

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 12th March 2018
at
7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Brian Cannell (Chair), Rachel Dickinson, Nigel Wyliman

In Attendance: Colin Medus (NSC Liaison), Don Hill (Clerk)

Public Attendance: 0

4144 APOLOGIES: Cllr Mike Ralston, Ward Cllr Nigel Ashton,

4145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

4146 LAST MEETING MINUTES: (12th Feb) agreed and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

4147 MATTERS ARISING: None

4148 EMERGENCY SERVICES, TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Police: No reported crime.

SpeedWatch: Colin Medus reported, via post-meeting update, that NSC radar kit is booked for WalG in May. The SpeedWatch team reported that some signs were put up in unlawful locations and will be re-positioned.

4149 PLANNING

Decision Due: 17/P/1339/F Lorraine Field. 18/P/2106/FUL Seaway re-build.

Granted: 17/P/2579/F Castle View extension.

4150 PARISH MAINTENANCE

Home Farm Cottage: Blocked gully pipe to the Brook is with NSC land drainage team.

Walton Brook: Walton St open section: Clearance still due by NSC. Bank cleared by Church Farm.

Walton Street: Re-opened pothole outside Brook Cottage has been reported. Cllr Cannell reported, via the online NSC system, a pothole outside Down Farm Cottage at Walton Down.

Plants: were ordered via the NSC free plants scheme. Cllr Wilyman agreed to pick them up and organise their planting when they are available.

4151 OTHER MATTERS

Roadworks: NSC installation of the 20mph system in Walton Street due after start of new financial year (post meeting update via Colin Medus). Concern was raised about the

dangerously inconspicuous planters placed in the highway of the Weston-in-Gordano 20mph scheme. Colin Medus undertook to investigate.

Public Light Contract: Included in NSC Sept 2018 supply renewal negotiations.

Governance Documents: Updated documents were circulated to members well ahead of the meeting so that they could review them in detail. The meeting unanimously agreed that they were in order and approved them. The pre-circulated risk assessment was considered by members and unanimously agreed as a true record of the Council's risk position: it was then duly signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

4152 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Old Post Office Exit Mirror: Cllr Ralston has been briefed with the NSC position re a mirror at this location.

Green Bags: left on pavement have been removed and the green bin system explained to the tenants.

Thanks: Tom Chown valiantly offered to help anyone in need in the Village area during the recent snow. This gesture of neighbourliness was really appreciated, and members wished that a vote of thanks to Tom be recorded in these minutes.

B3124 Traffic Speed: Cllr Wilyman voiced continuing concern about traffic speed through the Village. A speed check was suggested - it would cost some £160. It was noted that previous checks through the Village and Walton Bay had consistently indicated median speeds of some 41mph. It tends to be the ever increasing volumes of traffic that are oppressive to residents and pedestrians, rather than a marked increase in the speed of that traffic. Colin Medus reported on some NSC tests re pedestrian perceptions of traffic speed. It was evidenced that pedestrian judgement of speed tended to be significantly in excess of the recorded speed of a given vehicle.

4153 FINANCE

2017-18 Accounts: pre-circulated with meeting papers, were reviewed and noted.

New Audit System: The April meeting will see the end of this financial year and the end, for small Councils, of the long standing system of external accounts auditing by an Audit Commission appointee, after those accounts had been inspected by a Council appointed "internal" auditor. The new system will require a hands-off and ultra-transparent audit by an auditor appointed by the Council, but not intimately connected with it or its parish interests: an auditor from Banwell has agreed to fulfil this role. The meeting wanted to record a huge debt of gratitude to our own Roy Betts, who has undertaken the role of internal auditor - free of charge - over many years. The meeting asked the Clerk to write to Roy, thanking him for his diligence on the Council's behalf. Members wanted to purchase a small gift as a token of that gratitude and Cllr Dickinson undertook to organise this.

Cheques: 755 HMRC re PAYE Jan/Feb/Mar £86.40. 756 Hall Hire £6.00.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm