

WALESBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 11th September 2017 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs M. Combes (Chairman); D. Thurman; M. Boyers; P. Townsend; D. Milles; J. Sweney.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk; County Cllr L. Strange; Steve Brookes LCC Officer and 7 Members of the Public.

1. APOLOGIES: None.

The chairman asked for item 10 to be brought forward to allow Steve Brookes to update council on broadband issue and answer questions.

10. TO FURTHER DISCUSS PROVISION OF BROADBAND IN THE PARISH: As previously advised data sought from Quickline had been received 4-5 weeks ago, had been analysed and forwarded to government to make decision to lift embargo by BDUK. The officer dealing with this has only just returned to work. There are three sets of criteria: 1. Areas already covered; 2. Areas cannot reach; 3. 18,000+ premises in WLDC that it is 70% sure could/maybe got to in the future but have no plans to do so. If there is a plan to deploy within three years then these cannot be touched. Therefore, LCC is requesting these postcodes be given back to them to pursue and are hopeful BDUK will give its response later this week. If they say LCC cannot take over these postcodes, LCC will take matter to the minister, Matt Hancock, to argue. Walesby is in the second category but BDUK needs to lift the whole embargo. In Mr Brookes opinion BDUK is sticking to a point of law so Edward Leigh as local MP will not have power over the decision. However, he may have influence over the minister.

Cllr Strange notified council of a meeting on 22nd September between Searby parish meeting, Edward Leigh and three WLDC directors and invited two people from Walesby to attend. Clerk to contact Ian Knowles re details and disseminate to council to arrange attendance.

Mr Brookes said that once released, BT are likely to get on with installation very quickly and he will keep parish council updated.

2. CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR: Jeanette Ashton. Proposed, Cllr Combes. Seconded, Cllr Thurman. Resolved. Cllr Ashton signed the declaration of acceptance and took her seat.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 10TH JULY 2017: Signed as a true record. Proposed, Cllr Townsend. Seconded, Cllr Thurman.

5. CHAIR & COUNCILS COMMENTS: The chairman thanked Ossie for painting the old phone box and asked for a letter of thanks to be sent. Concerns re flooding on Rasen Road were raised and discussed further under item 9. The hedge at property on Rasen Road still needed attention and the clerk was asked to write again. Some councillors felt that lack of weed spraying at the roadside by LCC is making village look unsightly and asked for someone to take on job. However, the clerk advised that this needs to be undertaken by someone with a licence and suggested householders spray in front of their properties if an issue.

6. CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE: The clerk confirmed she was now the contact for the bank and that an acknowledgement has been received from Land Registry regarding registration of the village hall. Details of LALC AGM and Annual Report circulated. She also

informed council of the grant available from LALC for office equipment to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. Council instructed her to apply.

7. FINANCE: TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Wages & expenses	£127.71
HMRC	£20.40
LALC	£17.50

Council approved changes to bank details and appointed Cllr Thurman as new signatory.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: No new applications.

9. TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY MATTERS: Councillors agreed that culverts needs to be dug on Rasen Road and Nova Scotia Lane to alleviate flooding. Cllr Milles asked to complete highways defect report. Cllr Strange to be copied in to give support and he will also request a site meeting with the highways officer.

11. TO DISCUSS PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY IN THE PARISH: Council raised concerns about footpath no 119 which is trodden down but not cut and is particularly bad at the back of Mill House Farm.

12. TO DISCUSS & RESOLVE ON GRANT REQUEST FROM WALESBY PCC FOR CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE CLOCK: Cllrs Combes and Thurman declared a personal interest as church warden and treasurer. £600. Proposed, Cllr Townsend. Seconded, Cllr Boyers. Resolved. Same amount to be budgeted for next year.

13. TO RECEIVE GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS & MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION ON NEXT AGENDA: Cllr Townsend raised parishioners concerns regarding fruit trees removed at Kestrels which is at variance with parish council's position expressed in its Information for Residents compiled in 2016. He asked for further clarification of Walesby Parish Council's position regarding trees in the AONB. Other items to be discussed at next meeting: Broadband; Highways; PRoW; Budget.

Meeting closed at 9.03pm

Dates of meetings: 13th November; 8th January 2018; 12th March; 14th May; 9th July; 10th September; 12th November.