

**Waltham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**  
**held on 4 July 2017 at Waltham Village Hall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Mary Belotti (Chair), Sue Browne and Sarah Tickner.  
Parish Clerk: Tracey Block.  
City Councillor Thomas  
2 Member of the public

Meeting started at: 19.33

**17/18.031 To receive and approve apologies for absence:**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Robinson and City Councillor Doyle.

**17/18.032 To receive declarations of interest:** There were no declarations of interest received.

**17/18.033 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2017:**

The minutes were then approved as an accurate record. Cllr Belotti signed the minutes.

**17/18.034 Matters arising from previous minutes not covered by the agenda:**

There were no matters arising to be discussed.

**17/18.035 Public Session: To receive questions and comments from the public:**

The 2 members of the public present had no comments to make at this time.

**17/18.036 To receive reports from County and City Councillors:**

Cllr Doyle had sent the following, "I am enjoying the many and varied engagements in the District, and will happily do things in the village if wished."

Cllr Thomas reported that a developer has today approached the City Council for agreement to build homes in return for a new hospital on land adjacent to the current Hospital site. This has created a number of discussions, not least because these plans are not included in the Local plan.

Cllr Tickner enquired as to whether this would be a large hospital similar to the William Harvey or remain a smaller minor injuries type? Cllr Thomas explained that this information is unknown and would be a decision that the NHS would have to take. The land belongs partly to KCC and partly to CCC. There is likely to be up to 2,000 homes built on the land. The City won't need 2 hospitals so the other site at Mountfield Park will be designated for building with employment.

Cllr Thomas reported that the Local plan (including the Travel Plan) is sound and can now be adopted at the next full Council meeting.

Cllr Tickner asked what was involved in the Travel Plan, Cllr Thomas explained that there is a cycling route implementation plan involved as well as train and car travel and as such, the Regeneration and Property Committee are looking into making a bid to purchase land which belongs to Network Rail in order to provide access and parking at the Roper Road side of Canterbury West. Also a space in 3 car parks, Northgate, Holman's Meadow and Canterbury West will be designated for the Car Club to park for 3 years. This is a new idea and it is hoped that this will take off as a good car share scheme in Canterbury.

Canterbury City Council have entered into a Quality Bus Partnership with Stagecoach and KCC – reviewing bus stations and consulting on Sturry Road bus lane and also flatter fares for the triangle route (Canterbury – Whitstable – Herne Bay). Also there is some investigation into a hopper service to assist with travelling around the city using smaller buses that can gain access through the Westgate Towers.

Cllr Browne asked what the situation is with the relief road from Sturry via Broad Oak Rd. Cllr Thomas responded that this is all part of the Local plan and the new Road bypasses Sturry Railway crossing which gets very snarled up but will not ease traffic in the City which will always be quite congested. The City Council is looking at alleviating issues with an Eastern bypass for the City.

Cllr Thomas explained he had further news too but would summarise this and circulate in an email to the Clerk.

**17/18.037 Highways and Environment:**

There is a pot hole in Whiteacre lane between Frogshall and the junction with Church Lane, the Clerk will report this.

It was noted that lorries are using the Church Forstal.

**17/18.038 Community Governance Review**

Cllr Belotti and the Clerk had attended a meeting at Guildhall on 26<sup>th</sup> June regarding the Community Governance Review. The Clerk had subsequently forwarded copies of the slides used at the meeting. The big questions for Waltham Parish Council are: is there any desire to change the boundaries and also, is a merger of Parish Councils possible. The Councillors will complete a short online survey, the Clerk had already forwarded the link to this.

**17/18.039 Financial Matters:****To note/authorise the following:**

- i. **To note the Parish Council's financial position:** The Parish Council's book and cash balances had been reconciled as at 27 June, showing a cash balance of £16,425.53.
- ii. **To consider the request for funding towards the Judicial Review against South Canterbury urban extension development re: air quality and traffic.**  
The Parish Council decided to refuse the request for funding due to a lack of funds and questionable power to spend on this matter.
- iii. **To authorise any payments**

The following payments were authorised:

WSRA, £160.00 for grass cutting was paid by cheque no: 000511

Section 106 expenditure of games equipment for the WSRA Party, £42.88 paid by cheque no: 000512.

The Clerk had circulated an expenditure against budget spreadsheet and a concurrent functions expenditure against budget spreadsheet before the meeting.

**17/18.040 To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment:**

There are no changes at present.

**17/18.041 Planning matters:** to authorise a response to any application(s) and to note any recent planning decisions by Canterbury City Council or any correspondence on planning matters.

No planning applications had been received

**17/18.042 To consider/approve attendance at training/other events:**

The Clerk had circulated details of the Councillors Conference on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

**17/18.043 To note current consultations and correspondence that might be of interest and organise/approve/note any responses:**

NALC Questionnaire – sent out on 28<sup>th</sup> June. The Council considered each question and responded so that each Councillor could complete the online questionnaire.

**17/18.044 To receive updates on ongoing Parish Council or village initiatives and review reporting arrangements:**

**- Community Resilience Plan**

Cllr Browne reported that she had received another response to the second magazine article. This is something that Cllr Browne will investigate further in the Autumn. Contact will be made with the Clerk to Bridge Parish Council and maybe also Brook Parish Council.

**- WSRA**

WSRA have planned their Summer Party for 15<sup>th</sup> July. The Village Hall Committee is providing an Afternoon Tea that day.

**- Village Hall**

The Village Hall Committee is holding a fund-raising Italian Meal on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, at £12.50 per head with a choice of 2 meat dishes with a vegetarian option.

**17/18.045 Any Other Business (for information purposes only):**

There was no other business to be discussed.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm