

Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 3rd of December 2024 at Waltham Village Hall

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Present: Parish Councillors John Barry (JB) (chair), Yolande Barnes (YB), Jane Robinson (JR), and Hugh Robinson (HR)

In attendance: RFO Tracey Block

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

JB welcomed all to the meeting

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr John Hockley. These were approved.

2. To receive Declarations of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Other Significant Interests.

There were no declarations of interest to be received.

3. To approve the minutes of Motions and Resolutions of the meeting held on the 5th of November 2024.

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a true record.

4. Public Session: To receive representations questions and evidence from members of the public.

There were no public in attendance.

5. Chairman's Report: To receive an update on current issues:

JR reported that she had thought that the WSRA would be able to apply for a Capital Grant because the RoSPA report highlighted that some of the play equipment needs to be replaced.

The Parish Council does not own the land and so Capital Grants are not appropriate. The villagers own the playground but the Capital Grant is not suitable. CCC have offered to make alternative funding avenues. JR to pursue alternative funding streams on behalf of the WSRA.

Darren Peacock – the adverse weather gentleman, the salt bag has arrived and he has been spreading this. JB has asked him for costs and an invoice will be submitted for this.

JB visited Anvil Green recently and the caravan resident is still in situ.

6. To receive reports: from County and City Councillors.

No reports had been received.

7. Planning: To receive any outstanding planning applications and to approve a response as necessary.

To include discussion on application: CA/24/01927, Land at Gogway Farm:

We have previously received an application for this, this was discussed in 2023. JB has viewed the application, there appears to be no objections. As we previously raised no objections, we will do the same.

An update on the site at Dene Meadows

JB reported that the applicant has appealed the second barn application.

CCC have failed to investigate the enforcement issues. It was agreed that the Clerk will follow this up with Cllr Bland. The PC would like an explanation as to why this has not yet been followed up.

8. Finance:

a) To **note** year to date receipts and payments.

The Financial Statement and Budget over Expenditure had been circulated.

The question regarding Parish Online had been clarified.

The HMRC reclaim has been received since 30th November.

b) **Payment Schedule:** To approve payment transactions for November and December 2024.

The Payment schedule was approved and signed.

9. Parish Plan

To discuss the next steps with the Parish Plan.

YB has a draft document to circulate, this is a discussion paper and has looked at the issues raised in the questionnaires. Sustainable transport is a high priority. Emphasis lies with speed reduction and potholes. There was a very specific reference to the Kent quiet lanes scheme.

YB suggests follow up questionnaire regarding sustainable transport. Additional investigation could be undertaken to a quieter lanes scheme. Consider linking with other parishes, ie look at reducing lane widths. On street parking could also be used to calm traffic. YB has referenced the AONB traffic and a landscape design handbook.

YB suggest asking KCC and CCC to take the National Landscape provision to be taken more seriously. Could this be a whole area approach?

Communications was a high priority, the website is under-used. This could have more resources, suggest PAW News could be digitised.

To be discussed again at the next meeting.

10. Dates of meetings:

The next **Ordinary Meeting** of the council will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday the **4th of February 2025**.

JB gave his apologies in advance of the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm