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-MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – PAVILION HALL – NEW WALTHAM ON WEDNESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2024 .

Present:	Cllr. Dinsdale Shaw
	Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Clerk & RFO)
	Cllrs, Baker, Hebbar, Johnson, Raper, Keys, Breed, Poucher, Bridges, Sandell, Simpson
Apologies:	Ward Cllr Shreeve. Dawkins
	Resignation received by: Cllr Yvonne Hartley – Councillors were sad to hear of this
	resignation, was a valued member and wish Yvonne all the best.
In	Cllr Harness.
Attendance	
Cllrs/others:	
There were 2 members of the public present.	

24/060	To receive apologies for non-attendance.	
	Accepted.	
24/061	Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012	
	None.	
24/062	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Approved – with amendments (security re music fest).	
	PUBLIC SESSION	
	for members of the public to discuss matters on the agenda	
24/062	(15 mins max is allowed)	
24/063	Future Dates	
	Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 2 October 2024	
24/064	Police Report	
	PC Dave Cave in attendance. ASB still a focus for the area. Many 101 calls received re mopeds/motorbikes in the village. One incident has been dealt with and a section 59 was issued. Members of the public are still using social media to report issues. These must come through to 101 for the police to take action.	

It is imperative that CCTV is sought for the field/BMX area. This does need to be handed over to the Parish now for a new camera to be sought.

With nights drawing in once again, be vigilant with home security and notify policing team of any suspicious behaviour.

Reiterated to report all concerns no matter how small to 101. Concerns re speeding in the village, ASB, suspicious behaviour – all need reporting.

Council could consider community speed watch again if speeding is a continued concern.

24/065 | Planning

No planning.

24/066 | Footpaths & Highways

1. Becklands/Peaks Ave/Tollbar

Council received email from resident of Becklands. Concerns with parking on estate, speeding cars and the entry/exit of Becklands. Chair updated Council – NELC looking at repainting/painting lines. Works are planned for the entry/exit but it will require closure of that part of the road. But they assured that works are being planned. Council will watch closely to see if any works start. – Agreed.

Verges on Peaks Ave were also reported. Some markings have been spotted re repair of the area. But Council aware that this may not solve the issue. It was agreed that a more permanent solution would be to tarmac the corner to prevent this issue in the future. Council wish to send letter/email to NELC to request this change – **Agreed.**

Tollbar drop off area is underway and under construction. Aware of some delays with the works, but things are slowly moving. Enforcement officers have been around the village and are checking cars locations to help prevent unlawful parking. Aware that parking within this area will be chargeable. Apart from school drop off/pick up times. There should be a period of time that there will be no charge. Council awaiting further information.

2. Yellow lines Peaks Ave/Sydney Taylor Court

Cllr Breed wanting yellow lines outside Sydney Taylor Walk. Due to cars parking directly opposite the Janton Court junction. Cllr Harness to request – **Agreed.**

3. Trees on Becklands

Trees were planted on Becklands which have died due to them not being maintained. Cyden homes have advised that this is now the responsibility of the Parish to replace some trees. Council were not made aware of this. Cllr Harness will ask if any ward funding available for further trees — **Agreed.**

4. Advertising posters on street furniture

Cllr Breed brought to attention of Council increase of street signs within the village. Cllr Harness will check if Parish Council can remove these banners/signs that have been identified as being in dangerous/Inappropriate locations — Agreed.

24/067 | Community Pavilion & Play Area

1. Football Pitches

Deed of Variation/SLA – to be signed and solicitor to check over – **Agreed/Clerk** to action and update.

2. Winter proofing the pavilion

Chair and Vice-Chair – no lagging within the roof of the hall. Mice are present. Spray foam is needed for the ceiling and to insulate the pipes. Sorting the insulation out would also be better for the temp control of the hall and for the roof structure. Quotes needed/Energy/Insulation grant – **Agreed.**

3. Pavilion price increase

Due to caretakers wages increase hall hire must be financial viable and with 1 months' notice will implement the below:

£18 hourly rate for regulars (booking of 10 weeks or more)

£30 hourly rate for other bookings

Also change from 30 free mins to 15 either side.

Agreed/ Clerk to action from 1st October 2024.

(Cllr Bridges wanted to implement a holding fee for all bookings). (Cllr Baker abstained on vote).

4. Fencing maintenance around pavilion

Wooden fencing around the car park is rotten and broken. Whole fence needs replacing. Council discussed possibly just removing the fence – **Agreed action to remove fencing.**

5. Council events/pricing

Halloween party booked via DNA Kids. Ticket prices agreed at £10 to include hot dog/juice and tea/coffee – **Agreed.**

6. Store room tidy – Tabled to next agenda

24/068 Parish Council Matters

1. CCTV

Done – awaiting NELC advice re electrical access on lamppost.

2. Priors Green

Resident complaint re state of the area. Signs dropped off/ trees overgrown/ safeguarding for children in the area. NELC are contracted to maintain this area. Clerk to chase/ joiner quote for fencing — Agreed Clerk to action.

	3. Allotments Some tenants not looking after plots have been identified upon site inspection. Skip needed as some debris still present within the allotments. Letter to tenant. Skip needed for area – Agreed.	
	 Card machine options SumUp card machine was chosen by Council – Agreed, Clerk to action. 	
	5. A16 village sign Cllr Simpson advised Sign on A16 Wilson Homes had – has been carefully stored and will be replaced. Cllrs to do site visit and agree – Agreed.	
24/069	Reports	
	None.	
24/070	<u>Finance</u>	
	Financial Regs Update - Agreed and adopted.	
	2. Insurance Renewal 24/25 – Agreed/Clerk to action new policy.	
	3. Financial documents: a) Bank Reconciliation signed and approved and budget monitoring document distributed to Cllrs – Approved and signed.	
	4. Payments for month: All Approved (list from agenda).	
24/071	Exclusion of Press and Public	
	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.	
24/072	<u>Payroll</u>	
	Salaries agreed as true reflection according to employment contracts — Agreed.	
Meeting Ended at: 20:50		
Signed	Date	