



NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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-MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – ST MATTHEWS CHURCH – NEW WALTHAM
 ON WEDNESDAY 5th April 2023.

Present:	Cllr. George Baker (Acting Chair) Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Clerk & RFO)
	Cllrs, Breed, Simpson, Briggs, Johnson, Raper, Poucher, Hebbar
Apologies:	(Chair) Cllr, Dinsdale Shaw – on a 3 month secondment due to ill health. Cllr Stan Shreeve, Cllr Steve Keys (away working).
In Attendance Cllrs/others:	Cllrs, Harness & Dawkins
There were 0 members of the public present.	

23/046	<u>To receive apologies for non-attendance.</u> Chair, Cllr Dinsdale Shaw is on a 3 month secondment (as agreed by Council) due to ill health. Other apologies – accepted.
23/047	<u>Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012</u> None.
23/048	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Accepted as a true record (with the below amendment) – Agreed. *Minutes addition – with regards to issues with village hall, Cllr Baker wished to add in re lack of action of the ward Cllrs and Chair re this matter and this resulted in Cllr baker withdrawing candidacy from the Village Hall Committee.
23/049	<u>Dispensation for Chair to not attend next 3 meetings.</u> Acting Chair proposed that due to the Chair's health issues a dispensation would be granted– agreed.
PUBLIC SESSION for members of the public to discuss matters on the agenda (15 mins max is allowed)	
23/050	<u>Police Report</u> Acting Chair read aloud the police report. Ward Cllr – ASB issues from residents. Ward Cllrs have been in contact with these and advised that 101 must be contacted re any ASB.

	<p>PCSO in attendance – ASB on motorbikes are a focus at present within the village. Residents need to know that 101 can now be accessed online, instead of calling.</p> <p>Residents - please ensure that you call 101/access online and report all crime to ensure that area get the support it needs.</p>
23/051	<p><u>Future Dates</u></p> <p>Parish Council – Annual Parish Meeting: <u>Wednesday 10th May 2023</u></p>
23/052	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>Wayside Drive Update: Ward Cllrs advised that the individual who took the tree down has been prosecuted for the removal of the tree. No other planning application will be submitted with this property/land.</p> <p>Boundary Changes Ward Cllrs have no update re this at present. They will make enquiries and see if any new light can be shed on this.</p>
23/053	<p><u>Footpaths & Highways</u></p> <p>Nothing new re cycle paths for the village.</p> <p>Cllr Poucher – requested to Ward Cllrs that Council would like a representative that the Council can go to, to ask questions. Chair used to have regular meetings with Debbie Swatman, but since she has left post, the relationship has broken down. Clerk to look into resurrecting these meeting with the appropriate person.</p>
23/054	<p><u>Community Pavilion & Play Area</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Male Choir event – Saturday 3 June 2023 Council agreed to put on this event - 7.30PM start – set up from 6pm (Pat / George/ Roger/Clerk to set up for the event) 1 hour singing with 15 minute interval – 60ish Tickets are to be offered to residents free of charge. 2. EPC Clerk to arrange for an up-to-date EPC for the hall - Agreed.
23/055	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newsletter Send to printers Tuesday/ printing to arrive w/c 17th May. 2. Music Festival Lots planned in – volunteers wanted (rota could be drawn up). Limited car parking – put out to social media closer to event time. 3. Resident wanting crossing for NWA front Council discussed request from resident re a crossing outside New Waltham Academy. Ward Cllrs advise that resident could do a petition and this could be passed to ward Cllrs for further action. If the resident could also attend a meeting and discuss the petition with Cllrs this would also be helpful. Ward Cllrs have submitted request, but petition would help support

	<p>the request. Possibly speak with Jayne Perry, Head of NWA, is the school monitoring this issue?</p> <p>4. Resident enquiry re hedge planting Site visit wanted by Cllrs– as unsure on decision. All Cllrs to visit and report back at the next meeting after a site visit.</p> <p>5. CCTV Meeting Paul Thorpe meeting – Clerk & Dave Poucher to attend in due course.</p> <p>6. Request – Hall Hirer Request to maintain and line out the small football pitch on the field – Council happy if cost is covered by themselves.</p> <p>7. Arnold Baker Book Clerk requested up to date copy of the Local Council Administration book – Approved.</p> <p>8. Natwest Bankline Clerk, after discussion with Chair/Cllrs wanted to apply for Natwest Bankline system to be put in place via online banking. This would allow Clerk full access to online banking with payment set up authority only, all payments can then be authorised by another signatory online. Creating a much more secure banking system for the Council – Agreed.</p>
<p>23/056</p>	<p><u>Reports</u></p> <p>Village Hall Report Cllr Simpson discussed noticeboard with VHC, board already purchased, awaiting Steve Keys return to sort out. VHC have accepted that the playground is theirs to maintain now. Next meeting, they will let Cllr Simpson know.</p> <p>Buses No 8 complete, almost / 58 complete to Louth / National express bus – started on 1st april (only one now), London one now cancelled. London bus now changes at Leicester. Transpennine – just as bad, trying to put new system in at same time as run new system. Not very successful at present.</p>
<p>23/057</p>	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>1. To receive an update on finances and bank account/Cash Book reconciliations – Approved.</p> <p>2. Approve Payments Schedule – Approved.</p>
<p>23/058</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business (for information only)</u></p> <p>1. 4 posts missing on the village green – not wanting vehicles to be able to access the green.</p> <p>2. Police Commissioners Fund, good to look into... employ someone for kids football/games/ fund us going with council for extra lighting / CCTV equipment round BMX etc.</p> <p>3. Vandalism at the pavilion – CCTV pole, Cllr Steve K to fix when home.</p> <p>4. Tollbar – Cllr Breed, drop off point has not been put in place as promised. Funding is only just being talked about. Chaotic around that School at</p>

	present. Its dangerous. Pollution monitor is going off the scale. Cllr Baker will raise the issues with Cllr Swinburn and report back.
23/059	<u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u> To consider exemption of press and public under Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.
23/060	<u>Payroll</u> 1. Staff salaries/payments - Approved.
23/061	<u>Pending agenda items (updates if available)</u> Pathway/old railway line Next village day Car Boots Food pop-ups
Meeting Ended at:	
Signed.....	Date.....