllr John Barry updated Members on progress. Questionnaires had been commercially printed and distributed to 130 households in the Parish with PAWNews with the kind collaboration of Mike Thompson and his team of volunteers. The Chairman expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b) **Update on the 4th of May elections:** Members advised that those standing as candidates for election had completed their nomination papers. It was noted that four nominations had been submitted and one seat was likely to remain vacant, which may necessitate a post-election recruitment drive and transparent co-option under legislation (LGA 1972 s.89.6).
- c) **Planning for the Annual Parish Meeting:** Cllr Barry confirmed that an agenda and invitation to produce reports would be distributed in the next few days, together with the minutes for the 1972 APM. Cllr Jane Robinson agreed to coordinate light refreshments as last year and Members unanimously **Resolved** to reimburse invoices from contingency funds at a level similar to last year. **Action: Cllr J. Robinson**

23/24.006 Reports from County and City Councillors:

- a) A report from **County Councillor Mike Sole** had previously been sent to the Parish Council and published on Waltham Facebook. Mike reported on his involvement with a range of

Chairman signature: S. Barry Date: 2nd May 2023

