

Waltham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 5 September 2017 at Waltham Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Mary Belotti (Chair), Hugh Robinson and Sarah Tickner.
Parish Clerk: Tracey Block.
City Councillors Doyle and Thomas
2 Member of the public

Meeting started at: 19.30

17/18.046 To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Browne.

17/18.047 To receive declarations of interest: Cllr Doyle declared a personal interest in a planning application to be discussed.

17/18.048 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2017:

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

17/18.049 Matters arising from previous minutes not covered by the agenda:

There were no matters arising to be discussed.

17/18.050 To Co-opt a new Parish Councillor and elect a new Chairman:

Both Mr Grillet and Mr Barry had come forward as interested in becoming a new Councillor. Cllr Tickner proposed that Mr Barry should be co-opted on to the Council, Cllr Belotti seconded this proposal and Mr Barry completed the declaration of interests form and acceptance of office form. As Cllr Belotti is only moving to the next village, it was agreed that, at this time, she would remain on the Council as Chairman.

17/18.051 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.

17/18.052 To receive reports from County and City Councillors:

Cllr Thomas reported that the Planning Application for the Kingsmead cinema is expected imminently. The Community Governance Review continues.

The City Council has brought in a Public Space Protection Order regarding dog fouling, this will allow Canterbury City Council to stop people suspected of allowing their dogs to foul and if they have a dog with them but do not have 2 dog waste bags on them and are in a public open space they can now be fined.

Cllr Thomas apologised that he had been unable to attend the Italian evening held recently in the Village Hall but gave a donation to the hall.

Cllr Doyle has been very busy with mayoral duties which are extremely enjoyable.

17/18.053 Highways and Environment:

The resurfacing of Whiteacre that came about following reporting pot holes after the last meeting has now been completed.

Church Lane will be closed for a new pump to be fitted at the pumping station.

The pot hole on the way to Sole Street needs to be reported, the Clerk is to do this.

The camber of the road near Waltham Court was commented on.

17/18.054 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 29 August, showing a cash balance of £16,210.28.

ii. **To authorise any payments**

The following payments were authorised:

WSRA, £622.40 for RoSPA, grass cutting and repairs to the electrical box was paid by cheque no: 000513

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

17/18.055 To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment:

There are no changes at present.

17/18.056 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.

Reference	CA//17/01884
Address	24 Richdore Road, Waltham, CT4 5SJ
Proposal	Proposed single-storey rear extension together with conversion of garage to living accommodation.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

Reference	CA//17/01768
Address	11 Richdore Road, Waltham, CT4 5SJ
Proposal	Proposed erection of car port, shed and office following demolition of existing shed.

The Parish Council raised no objections to this application

A site meeting at Valley View was to be undertaken by Cllr Doyle who had extended an invitation to Councillors to also attend at 10am on 6th September. Cllr Tickner agreed to accompany Cllr Doyle to this meeting. The site is outside of the built envelope so additional properties being built are against the planning policy.

17/18.057 To consider/approve attendance at training/other events:

The Clerk had circulated details of all events.

17/18.058 To note current consultations and correspondence that might be of interest and organise/approve/note any responses:

The Clerk had circulated all details.

The Crime Report had made interesting reading and areas of fly tipping had been reported. The Clerk suggested those with smart phones could report fly tipping on the Country Eye App which gives the GPS co-ordinates of fly tipping if a photograph is sent with it via the app.

17/18.059 To receive updates on ongoing Parish Council or village initiatives and review reporting arrangements:

- Community Resilience Plan

It is hoped that Cllr Browne will report back on this next month.

- WSRA

The Chairman, Terry Martin, sent the following update:

- “We have received the ROSPA report and are working through its recommendations. We have temporarily removed one of the swings on the wooden play equipment and our next step will be to re-secure the feet using steel plate.
- We will be approaching our new KCC Councillor to see if he will provide some funding to help towards the purchase of a new wooden Pirate Ship & safety matting. We would like the S106 funds for new play equipment to go towards the new Pirate Ship and safety matting as well.
- The Bonfire Night/Halloween Night will be held on Saturday 28 October. Further details will be put in PAW News and on the Waltham Facebook shortly.
- WSRA would like to thank everyone who supported our Summer Fun Day in July.”

- Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee Italian Meal held on 2nd September had been very successful raising £250 in aid of the hall and there is huge appreciation to all those involved.

17/18.060 Any Other Business (for information purposes only):

The Chairman asked if the number of meetings could be further reduced but it was agreed that as this had been discussed at the last meeting, it would be trialled at 9 meetings per year and see if there is any possibility of further reducing the number of meetings.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3rd October 2017

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm