

## WALESBY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 10th July 2017 at 7.30pm following a lengthy discussion about poor broadband speeds in the village and problems with BDUK upgrade provision due to WLDC's commercial loan to Quickline.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Clerk; County Cllr L. Strange; District Cllr O. Bierley and 6 Members of the Public.

1. **APOLOGIES:** None.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

3. **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 8TH MAY 2017:** Signed as a true record. Proposed, Cllr Thurman. Seconded, Cllr Townsend.

4. **CHAIR & COUNCILS COMMENTS:** The chairman commented on the news received earlier in the day that the CEO of WLDC, Manjeet Gill, is taking early retirement. The clerk confirmed that there will be no replacement for the next six months and that the three directors will be stepping up to the role in the interim.

5. **CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to report. Details of researching of WW1 memorial names to be forwarded to webmaster and notification of temporary closure of Moor Road for 3 days within period of 3/8/17 to 18/8/17.

**6. FINANCE : TO APPROVE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:**

Wages & expenses	£160.07
D. Thurman	£11.94
Land Registry	£140.00

The clerk confirmed that as there is no Employer Payment Booklet she will set up a payment direct to HMRC for the tax element w/e/f 10th July 17. Forms were signed to amend business contact details to the new clerk and Cllr Thurman to be added as new signatory on account. Clerk to obtain forms from bank to implement.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** No new applications. However, Cllr Townsend informed council that, following reservations and request for clarification in the Conservation Officer's report, application no 135810 have submitted amended drawings. He advised councillors to view these on line as they are substantially different and send any comments to the clerk to collate a response to WLDC.

8. **TO DISCUSS OVERGROWN HEDGES & VERGES IN THE PARISH:** Re hedges, the clerk was asked to write to two residents asking for overgrown hedging to be cut. The chairman to speak direct to resident on Moor Road.

Re verges: LCC has adopted a new cutting regime this year which is limited to 2 cuts pa. Therefore, in order for the village to remain well kept and tidy, residents are politely asked to maintain areas in front of their properties. The clerk to write a piece for the website regarding both topics.

9. **TO FURTHER DISCUSS PROVISION OF BROADBAND IN THE PARISH:** This had been discussed in depth in the public forum, thus allowing residents and Cllr Strange, representing LCC, and Cllr Bierley, as deputy leader and member of the Prosperous Communities committee, to speak.

Updates from Steve Brookes, LCC, were given by the clerk, that data has now been received from Quickline re coverage details and proposed future work which is being analysed, and Cllr Townsend informed those present that LCC will hold a conference call with BDUK the next day ie 11th July. Council asked for the assistance of both councillors to resolve the issue which was duly given. Cllr Bierley will also give feedback of a meeting he was due to have the next day with Ian Knowles.

**10. TO DISCUSS & RESOLVE ON THE DEEDS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL:** Cllr Thurman gave details on progress made. Contact had been made with Shirley Sanderson, clerk at the time of the building of the hall but deeds cannot be found. Therefore, paperwork to apply to register title on this basis has been completed and was duly signed by the clerk as the official for the parish council.

**11. TO DISCUSS COUNCIL VACANCY FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF CLLR CARR:** The chairman read out letter of resignation from Liz Carr. Clerk to action.

**12. TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS:** Cllr Strange agreed to arrange meeting with Ben Attridge and Steve Wiles, LCC Highways to discuss problems raised, particularly with regard to Moor Road. Cllr Thurman had received a schedule of cut for public rights of way (PRoW) but some were now impassable in places. Cllr Milles will write to Arden's to request that PRoW on their land be made visible. The clerk read out letter from LCC Highways re cluster meetings for parishes which are still to be set up.

**13. TO RECEIVE GENERAL COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS & MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION ON NEXT AGENDA:** To be discussed at next meeting: Broadband; Highways; PRoW.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm