

Waltham Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 6 June 2017 at Waltham Village Hall

Present: Parish Councillors: Mary Belotti (Chair), Jenny Bengge, Sue Browne and Sarah Tickner.
Parish Clerk: Tracey Block.
City Councillor Thomas

Meeting started at: 19.40

17/18.017 To receive and approve apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence had been received from City Councillor Doyle.

17/18.018 To receive declarations of interest: There were no declarations of interest received.

17/18.019 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2017:

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

17/18.020 Matters arising from previous minutes not covered by the agenda:

There was a discussion relating to: The number of meetings per year, looking at minimising the environmental impact of use of paper and ink. It was suggested that there would be no printout of salary papers as the Clerk is paid by Standing Order, combining both the Concurrent Functions budget and the actual budget into one document and stop production of appendices 1 and 2. It was also suggested that the Council would go to meeting 9 times a year, not meeting in January, August or December. This was proposed by Cllr Tickner, seconded by Cllr Belotti and all were in favour.

17/18.021 Public Session: To receive questions and comments from the public:

There were no members of the public present.

17/18.022 To receive reports from County and City Councillors:

Cllr Thomas reported that the Regeneration and Property Committee had been reviewing and tweaking the 2nd phase of the regeneration of central development in Herne bay in the hope that this will now be able to go ahead.

The Rural Areas Member Panel has been discussing the Parish Charter and is now involved in the Community Governance Review.

Canterbury City Council is now communicating via text message to keep people involved and pen up lines of communication.

There was a march held last Saturday raising awareness for "Concern for health in East Kent" (Chek) who marched to raise awareness about the proposed closure of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

Cllr Browne enquired as to whether the new hospital will definitely be built?

Cllr Thomas explained that the Secretary of State has requested a judicial review on the air quality around the proposed 4000 homes at Mountfield Park, if this review concludes that the air quality will be poor, the plans for a new hospital on this site (near the A2) may have negative consequences.

The Estuary View Medical Centre is to have additional services available.

The Thanington development has outline permission for an additional 700 homes (Phase 1).

The development at Homersham is to have 52 homes.

Cllr Browne enquired as to whether the Rugby Club is moving, Cllr Thomas said this was unknown as yet.

17/18.023 Highways and Environment:

The hedges were cut at the Whiteacre Lane end of the village but the contractor did not clear up the hedge cuttings, The Clerk explained that evidence that this happened in photographic form would be required if Kent Highways are to follow this up.

17/18.024 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 31 May, showing a cash balance of £17,598.68.

ii. **To note receipt of the CCF payment and Precept**
The Parish Council acknowledges receipt of the Concurrent Functions payment of £2585.79 and the precept payment of £7100.00 and a Council Tax Support Grant of £22.16.

iii. **To authorise any payments**
The following payments were authorised:

WSRA, £745.69 for grass cutting and insurance was paid by cheque no: 000510

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

17/18.025 To consider any changes to the Risk Assessment:

There are no changes at present.

17/18.026 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.

The following planning applications have been received:

Reference: CA/17/01136
Proposal: Proposed single-storey rear extension together with conversion of garage to living accommodation.
Location: 24 Richdore Road, Waltham, Canterbury CT4 5SJ

The Parish Council considered the application and raised no objections.

Reference: CA/17/01108
Proposal: Proposed single-storey detached outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding.
Location: Cobwebs, Kake Street, Waltham, CT4 5SB

The Parish Council considered the application and raised no objections.

Reference: CA/17/01260
Proposal: Proposed conversion of outbuilding to Holiday let.
Location: Whiteacre Farm Nursery, Whiteacre Lane, Waltham, CT4 5SR

The Parish Council considered the application and raised no objections.

17/18.027 To consider/approve attendance at training/other events:

Cllr Belotti and the Clerk will be attending a Community Governance Review on 26th June at Guildhall, Canterbury.

17/18.028 To note current consultations and correspondence that might be of interest and organise/approve/note any responses:

This week at Canterbury City Council

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th May 2017

Manchester Arena Attack

25th May 2017

Planning Application

19th May 2017

CA//17/01108

16th May 2017

17/18.029 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.

- WSRA

WSRA have planned their Summer Party and Spooks Night.

- Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee is holding a fund-raising Italian Meal in early autumn.

17/18.030 Any Other Business (for information purposes only):

There have been a couple of reports of people knocking on doors late at night.

The Church is running a Garden Safari on 24th June.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th July 2017

As this is the last meeting Cllr Bengel will be attending as a Parish Councillor, thanks were expressed to her for 4 years service on the Parish Council, Cllr Bengel will be missed on the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm