



MINUTES

of the WEST ROW Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2022

at 7pm in THE CHURCH HALL, WEST ROW

Present:

Cllr M Peachey
Cllr A Fisher
Cllr A Rolfe
Cllr A Goodenough
Cllr J Goodenough
Cllr T Gooch-Taylor-Balls
Cllr C Bebee

In attendance: Sharon Vale - Parish Clerk

D/Cllr Waldron, D/Cllr Stanbury, Sqn Ldr Balmer & 5 members of the public (inc. Rev Everett)

022/115	CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME and APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
a.	Chairman Cllr M Peachey presided and welcomed all to the meeting. Cllr A Fisher was agreed as Vice Chair pro tem. Everyone present was informed that the meeting was being recorded under data protection policy.	
b.	Apologies for absence: Cllr R Hamill and Cllr A Booth	
022/116	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
a.	Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in any item of business - none	
b.	Declaration of any personal and/or prejudicial interest in any items on the agenda - none	
c.	Written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests - none	
d.	Grants to any requests for dispensation - none	
022/117	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (10 MINS) members of the public may speak about items on this agenda.	
022/118	EXTERNAL REPORTS	
a.	C/Cllr Colin Noble (Suffolk County Council) – had sent his apologies	
b.	D/Cllr D Waldron (West Suffolk District Council) – thanked the Parish Council for the Christmas light display in the village	



c.	D/Cllr Lance Stanbury (West Suffolk District Council) – WSDC is in the process of tax budget setting for the County Council, District Council and Parish Council. Government have granted Councils a good settlement this year above expectations, so most Councils will only be putting up tax against inflation rate. There is an upcoming District Council meeting soon and council tax for Band D will be going up by £12 a year. WSC have plans to reduce costs as much as possible, so it reduces the council tax. WSC has applied for grants from the government to decarbonise as much as possible. At the Council offices car park in Bury, there are plans to build another Hub to link in with Mildenhall Academy.	
d.	Sqn Ldr Al Balmer (RAF Mildenhall) - There have been off base road works at the main gate so there has been an increase in traffic at the West Row gate during peak times. Road works have now been completed. Change of uniform policy off base. US service people are now allowed to wear uniform off base. Increased flying now in state of readiness for what is happening at the moment in other parts of the world. Cllr T Gooch-Taylor-Balls raised a question about lane control when leaving the base at West Row. Sqn Ldr Al Balmer said he would mention this again on base. Sqn Ldr Al Balmer is leaving, and a replacement will be in place soon.	
022/119	APPROVAL of MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To consider the accuracy and approval of the minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2022 were unanimously APPROVED and AGREED (ii) Matters arising not covered by this agenda – Generic banner sited at the junction of Mildenhall Road and Chapel Road, on the grass triangle adjacent to Plantation Farm. For a 2m x 1m the cost is £36.23. The banner slots onto two scaffold poles and made of mesh. Defer until October (iii) To consider the request for Community Woodland and Tree Warden. Awaiting response from County Council (iv) To consider cycle hoops for the Village Shop. Mr Kendall owns the ground in front of the shop and has agreed to the cycle hoops. As we have had agreement from Mr Kendall we will go ahead and remove the wall and reposition. We will get Paul Gammon to give us a quote for both. 	
022/120	PLANNING MATTERS RELATING TO WEST ROW:	
a.	<p>To consider Application No: DC/22/0044/HH – Consultation Expiry: 9th February 2022– extension given.</p> <p>Proposal planning application – Household planning application – single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory</p> <p>Location: 10 Beeches Road, West Row IP28 8NP</p> <p>Applicant: Mr J Bellamy</p> <p>The above application can be viewed by downloading it from the planning section of the website:</p> <p>https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-</p>	<p>Planning Officer informed 11/02/22</p>



	applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R5JYOXPDFVV00 SUPPORT (unanimous)	
b.	<p>To consider Application No: DC/22/0086/HH – Consultation Expiry: 18th February 2022</p> <p>Proposal planning application – Household planning application – (a) first floor extension above kitchen/dining room (b) demolition of existing shed and w/c (c) replacement windows on front and rear elevations (d) repair existing roof (e) re-render gable end elevations (f) fencing to northern boundary</p> <p>Location: Rear of 19 Beeches Road, Mildenhall Road, West Row IP28 8NP</p> <p>Applicant: Mr Abid Abbas</p> <p>The above application can be viewed by downloading it from the planning section of the website: https://planning.westsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=R5YBCTPDG2P0</p> <p>SUPPORT (unanimous)</p>	<p>Planning Officer informed 11/02/22</p> <p>Concern over 7ft fence, visibility and access</p>
c.	General update on SCC development plans – Cllr M Peachey had a meeting with SCC about looking at some sort of link from the new development to the Hub. SCC trying to finish the footpath along Pot Hall Road to link up to bridleway	
d.	Allocation of land to the north of the graveyard and car park of the Baptist Chapel. Cllr M Peachey to write to the Baptist Chapel regarding a footpath linking Chapel Road with the new development.	
022/121	WEST ROW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN	
a.	Update on West Row Neighbourhood Plan – a working group needs to be organised. Speak to Cllr R Hamill and defer until March.	
022/122	MATTERS RELATING TO GOVERNANCE	
	None	
022/123	FINANCIAL MATTERS	
a.	To consider the Accounts Payable for February 2022 – AGREED Additional accounts were to be added	
022/124	MATTERS RELATING TO STREET FURNITURE/ AMENITY PROVISION	
a.	Update on benches – bench at the end of Chair Fen Drove and it being too close to the river. Cllr M Peachey has looked at the bench and will ask Mark Garrard to see if he can make a wooden plinth	
b.	To consider relocating existing bins and the purchase of replacements bins. There are two places in the village where we have multiple bins, litter bins and dog bins. We can ask Paul Gammon to move one of the bins to Shop Drove and the other dog bin to Parkers Drove at the back end of the playing fields. The third surplus litter bin at the Village Hall car park can be moved to the bridleway near Stanch House where the bench is, but due to being in a poor condition we will need to buy a replacement bin, and the Council have agreed to empty it. Unanimously AGREED	
c.	Update on footpaths/ bridleway projects – Cllr M Peachey still working on this and awaiting confirmation from WSCC. Footpath by the river that starts at John Smith's house towards Isleham is in a terrible state and getting worse. SCC have	



