



Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council Council Meeting

Waltham Village Hall, 19:00

19th September 2024

Present:

Cllr. G Hulland (Chair) (GH), Cllr. V White (Deputy Chair) (VW), Cllr. E Slegers (ES), Cllr. C Gray (CG) and County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove (BL).

Parish Clerk: Nancy Denny

One member of the public

Minutes

072 2425 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept and approve apologies from Cllr S Horne, Cllr S Champion and Borough Councillor Richard Sharp.

073 2425 To receive declarations of interest: both pecuniary and personal on matters in the agenda.

To receive and grant any requests for dispensation on matters in the agenda.

Resolved: Cllr G Hulland declared an interest in 083 2425

Cllr V White declared an interest in 078 2425 24/00740/OUT

074 2425 To approve and sign the minutes from meeting held 15th August 2024.

Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes from this meeting

075 2425 Reports from visitors.

County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove reported:

- There is nothing specific from this Parish that has been raised with county
- The public consultation for the Local Transport Plan 4 is underway. There is a pilot project exploring the demand for responsive transport run by Fox Connect in Market Harborough. If successful, this could be an option for rural communities in the future rather than total reliance on the standard bus service
- The new schedule, starting in October, for the Waste sites around the county has been published and Bottesford will open 3 days a week
- Work on the NEMM distributor road is continuing 7 days a week to try to catch up with the backlog due to poor weather
- Schools are open for registration for the next academic year

Cllr Hulland had a response mid-August reference the bus shelter. This was a holding response and the PC has yet to receive any new information.

076 2425 Public Participation. Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to enable members of the public to express their views on any topic.

MOP1 raised 3 issues:

- *There are still issues with the application at Cedarwood in Thorpe Arnold. Householders were not advised of the discharge conditions, the tree survey is inaccurate, there is a major problem with the sewage system and there has been no response from Severn Trent about how the vacuum system will cope with additional demand.*



- *New documentation has appeared on the website with reference to THOR1 and THOR2 which has not been widely publicised within the local community*
- *Concerns have been raised about a possible proposal to build homes on a local site called Berry Thorpe Farm. MOP1 was assured that nothing has been received as yet from the LPA with regards to a planning application.*

077 2425 Finance
a) list of payments See Appendix 2
b) bank reconciliations for approval

Cllr Hulland and Cllr Slegers carried out the necessary checks on the list of payments. Cllr C Gray carried out the checks on the bank reconciliations.

Resolved: To approve payments and bank reconciliations
c) Budget Review Q2 See Appendix 3

Resolved: To approve the review of Budget Q2

078 2425 To discuss planning issues:

24/00740/OUT 19B High Street, Waltham on the Wolds, LE14 4AH
Outline planning application for development of one 1.5 storey dwelling

Resolved: To object to this application on the grounds of restricted access for this additional building. Access to the property would be compromised due to the pinch points of the shared driveway.

24/00783/VAC Greengage Tree Farm, Eastwell Road Waltham on The Wolds
Variation of condition 11 of planning permission ref: 22/00380/FUL

Resolved: To object to this variation of condition as this would remove the connection to the adjoining agricultural operation, a key component of the original application. The Parish Council feels that using the terms working or last working in the locality in agriculture or forestry is too unrestrictive.

24/00805/DIS Cedarwood Lag Lane Thorpe Arnold Leicestershire LE14 4RU
Discharge conditions 3 (Ecology), 4 (Arboricultural method statement), and 5 (Disposal of foul and surface water) attached to planning permission 22/01014/FUL

Resolved: To ensure that the LPA seeks expert advice on the system proposed to cope with the disposal of foul and surface water, taking into consideration the problems with the vacuum system in Thorpe Arnold already raised by the Parish Council.

079 2425 Clerk and Assets' Report See Appendix 4

Resolved: To accept the contents of the report.

080 2425 To receive a report from the Biodiversity Group
ES has been asked by parishioners if they can pick apples from the community Orchard and she has encouraged them to do so. A report was received about swift activity over the summer. There are 9 nest boxes around Waltham. The first swifts were sighted on the 25th April and the last sighting was on the 30th July. There are several nesting sites, but none yet in the boxes. There seem to be more this year, up to 20 at a time have been sighted. The bird box camera has been tested successfully. Bird boxes will be inspected by the Leicestershire and Rutland Trust later in the year.



- 081 2425 To consider the purchase of new Infant play equipment following the survey results
Resolved: **To investigate the purchase of the equipment proposed in the survey depending on the space available in the Play Park.
To consider ordering in tandem with Scalford Parish Council**
- 082 2425 To discuss the proposed development of a Solar Photovoltaic Farm and associated infrastructure at Field OS5500, Waltham Road, Freeby
Resolved: **To wait until after the meeting to be held on the 30th Sept before submitting any comments to MBC**
- 083 2425 To consider the points raised by the Diocese reference making safe the Wainer Tomb in Churchyard 1
Resolved: **To respond to the Diocese that the make safe option is the Parish Council's agreed and only option.**
- 084 2425 Meeting closed 20:27

