

**WALESBY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 13 March 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs M Boyers; L Carr ; M Combes (Chairman); D Milles; D Thurman; P Townsend; and Members of the Public, Cllr Davies LCC, S Brooks Lincolnshire Broadband, R Wyatt BT, I Knowles WLDC, Cllr H Marfleet WLDC, Cllr K Knapton Owmy cum Searby

**Public Forum:**

The issue of provision of broadband to the parish was discussed. Cllr Davies informed the meeting that the provision of superfast broadband in Lincolnshire is funded partly by BT, Central Government and LCC. There is a restriction on the release of funding because of the agreement between WLDC and Quickline. Mr Knowles of WLDC stated there was no agreement with Quickline but there was a commercial loan in place. Mr Brooks stated that BDUK was beginning to accept that there was no contract between Quickline and WLDC for the provision of broadband and he was hopeful there would be a decision by BDUK confirming this within the next few weeks. WLDC have produced the loan agreement in evidence. Further BDLCC have produced evidence there is not 100% coverage by Quickline and data is awaited from Quickline confirming this. BDUK can release funds in the event of only partial coverage. Cllr Townsend pointed out that fibre optic broadband is already in the village and each house should be connected to it. Crowd funding via BT Community Fibre should not be necessary. Mr Brooks agreed Walesby was a straight forward village to connect up. Cllr Davies agreed BDUK is the preferable option over BT Community Fibre. Mr Wyatt said it was possible to apply for each household to apply for a £350 voucher towards the infra structure of broadband before 31 March but in the event that there was a short fall of funds from that method, each household would have to find the funds themselves in order to make up the shortfall. A Community Fibre Champion needed to be appointed to co ordinate this. It was agreed Mr Wyatt would send the Clerk details of the website for applying for the vouchers. It was agreed Mr Brooks would keep the Clerk informed of progress with BDUK.

1 Apologies for absence Ref 17/15  
Cllr Sweny sent her apologies

2 Declarations of interest Ref 17/16  
None

3 To approve minutes of a meeting held on 9 January 2017 Ref 17/17  
The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr Carr. Seconded Cllr Townsend

4 To discuss and resolve on the provision of broadband to the Parish Ref17/18  
In the light of the discussion held in the public forum it was decided to take no action with BT Community Fibre. The Clerk was requested to forward the website details when received from BT Community Fibre.

5 Chairman and council's comments Ref 17/19

None

6 Clerk's report and correspondence Ref 17/20

The Clerk reported as follows: She had written to the 2 tenant farmers regarding stiles on permissive footpaths to inform them work would be starting on the stiles, to Cllr Marfleet asking him to refer the planning application for log cabins to the planning committee, to Alan Robinson enquiring whether Quickline's loan could be called in. The answer received was there was no reason to do so.

A reply was received from the Nat West at Louth. They have no record of any deeds to the village hall.

Mud on Moor Road was reported. Cllr Keimach emailed that the flooding on the road at the caravan park was on the to do list with no time frame.

Mrs Peckett emailed that she was not aware that there was a parish council meeting and that the planning application would be discussed. It was replied that quite a number of residents had attended and their concerns were to be collated in a letter to LCC. Carol Slingsby of LCC confirmed that the trees at the Hall were not subject to a TPO or in a conservation area.

BT community Fibre Broadband asked that a list of all addresses within the parish and their broadband speed be provided.

Money was transferred into the current account from the deposit account. The parish still has reserves of about £4000 which is a prudent amount acceptable to the external auditors.

The Clerk tendered her resignation.

7 Finance Ref 17/21

Accounts for payment:

J Brickett   £108.56

HMRC       £16.40

CAB           £50.00

Resolved to approve. Proposed Cllr Milles. Seconded Cllr Thurman

8 Planning applications Ref 17/22

Planning application 135809. As the application had only been received that afternoon the matter was deferred to allow time to read the extensive paperwork

9 To discuss and resolve on the maintenance of the telephone box 17/23

Resolved to allow a payment of up to £50. Proposed Cllr Combes. Seconded Cllr Carr

10 To discuss and resolve on matter relating footpaths and highways Ref 17/24

No comment

11 To receive general comments from members and matters for consideration on the next agenda  
Ref 17/25

It was requested that the following be added to the next agenda:

The deeds to the village hall, broadband and the vacancy for the Clerk

Meeting closed at 9.47pm.