

WALESBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14 November 2016 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs L Carr; M Combes (Chairman); J Sweny; D Thurman; P Townsend; H Sylvester from Quickline and 4 Members of the Public.

Public Forum:

It was requested the litter pick due to take place on 25 February 2017 be put on the next agenda. It was reported the stile on Walesby Hill was rotted as were four planks in the footbridge on footpath 119.

1 Apologies for absence Ref 16/65

None

2 Declarations of interest Ref 16/66

None

3 To approve minutes of a meeting held on 12 September 2016 Ref 16/67

The minutes were approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr Thurman. Seconded Cllr Carr

4 To discuss and resolve on the broadband supplied to the Parish Ref 16/68

Ms Sylvester from Quickline said Quickline will supply an area if it is commercially viable and that although Quickline had a commercial loan with WLDC it was not obliged to supply broadband unless this was the case. The company would need to put in a mast up to 17 meters tall and it would require 15 customers to make this commercially viable. Members felt one mast would not be sufficient. Anyone who had a broadband speed of less than 2 mgb could apply for an infrastructure voucher of £300. The company was not aware there was a subcabinet in Walesby and she would explore sub loop and bundling which would obviate the need for a dish on each house. Following a successful feasibility study presentations would be arranged to assess the public demand for the service. The cost of supplying broadband was £29.99 per month. It was agreed the way forward was to obtain a letter from Quickline stating its presence did not preclude BT from supplying broadband to an area and then invite back Richard Wyatt from BT who had said it would be able to upgrade Walesby but his hands were tied as BT was excluded from the area by the presence of Quickline

5 To discuss and resolve on matters relating to highways and footpaths Ref 16/69

Cllr Thurman kindly offered to inspect the footbridge on footpath 119.

It was resolved to ask the clerk to write to the tenants of land which had stiles in need of repair asking if they would object to the Parish Council effecting repairs. Proposed Cllr Combes.

Seconded Cllr Townsend. Cllrs Milles and Sweny kindly offered to report the broken cycle route sign and defaced village sign to Highways.

6 Chairman's and Council's comments Ref 16/70

The Chairman reported that she had received the resignation of Cllr Massen. She extended her thanks to him for the work he carried out on behalf of the council. The Chairman also reported she had attended a WLDC budget meeting.

7 Clerk's report and correspondence Ref 16/71

The Clerk reported as follows:

The accounts have been approved by the external auditors. The Workplace Pension Scheme has been dealt with. The parish has been registered with BT Community Fibre Broadband. The National Westminster Bank at Lincoln and Grimsby have been written to seeking the deeds to the Village Hall following a minute found in 1986 saying some deeds had been lodged with the bank. An email had been received from WLDC stating it will no longer provide the weekly planning report. An email had been received stating in future all emails to Highways will be forwarded on to LCC councillors. LCC will place the pavement between Red Cottage and Stone Cottage on the minor repair list. No time indication will be given. Also LCC was arranging for cracked grating to be replaced in Otby Lane. Incident stats were received from police. The Clerk to Claxby had been emailed about the padlocked gate. The Parish Council has been invited to a Folk and Americana night on 19 November by Market Rasen Town Council. Email had been received from Mrs Braithwaite thanking the Parish Council for the grant to Friends of the Old Church Walesby

8 To discuss and resolve on changing the date of the meeting in January Ref 16/72
Resolved to keep it as 9 January 2017. Proposed Cllr Milles. Seconded Cllr Carr

9 Finance Ref 16/73

a) Accounts for payment

J Brickett	£110.34
HMRC/Post Office	£16.40
Walesby Village Hall	£120.00
Walesby St Marys and All Saints PCC	£600.00

Resolved to approve. Proposed Cllr Combes. Seconded Cllr Thurman

b) To discuss and resolve on the budget for 2017/18 and to approve the precept

Resolved to maintain the precept at £2075 subject to review in the event of the final tax model supplied by WLDC having a substantial impact on tax payers. Proposed Cllr Milles. Seconded Cllr Carr.

10 To discuss and resolve on the provision of litter bins in the parish Ref 16/74
It was agreed following discussion that no action be taken

11 To discuss and resolve on the Parish Council Notice Board Ref 16/75
Cllr Milles kindly agreed to look at repairs

12 Planning applications Ref 16/76
Planning application 135418. No comment

13 To receive general comments from members and matters for consideration on the next agenda Ref 16/77

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

Broadband

The litter pick to be held on 25 February

Footpaths and Highways

That the police be invited to attend

Meeting closed at 9.50pm.