



# Waltham on the Wolds & Thorpe Arnold Parish Council

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## Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold Parish Council Meeting Remote Access via Skype, 19:00 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Present:

Cllr. G Hulland (Chair) (GH), Cllr. C Gray (CG), Cllr. S Horne (SH), Cllr. M Mills (MM), Cllr. E Slegers (ES), Cllr. V White (Deputy Chair) (VW),  
County Cllr. Byron Rhodes (BR).

Parish Clerk: Nancy Denny.

Two members of the public.

### Minutes

066 2021 Apologies received and approved: Borough Cllr E Holmes

067 2021 To receive declarations of interest: both pecuniary and personal on matters in the agenda. NONE RECEIVED

068 2021 To approve and sign the minutes from the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020. APPROVED AND SIGNED

069 2021 Public Participation. TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

- The issue of dog-fouling on a public footpath was raised and the question of whether Melton Borough Council would be able to enforce fines. It was concluded that dog owners could not be fined in this case, but a reminder to dog owners to pick up dog mess would be helpful.

**Resolved: To erect signs at either end of the walkway**

- An objection to planning application 20/00708/FULHH was outlined, following on from an email that the Councillors had received. It was felt that this proposed development would severely impact the amount of light coming into the adjacent property and that this had not been adequately reflected in the planning application.

070 2021 Finance.

- a) List of payments for approval See Appendix 2
- b) Bank reconciliation for approval

Cllr Hulland and Cllr Mills carried out the necessary checks on the list of payments and the bank reconciliation.

**Resolved: To approve the payments and bank reconciliation (GH and MM)**

- c) to approve publication of AGAR sections 1, 2 and 3 and notice of Conclusion of Audit 2019/2020 See Appendix 3

**Resolved: To approve publication of AGAR sections 1 2 and 3 and the notice of Conclusion of Audit 2019/2020.**

071 2021 Planning.

*Cllr S Horne joined the meeting*



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20/00708/FULHH – Warmington House, 10 High Street, Waltham on the Wolds LE14 4H Rear two-storey and first floor extension

**Resolved:** To object to the application on the grounds that it contravenes policy H8 of the Neighbourhood Plan.  
To highlight the mismatch between the floor plan and the western elevation.

20/00699/FUL – Orchard Barn, 2 Stonesby Road, Waltham on the Wolds LE14 4PR Demolish garage building and garden wall: erect new dwelling; associated hard and soft landscaping and means of enclosure

**Resolved:** To object to the application on the grounds that it contravenes policies H6, H8 and ENV9 of the Neighbourhood Plan.

20/00850/FULHH – Fairfield, 69 Melton Road, Waltham on the Wolds, LE14 4AJ Demolish existing outbuilding for new garage/outbuilding

**Resolved:** No action

*County Cllr B Rhodes joined the meeting*

072 2021 To receive feedback from Martin Lusty on the Biodiversity presentation and zoom discussion held by John Clarkson of Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust and Lucie Hoelmer of LCC in July

- Parish Council has a statutory duty to preserve diversity
- It could use the inventory from the Neighbourhood Plan as a starting point and develop a diversity plan for the Parish sites
- There are volunteers and other bodies who could help with this development
- The Council should be thinking about biodiversity in relation to the maintenance of the Parish assets and develop a biodiversity policy
- The Council could consider a tree warden and developing other resources

**Resolved:** To revisit this next month to discuss an initial approach for the Parish Council. ES volunteered to lead a working party.

073 2021 To discuss feedback received from LCC regarding improvements on A607

**Resolved:** Not to pursue the issue of the zig zag lines outside the school.  
To apply to change the mandatory 20mph zone to 30mph with an advisory 20mph speed at school times.  
To situate MVAS poles in Waltham and in Thorpe Arnold with sites to be decided by a working party  
To apply for the 30mph zone to be extended from the northside (entry from Grantham) of the A607  
To purchase two new gates for the entry points to Waltham village on the A607

074 2021 To discuss a potential breach of planning conditions approved on 15/00379/FULHH

**Resolved:** To write to MBC to ask them to investigate whether the cart shed is being used as a dwelling, contravening the approved planning application section 4.



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075 2021 Clerk's Report and Assets Report See Appendix 4

**Resolved:** **To receive the report and note the contents**  
**To report the speed sign on Goadby Road as not working**  
**To investigate tidying up the hedge on the Mere Road**  
**To address the tree stumps on the Memorial Garden**  
**To get quotes for tree maintenance in the Parish area**

076 2021 Policies and Procedures Review

1. Code of Conduct See Appendix 5

2. Statement of Internal Control See Appendix 6

3. Bank Mandate

Cllr L Roy removed. Cllr E Slegers, Cllr S Horne and Cllr C Gray are being added as signatories on the account.

4. Insurance Policy

Renewed 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 till 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020

**Resolved:** **To approve the Code of Conduct Policy with one amendment discussed.**  
**To approve the other policies as they stand.**  
**To add insurance of Playground equipment for loss or damage.**

077 2021 Reports from visitors.

County Councillor B Rhodes reported:

- LCC is going through the process of the compulsory purchase of the land for the Melton North Distributor Road. The South section is on hold for economic reasons.
- There is expected to be wide debate on the reform to planning White Paper which is currently under discussion.
- It was felt that the Director of Public Health Leicestershire has dealt with the recent heightened Covid-19 outbreak in Melton Mowbray well using track and trace
- It seems likely that LCC will continue to offer the chance to work remotely when all workers are due back in September. However, this will have a knock-on effect to other LCC resources such as restaurant and cafes.
- LCC will still have a £24M shortfall.
- Keeping everyone safe, especially in secondary schools, is a priority and providing school transport for all entitled is challenging
- Mainstream bus services, devolution and local government re-organisation are all under discussion
- It was felt that not enough consultation had taken place on the downgrading of Lag Lane in Thorpe Arnold. Opinions of some local households had been sought. Economic reasons were offered as to why the decision on downgrading Lag Lane in part to a bridleway had been made.

078 2021 To consider a response to PC10-20 of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) reform of the planning system.

A discussion took place raising concerns that planning may return to a free for all and that companies may be busy land banking for profit.

**Resolved:** **To write to Alicia Kearns MP and NALC opposing the reform.**



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*County Cllr B Rhodes left the meeting*

079 2021 To consider quotes received for refurbishment of the Play Park  
See Appendix 7

**Resolved: To accept quote A for refurbishment of the Play Park equipment.  
To accept quote D for refurbishment of the car park benches and  
fencing around the Play Park.**

080 2021 To consider quotes for the plaques on the Memorial stones in Memorial  
Green

**Resolved: To accept the quote from The Stone Sign Company – version B.**

081 2021 To discuss applying for an LCC support grant for social distancing and  
active travel See Appendix 8

**Resolved: No action**

082 2021 To discuss football contracts on the Play Field for the 2020/2021 season

**Resolved: To re-register the Play Field with Notts and Leicester FA.  
To send out an invoice to Melton Mowbray Rangers**

083 2021 To consider a request to plant 2 standard fruit trees on Plot 17 of the  
High Street Allotments

**Resolved: To approve planting of the 2 fruit trees.**

084 2021 To consider a request for the use of the Play Field site by the Village  
Hall for a maximum of 10 picnic style tables and the over flow car park  
by the Pavilion for a wedding reception on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Resolved: To approve the request and charge a fee of £60 for the use of the  
grass area by the Village Hall and the Play Field Car park.**

Meeting closed 21.17

