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PARISH COUNCIL

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-MINUTES OF A MEETING-

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL – PAVILION HALL – NEW WALTHAM
ON WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2024 .

Present:	Cllr. Dinsdale Shaw Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Clerk & RFO)
	Cllrs, Sandell, Hebbar, Raper, Poucher, Bridges, Johnson, Breed.
Apologies:	Cllrs, Keys, Simpson, Baker Ward Cllrs Shreeve & Dawkins PC Dave Cave
In Attendance Cllrs/others:	Cllr Harness.
There were 2 members of the public present.	

24/073	<u>To receive apologies for non-attendance.</u> Accepted.
24/074	<u>Declarations of Interest – Code of Conduct 2012</u> None.
24/075	<u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Approved.
24/076	<u>Future Dates</u> Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 6 th November 2024
24/077	<u>Police Report</u> PC Dave Cave was not in attendance. However, wanted to highlight increase of burglary in the area. Ask residents to be vigilant and secure their properties. Report everything via 101 non-emergency.
24/078	<u>Public Session</u> None.

24/079	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DM/0762/24/FUL – Agreed. 2. DM/0583/24/OUT – Agreed in principal. (Referring to drawing no. FL24.43)
24/079	<p><u>Footpaths & Highways</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Peaks Ave Verges Thanks go out to Cllr Harness for investigating this issue. Unfortunately, NELC have denied the request to tarmac the verge and will re grass the area when the weather improves. 2. Any Further Issues/Concerns Tree branches over hanging onto street signs. Station Road bus stop is overgrown, no access and path is half overtaken by the foliage. All been reported by Cllr Harness and awaiting further responses. Councillors to keep reporting these issues and hope we get a response soon. – Agreed.
24/080	<p><u>Community Pavilion & Play Area</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play Area Awaiting quote for installation of play equipment. 2. Pavilion Hall Purchase of certain items outstanding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fridge/Freezer – possible ward funding. Send quotes over to Ward Councillors • Blinds – Purchase Blinds previously quoted – Agreed. • Sound System – Cllr Keys/Bridges to obtain quote for new speakers.
24/081	<p><u>Parish Council Matters</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CCTV System Council not happy with current response times from NELC. Numerous requests to ask permissions to wire in our own CCTV camera on the lamppost near the BMX track, but no response received to date. Cllr Harness will investigate – Agreed. 2. Priors Green Council’s agreement (SLA) with NELC re maintenance of this area. After numerous resident complaints its clear that the area is not being maintained as agreed and is severely overgrown. Chair proposed that due to the number of complaints Council need to consider seeking a private company that can be hired to maintain the area. Clerk to seek quotes. Cllr Harness to investigate – Agreed. 3. Allotments Letter going to resident/tenant of a plot. Due to not maintaining the plot. Council voted to evict tenant, due to breach of contract – 14 days warning will be sent – Agreed. Allotment association is requesting another Skip. However, due to the escalated cost of the installed fencing/gate the allotment budget is now in the negative for this financial year.

	<p>Council briefly explored increasing the allotment rent. It was felt that this needed to be added to the next agenda.</p> <p>Council wish to reiterate also that it is a breach of tenancy agreement to have an open fire on the plot also – Table to next agenda for further discussion Agreed.</p> <p>4. Request for planters Chair was contacted by resident. Wanted more of a scheme that planters are sponsored and gives some colour to the village. Council agreed was a great idea. Clerk obtain quote for planters – Agreed.</p> <p>5. A16 Village Sign Wooden village sign will be reinstalled on the A16 (at the cost of builder).</p> <p>6. Football Pitches Chase up solicitor re Deed of variation and SLA/ Chair to message Chris re individuals going to the toilet on field during football matches/bushes near houses... includes players – Council wish football association to know that this is not acceptable and will not be tolerated – Agreed.</p> <p>7. Remembrance Sunday Chair put to council if plans should remain as 'usual'. Local schools to possibly be involved. Church service led after. Cllr Breed to raise the flag. Cllr Bridges to ask local brass band to play during the service. To finalise plans at next meeting – Agreed.</p> <p>8. Gazebo Council agreed to reimburse Cllr Hebbar total of £112 for the cost of a new gazebo – Agreed.</p>
24/082	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>1. Consider virement of funds within budget Agreed.</p> <p>2. Financial documents:</p> <p>a) Bank Reconciliation signed and approved and budget monitoring document distributed to Cllrs – Approved and signed.</p> <p>3. Payments for month: All Approved (list on agenda).</p>
24/083	<p><u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u></p> <p>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.</p>

24/084	<u>Payroll</u> Salaries agreed as true reflection according to employment contracts – Agreed. Personnel Committee – 20:55
Meeting Ended at: 21:00	
Signed.....	Date.....

Minutes - Draft