

WALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Alan Staples Clerk: Lorna McGoldrick

Minutes of Walgrave Council Meeting held on:

Monday 14th June 2021 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Chapel Schoolroom, Gold Street

Councillors Present:

Cllrs Alan Staples (Chair) (AS), Tom Althorpe (TA), Barbara Evans (BE), Craig Evans (CE), Mike Graham (MG), Brian Hamilton (BH)

In attendance: Lorna McGoldrick – Clerk. Narinder Hammond, Dean Smith Scout County Commissioner and Kim Scout Leader and 2 members of the public

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

22/038	Record Attendance, absence and apologies: Council agreed to accept the Cllr Gibbs apologies
22/039	Record any Declarations of Interest: None
22/040	Conduct a Public Session: <u>Resident:</u> WND/2021/0138 Reserved Matters The new build will be the same size and scale as the outline planning permission, which has been granted. We are therefore only looking at the materials to be used; the only changes are the 2 windows at the back, which have been made smaller. We have added a stone plinth around the bottom, stone sills and lintels to match Highfield, Grey slate on the roof in keeping with the properties on the lane. Grey sash flush fitting UPVC and aluminium windows and doors. We have taken out the old hedge has been removed and replaced it will be low boxed hedge. <u>Scouts:</u> Offering an introduction of the local scouting activities Dean Smith – Scout County Commissioner Two and half years ago we identified a gap in our provision and labelled that as Holcot and Walgrave and following some development work Holcot and Walgrave Scout Group was developed. Kim began as the lead volunteer for the group and we got started with the Beavers and Cubs. We had fledging success however due to the pandemic we had to revert to Zoom meetings, which was a challenge. We are now back and over the last few weeks we have had a phenomenal response from our Beaver Scouts 6-8 year olds, we also have some young Cub Scouts and have identified a Cub Scout leader so things are happening but not as fast as we would like because of the pandemic. We are really trying and we want you to be aware of this and adopt us because a Scout Group does not exist without the support of the Community. You are our first port of call coming out of the pandemic because you have a significant population in Walgrave and we are looking to grow. Kim Phillips – Group Scout leader for Holcot and Walgrave We have 16 beavers a good proportion of whom come from Walgrave although there are some from the general area we have: 1. Continued to offer Zoom sessions through out 2. As soon as we were allowed to go back to face to face meetings, albeit outdoors I have hit the deck running and we have gone outdoors. We would like your help to promote the Scout Groups to increase the numbers, and then look at whether we can get a Scout group.

	<p>We are actively recruiting volunteers for scout leader, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary posts Group meetings move around dependant on the activity and we have previously used the playing fields at the Walgrave Village Hall. The Beavers meet at 6-7pm and would like to set up a separate meeting for the cubs. The parish Council can help in 4 areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are more successful if we are adopted by the community, who need to know that we are there and we are doing great things to promote “skills for life” 2. Support recruiting people who want work with young people and that could be any level of commitment 3. We are a charity and its Governance is very important, Governance and operational although complimentary should not be carried out by one person, so recruiting to key roles. 4. Advice on any possible funding, we need some tents to support our groups.
22/041	Approval and signing of the minutes – Members Resolved to approve the Annual Council Meeting minutes held on Monday 17 th May 2021
22/042	<p>Action Points for Action and Tracking:</p> <p>Closed: 22/026, 22/033, 22/011 Ongoing: 22/032 volunteer job description, 22/032 Cllr B Evans, advised that there doesn't need to be a Parish Councillor on the Charities Committee, they will continue to send us the minutes. 22/035 Cllr Hamilton advised that the damage to the Rowan tree at Springfield where the branches were damaged is significant and it is unlikely to survive. 21/139 Cllr C Evans advised that the fence at the Moated Site, has been discussed by the Village Hall committee and quotations are being sought to reinstate the existing fence. A suggestion to plant a hedge alongside the fence to eventually replace the fence is also being considered. 20/132 awaiting information from Aylesbury Mains on numbering the lamp posts.</p>
22/043	<p>Vacancies and Co-option: Members resolved to Co-opt Narinder Hammond onto the Council, who signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office.</p> <p>Cllr Adam Merchant has tendered his resignation creating another Councillor vacancy. Cllr Staples thanked him for his time and support to the council.</p>
22/044	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Current applications can be reviewed on the Parish Council Website WND/2021/0138</p> <p>Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for construction of a detached annexe to be used as incidental use to the main dwelling Council Resolved to submit No Objection</p>
22/045	<p>To receive financial Report: circulated to Councillors</p> <p>Councillors Resolved to approve the bank reconciliation and report: £64,418.46</p> <p>Finance: Councillors Resolved to approve payments made at and between meeting to the sum of £1605.00</p> <p>Clerk salary £432.00 (June) Clerk Expenses £38 (June) Total: £470</p> <p>ICO £40.00 Tim Whittaker £1095.00 Total: £1135.00</p> <p>The first half of the Precept £12020.00 received in May 2021.</p>
22/046	<p>Highways:</p> <p>Sheldons Lane: Cllr B Evans advised that Highways only solution to the parking issue at the Kettering Road end of Sheldons Lane was to install double Yellow lines. Council Resolved to look into this and see whether yellow lines could be painted on Kettering Road to the left of Sheldons Lane. This would be for the safety of pedestrians who have to walk on the road when passing parked cars at this point. Cllr Althorpe to check whether WPC should undertake a public consultation.</p>

