

Waltham Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4th of March 2025 at Waltham Village Hall

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

In attendance: A member of the public and RFO Tracey Block

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

JB welcomed all to the meeting

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

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 4th February 2025.

The minutes of the meeting were approved, an amendment to the spelling of "sharettes" was made and the minutes were signed as a true record.

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

The member of the public requested an update on the situation with the land in Anvil Green that was discussed at previous meetings. The Planning Enforcement Officer had sent an email to the Clerk in response to her communication, this letter assures that Planning Enforcement action is imminent. The email also indicates that noise pollution is a matter for Environmental Health, the residents have been in contact with the Environmental Health department. Cllr Bland has also emailed to say he will communicate directly with the residents once he has an update. The residents have been assured that they will be kept abreast of the situation. There was concern expressed about the commercial use of the site. The PC will keep an eye on the application to ensure that it is aware of any appeal.

The Clerk will continue to discuss this with Cllr Bland.

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

The play equipment in the park was discussed. JR met with Rebecca Booth from CCC in Waltham on 3rd March. This is a separate charity and this is the responsibility of the 2 trustees. The replacement of the equipment is £25,000, the piece of equipment needs to be decommissioned and removed.

Cllr Hockley and Cllr Barry will remove the play equipment on 05/03/2025 and WSRA will ask the community what they might want. WSRA will clean the equipment, replace the slide and spruce up the play equipment. Have this as an item on the APM agenda.

JB reported that Darren Peacock has asked for some more salt.

JB and TB will attend the meeting at Guildhall being held by Canterbury City Council regarding re-organisation of the Councils into Unitary Authorities.

JB reported that a local person has been involved in an accident at the Sole Street crossroads. JB to report hedges to KCC.

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

Mike Sole's report was circulated.

7. Planning: To receive any outstanding planning applications and to approve a response as necessary. No planning applications have been received.

8. Finance:

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

b) **Payment Schedule:** To approve payment transactions for March 2025. Payments were approved.

The Clerk is to look into the website provision and see what the PC is paying for and ascertain if this could be achieved at a reduced cost to the Council.

9. Parish Plan

The Parish Council felt, following news of the Unitary Authority re-organisation, it is too late to submit a neighbourhood plan at this time.

The Clerk will ask the Highways Improvement teams about a quiet lanes scheme.

The verge by the field was discussed and JB will report that it needs cutting to KCC Highways.

10. Dates of meetings:

To agree meeting dates for 2025 as follows:

Tuesday 1st April 2025 (YB not available)

Tuesday 29th May 2025

Tuesday 1st July 2025 (JR and HR not available)

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Tuesday 7th October 2025

Tuesday 4th November 2025

Tuesday 9th December 2025

To agree Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 15th April 2025

The meeting closed at 8.35pm