

WALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council at Walford Village Hall on Wednesday 12th September 2012

Present: Frank Myers – Chairman.

Dave Berry, Cheryl Carpenter, Simeon Cole, John Daniels, Heather Evans, Philip Heath, Simon Kinder, Terry Snow.

In attendance: Ward Councillor John Jarvis, Clerk Catherine Murray and 8 members of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Sandra Cole, Eric Drummond, Luke Freeman and Marc Thomas
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None received
- 5 (a) **Police report :** Item 5 (a) was moved up the Agenda, so that the police could leave for operational duties. The police representatives Lisa Austin and Richard Barradale-Smith gave their reports, a copy is available from the clerk
3. **Minutes:** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept minutes of the previous meeting held on 11th July 2012
4. **Code of Conduct:** It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt section 12(2) of the old Code of Conduct as part of Standing Orders
- 5 (b) **Ward Councillor report:** Ward member - Councillor John Jarvis gave his report, a copy is available from the clerk.
6. **Public participation session:** It was suggested by the chairman that future public participation sessions might be held at the beginning and at the end of each meeting, to enable the public to have every opportunity to express their views, it was **RESOLVED** to adopt this policy for this and for future meetings and to include it on the next Agenda, for ratification. <<**Action clerk**>>
Queries: The extent and future enforcement of the 30mph speed limit through Walford and the timing of the anticipated installation of a kissing gate on WA25
Reports: There is subsidence outside Homegarth on the B4234, where a repair to a water pipe is sinking
Thanks: For the re-instatement of Cherry Tree Walk
Offers: Some native saplings were offered to the parish council, to plant at an agreed location in the parish, to go on the next Agenda for discussion. <<**Action clerk**>>
7. **Finance**
 - a. The bank reconciliation – Finance Appendix A was noted
 - b. Councillor Snow (who chaired the finance committee in the chairman's absence) gave an update, explaining that Finances were in order.
 - c. The change of legislation relating to bank signatories and safeguarding public money was considered and it was **RESOLVED** to discuss appropriate safeguards when more information is available. The clerk will submit the consultation response form filled out by the finance committee <<**Action clerk**>>
8. **Planning**
 - a. Planning Appendix B was noted
 - b. Comments were made in respect of the following planning applications:
 - **Vine Tree Inn, HR9 5RS – S122128/FH** – No comments possible until further information is available, the clerk is to get clarification on D1 status then comment using S101 <<**Action clerk**>>
 - **Kerne House, HR9 5QT – S122040/F** – ‘No objections’

- **Land to the east of, Old Hill Farm, Homme Farm, HR9 7TQ - S121839/F** – *‘In approving this application the parish council is seeking the co-operation of the landowner in order to ensure that his development and that of the Walford Links route are in sympathy’*
- **Homme Farm, The Hom, HR9 7TF - S121837/F** – *‘Comments as for S121839/F’*
- **Lower Cleeve Farm, Hom Green, HR9 7TD – S122172/F** – *‘No objections’*
 - c. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to complete and send off the ‘Application to designate a Neighbourhood Area’ <<**Action clerk and councillor Simon Kinder**>>
 - d. It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to trial the electronic viewing of planning applications at the October meeting, the clerk is to arrange for use of the necessary equipment with Walford Village Hall <<**Action clerk and councillor Berry**>>

- 9. Highways and Footpaths** It was **RESOLVED** that in future all reports will go to the clerk, at least 5 working days prior to a meeting, to disseminate as part of the clerk’s report Appendix D.
- a. The water in Deep Dean has been stopped, but some large holes by the roadside there need attention <<**Action Clerk**>> A requested breakdown of the costs for the Kerne Bridge road junction survey has still not been received – *next agenda*
 - b. Work still remains to be done from the Lengthsman’s list issued by the resilience co-ordinator
 - c. The gate on WA25 has yet to be installed
 - d. The Public Path Diversion Order Public Footpath HM11 (Part) Hope Mansell was noted
 - e. It was **RESOLVED** not to apply for a free parish bench – from Amey
 - f. The resilience co-ordinator is to bring information to the next meeting, regarding an emergency road clearance plan for minor parish roads in bad weather <<**Action councillor Simeon Cole**>>

10. The completion of the Clerk’s yearly appraisal was noted

11. Information and correspondence

- a. Correspondence Appendix C and HALC Information corner were noted
- b. There were no objections to the review of Herefordshire Registration Service
- c. The Clerk’s Report Appendix D was noted
- d. Councillors reports on local matters were postponed until the next meeting due to shortage of time

12. Items for next meeting agenda (no discussion) As raised above and an update on Walford Links

13. Date of the next meeting was noted: 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October at Bishopswood Village Hall

Signed: Frank Myers

Date: 10/10/12