

Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council Council Meeting

Waltham Village Hall, 19:00

21st November 2024

Present:

Cllr. G Hulland (Chair) (GH), Cllr. E Slegers (ES), Cllr. S Champion (SC), Cllr. S Horne (SH) and Cllr. C Gray (CG).

Parish Clerk: Nancy Denny

No members of the public

Minutes

096 2425 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Resolved: To accept and approve apologies from Cllr Val White, Borough Councillor Richard Sharp and County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

097 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.

Cllr G Hulland declared an interest in item 110 2425 and will not participate in the discussion or voting.

098 2425 To approve and sign the minutes from meeting held 16th October 2024.

Resolved: To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting

099 2425 Reports from visitors.

Borough Councillor Richard Sharp sent the following report:

- an automatic number-plate recognition (ANPR) camera has been approved for this area. The police will determine the location, but the Parish Council may be asked for their opinion.
- a meeting for a large-scale solar panel farm is taking place this evening which RS is attending and he will consider implications for the Freeby proposal. There is an open meeting on Tuesday 26th November at Freeby Village Hall concerning this application.

100 2425 Public Participation. Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to enable members of the public to express their views on any topic.

NONE PRESENT

101 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 Champion carried out the all banks reconciliation.

Resolved: To approve payments and bank reconciliations

c) to appoint Auditing Solutions as Internal Auditors for 2024/2025
Resolved: To approve Auditing Solutions as Internal Auditors for 2025/2026

d) to consider clerk's remuneration for 2025/2026
Resolved: To approve the clerk's remuneration for 2025/2026

102 2425 To discuss planning issues:

24/00996/VAC Farm Buildings Adjacent Ashleigh Waltham Road Thorpe Arnold
Variation of Conditions 1 and 2 (Approved Documents and Materials) of Planning
Permission 22/00683/REM

Resolved: No further action required

103 2425 Clerk and Assets' Report See Appendix 3
*It was agreed that the path and standing area on the Memorial Green need a power wash
and how to achieve this in the spring time will be investigated.*

Resolved: To accept the contents of the report

104 2425 To receive a report from the Biodiversity Group
Cllr E Slegers had nothing to report in these winter months

105 2425 To consider a proposal for pruning in the Orchard
*ES can organise a three-part 3 hour pruning workshop in January – dates tbc – with
two experts. The cost will be £150. Two trees in the new orchard need to be replaced
with organic fruit trees and the cost will be in the region of £22.50 each for 2 year old
trees plus delivery.*

Resolved: To approve a spend of up to £250 for Orchard improvements

106 2425 To consider articles for the November quarterly newsletter

Resolved: To approve the submitted text for the November newsletter

107 2425 Policies and Procedures Review:

1. Risk Assessment Policy
2. Data Audit Policy

See Appendix 4

See Appendix 5

Resolved: To approve the above policies

108 2425 To consider the rental costs for 2025/2026 for:

See Appendix 6

- a) the High Street allotments
- b) the car park and grassy area for Village Hall events
- c) rent of the football pitch – seasonal and one-off

*It was agreed that any increases on allotment plots and the Village Hall events would
only make a very marginal difference, so it was agreed that these could stay as they
are this year again. It was agreed to raise the costs of the rental of the football pitch in
light of the improvements to the pavilion.*

**Resolved: To approve no change to the rental amounts for the allotments and
Village Hall events.**

**To increase the football pitch rental amounts for both seasonal and
one-off sessions for the 2025/2026 season.**

109 2425 To consider two grant award applications:
a) Thorpe Arnold Village Hall Trustees See Appendix 7

Resolved: To grant the application to help repair the wooden fence adjacent to the Village Hall in Thorpe Arnold

b) Waltham on the Wolds Village Hall Trustees See Appendix 8
Resolved: To grant the application to help fund a children's Christmas party

110 2425 To consider a request to revoke permission for bonfires on the High Street allotments

Councillors discussed the issues that had been raised as a consequence of allowing bonfires for a two-week period in November. On balance, they decided that there were more environmentally friendly ways of getting rid of non-compostable waste and will actively work with allotment holders to pursue better methods.

Resolved: To revoke permission for bonfires on the High Street allotments and to explore different methods of dealing with non-compostable matter in an environmentally friendly way.

111 2425 Meeting closed at 20.08