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Council Meeting

Waltham Village Hall, 19:00

17th March 2022

Present:

Cllr. S Champion (SC), Cllr. S Horne, Cllr. G Hulland (Chair) (GH), Cllr. C Gray (CG), Cllr. E Sleger (ES) and Cllr. V White (Deputy Chair) (VW)

Borough Councillor Elaine Holmes (EH)

Parish Clerk: Nancy Denny

No members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the meeting a short statement was read out by the Chairman:

Whilst we as a Parish Council have not tabled a formal motion, we would like to state that we stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine in opposing the horror which is being unleashed upon them. We wish for an end to the bloodshed of innocent people and each and every one of us stands ready to help, however and wherever we can.

Minutes

167 2122 To receive and approve apologies for absence:
County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

168 2122 To receive declarations of interest: both pecuniary and personal on matters in the agenda. NONE RECEIVED

169 2122 To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting 17th February 2022.
APPROVED AND SIGNED

170 2122 Public Participation. Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to enable members of the public to express their views on any topic.
NO MEMBERS PRESENT

171 2122 Finance.
a) list of payments for approval See Appendix 2
b) bank reconciliation for approval

Cllr Slegers and Cllr White carried out the necessary checks on the list of payments and the bank reconciliation.

Resolved: To approve payments and bank reconciliations



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172 2122 To discuss planning issues:

To receive updates on the development behind 38-48 High Street, Waltham

Updates had been requested from MBC on the outstanding issues (drainage application, amendments to plots 6 to 8, hedgerow reduction concerns.) Two named officers at MBC were emailed and one is currently out of office and the second unable to help. Concerns were also raised about how locals can apply for the affordable housing on site as plots become available. The issue of tenure has still to be resolved.

Resolved: To write to MBC Chief Executive, Edd de Coverly, to act on our behalf in resolving these issues with Platform Housing Group alongside the ongoing issue of tenure.

22/00354/FULHH High Burnham, 46 High Street, Waltham LE14 4AJ
Resubmission of application 21/00188/FULHH (with amended roof line)

Resolved: No further action

173 2122 To consider any other planning applications submitted to Council between the distribution of the agenda and the date of this meeting.

NONE RECEIVED

174 2122 Reports from visitors.

Borough Councillor Elaine Holmes reported:

- a temporary assistant director for planning, Paul Feehily, has been appointed at MBC and the Parish Council is awaiting notification of when relevant applications will now be discussed at committee level at MBC
- there has been more drainage issues at Moor Lees Lane, especially after heavy rainfall. CG and GH reported back to EH that they had a meeting with Severn Trent this month who have pledged to do work on the drainage. Severn Trent have not yet adopted the balancing pond at Brampton Valley, so the developers are dealing with the issues under instruction from Severn Trent

175 2122 Clerk and Assets Report

See Appendix 3

Resolved: To note the contents of the report

176 2122 To receive an update from the Biodiversity Group

See Appendix 4

- *ES is delivering a presentation on the WOTWATA Biodiversity project to other Parish Councils next week during a heads-up group.*
- *The value of the trees donated by Melton Transition is in the region of £700 as they are pesticide free.*
- *The Biodiversity Group is also keen to deliver monthly talks on relevant issues, the first possibly being about what parishioners can do in their own gardens. A date has yet to be set for the first meeting.*
- *ES was informed about access to water at the Pavilion so that the newly planted trees can be watered throughout the summer to make sure they become established.*

Resolved: To note the contents of the report



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177 2122 To receive an update on the refurbishment of the Pavilion
SH reported that all the replacement windows are now in and that there are some small issues remaining to be completed e.g. the mesh window coverings are away being refurbished and the electrical works for the security lights has yet to be completed. The decorator is well under way with his work. A decision needs to be made about the flooring as concerns about long term wear and tear were raised.

Resolved: To defer a decision about the flooring until April.

178 2122 To consider an amendment to the Allotment Tenancy Agreement 2022/2023

Resolved: To request a returnable deposit of £50 from new allotment tenants and to amend the Tenancy Agreement accordingly.

To bring up to standard those plots falling vacant before renting them out to new tenants.

179 2122 To approve a quote for planter maintenance throughout the Parish
New planters have been applied for through the Member's fund at LCC and it is hoped that these will be forthcoming in the near future. In the light of this, if parishioners can be found to take on responsibility for watering a planter, then the PC would like the new planters to be more visually attractive, especially in the summer months. The PC will liaise with the contractor to develop a new quote.

Resolved: To defer this decision until April

180 2122 Meeting closed at 20.10