	<p>The Quiet Lane: Cllr Althorpe advised that the speed report on the “Quiet Lane” will be presented to the next Speeding Panel, who meet when they have received several requests.</p> <p>Northall Flooding: Cllr Hamilton advised Council that Highways have completed the remedial work to alleviate flooding on Northall.</p>
22/047	<p>Open Spaces: Registering land owned by the parish council prior to 2025. The working party have received 2 sets of mapping in order to progress this initiative they require OS data to help with mapping the open spaces enabling them to get a clearer picture of the Land owned by the Parish Council. OS data will cost approximately £300 for 12 months. Council Resolved to agree the purchase of the OS data for 12 months</p>
22/048	<p>Street Lights: Upgrading the village Street Lights will have to be undertaken due to Sox Lamps no longer being manufactured. WPC require 3 quotes received one from Zeta for complete LED upgrade in one go. E.on have been asked for a quote for a gradual upgrade replacing old lamps with LED lamps as the lights fail. A third quote to be obtained. Council Resolved to defer a decision until the July meeting</p>
22/049	<p>Training: Explore the possibility of Full Council Training on the Code of Conduct. Cllrs C Evans and Althorpe agreed to take the Cllr Framework Foundation Course Cllr Althorpe as deputy Chair is required to take the Chairmanship course.</p>
22/050	<p>Correspondence: to agree response/action to correspondence received.</p> <p>Cemetery: A resident has informed the council that the some artifacts have been taken from the Cemetery. The rules, which ask that artifacts not be placed on graves, needs to be displayed at the cemetery.</p> <p>Trees: Ash die back is prevalent across the UK and affecting a number of the trees in Walgrave Pocket Park, each tree is at a different stage, smaller ones show the disease first. These trees may need to be taken out at the right time so we need to be vigilant and proactively take them down as they reach the right stage. This can be a part of the thinning process so other trees can grow better in a less restricted environment. Advise from John Lockhart local tree specialist is that there is no imminent threat to safety and work might commence sometime next year. The safety of children in the Pocket Park was a raised but given this advice there appears no danger at present Simon Mead has agreed to renew the Pocket Park Management plan and present it to Council. John Lockhart tree specialist, Simon and Tom, and Cllr Hamilton will work out the future management plan. Recording the trees annually will enable identification of which trees are deteriorating and when work should begin on them. Parish Council to advertise the community that the Ash die back is a problem and work will need to be undertaken to remove some trees from the Pocket Park, and possibly other areas around the village Cllrs Hamilton and Craig Evans agreed to set up a working party for future tree planting.</p>
22/051	<p>Regular Reports:</p> <p>Cemetery Extension: The Cemetery working party has a new solicitor contact, Charity Shaw. She is going to review the file and discuss the matter at a meeting she has booked with the prospective vendor.</p> <p>Adam Merchant has offered to continue as Police Liaison.</p> <p>WWC’s intend to reinstate the mini bus, although in a revised form, hiring one for day outings, rather than purchasing one outright.</p>
22/052	<p>To receive Councillor and Sector Reports: None</p>

22/036	Agenda: requests for items to included on the Agenda for the next meeting
22/037	Next Meeting: Monday 12 th July 2021 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 9.15pm

All reports can be made available upon request to the Clerk

Signed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chair: *Alan Staples*

Dated: 12th July 2021

Future Meetings 2021
Monday 13th September
Monday 11th October
Monday 8th November
Monday 13th December

Appendix 1

Planning Applications

Decided:

DA/2020/0860

Outline planning permission for the construction of a detached annexe to be used as incidental use to the main dwelling (all matters reserved other than access) (resubmission of DA/2020/0182). Land At Highfield, Sheldons Lane, Walgrave, Approved – 22nd April, 2021

DA/2021/0119: Demolition of existing rear extension. Construction of larger single storey rear extension (revised scheme) Greenside, Kettering Road, Walgrave, Northamptonshire, NN6 9PH
Approved – 13th May, 2021

Awaiting Decisions:

DA/2021/ 0234: Single storey rear extension, 11, Amber Drive, Walgrave, Northamptonshire, NN6 9RW

Appendix 2

ACTION POINTS

Agenda item	Who	Action Point
22/044	Clerk	To respond to Planning Application WND/2021/0138
22/046	Clerk	To contact Highways re the clearing of the water culverts in Northall
22/51	Cllr C Evans	To advise the Village Hall of the Ash Dieback issue
22/051	Clerk	Check with NCalc to ask if the Police Liaison needs to be a Councillor

POINTS FOR TRACKING

Agenda item	Who	Action Point
20/132	Clerk	Obtain a quote for renumbering the Street Light columns & the expected life span of the lamps – Aylesbury Mains
22/032	Cllr Staples/Clerk	Devise a job description for committee volunteers