	now written to Alwyn Moss and asked him to cut back the overgrown vegetation before they can repair the footpath. Alwyn Moss has told them it's too dangerous for him to do this. In July 2020 SCC said they would sort this out. Cllr M Peachey wrote to SCC in December and has since spoken to them again without much luck. Cllr M Peachey has now served a notice to SCC. Awaiting response.	
d.	Report on recent Speed Indicator Device findings – Mildenhall Road and Hurdle Drove are the worst for speeding. Mildenhall Road speed numbers have come down slightly. Speeding on Hurdle Drove is mainly cars going out of the village towards Beck Row, but only a small handful. The Green and Chapel Road figures are very good and much better. Regarding speeding on Pot Hall Road. The Council put up a black box. The results of the average speed going into Pot Hall Road are 31 MPH, and the average speed going out is 33 MPH which is slightly higher. The volume of traffic per day was 1000 vehicles in either direction. We are getting another SID for Pot Hall Road near Cornflower Road junction and one for the other side of Jude's Ferry Bridge.	
e.	Sign for Pot Hall Lane, and condition of road surface - Cllr M Peachey will write to WSCC.	
f.	Path between Pot Hall Road and Wellington Close – very overgrown with bushes overhanging and weeds growing. It was AGREED that Cllr A Rolfe and Cllr A Goodenough will cut back the bushes.	
g.	Lack of footpath out of Cricks Road into Church Road – Cllr M Peachey asked WSCC for a price a while ago but will now chase.	
h.	To consider quote for new Speed Indicator Device - AGREED	
i.	To consider the revised WRPC grass cutting contract – Clerk to get a contract set up with R H Landscapes	Cle
j.	Update on dog fouling signs for the Parish – signs have been placed at Bargate Road and around the village. Closed	
022/125	OTHER WORKING PARTY UPDATES/ REPORTS	
a.	Update on the Quiet Lanes initiative (designated lead councillor Cllr R Hamill)	
b.	Update on contractor and cleaning of West Row war memorial (clerk) Quotation received from Mildenhall Monumental for £2,400 inclusive of VAT. Work cannot be undertaken until March 2022. AGREED	Cle
c.	Coat of Arms / Parish Village Sign – Defer until March	
d.	To consider an article, primarily for the Echo but which could also be displayed on the noticeboard/ website/ social media to explain the remit of the Parish Council and what services WSDC and SCC are responsible for. Echo being published in April. Cllr A Fisher to investigate	
e.	To consider comments about removal of wreaths from War Memorial – Cllr M Peachey has spoken to Rev'd David Everett. Rev'd David Everett said that the practice of removing the wreaths and relaying them again has been going on for many years. Wreaths are taken into the church to be blessed and the re-laid again on the Sunday. Rev'd David Everett said that this could be changed, and the wreaths would remain at the memorial. Remembrance service for this year has now been booked for Saturday 12 th November 2022 at 10am. It was suggested	



	that both the Baptist Church and St Peter's Church meet on the Saturday and lay wreaths together. Rev'd David Everett said he would speak to the Baptist Church. This matter has now been RESOLVED .	
f.	Letter written to the homeowner regarding overgrown verge at Beeches Road – no response. Clerk to visit homeowner.	Cler
g.	It was suggested that the Beacon been placed on the Village Hall playing fields for safety reasons. A decision will be made at the next Village Hall AGM in March.	
2022/126	ALLOTMENT MATTERS	
a.	Meeting took place on 1 st February with all allotment holders. Allotment association in the process of being formed. Cllr A Goodenough elected Chairman, Mr S Frost elected Vice Chairman and Mrs T Eaglen elected Secretary. AGM to be arranged.	
2022/127	EVENTS 2022	
a.	Update on plans for the Queens Platinum Anniversary event in 2022. All moving forward.	
2022/128	CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS' REPORTS and SUGGESTIONS (on the night)	
a.	<p>Councillors reports and suggestions:</p> <p>Cllr C Bebee asked to put a sign up on the notice board for the Village Hall AGM</p> <p>Cllr A Rolfe asked for a TPO for the walnut trees down Chapel Road. Clerk to enquire how to go about getting a TPO</p> <p>The quote for £400 was AGREED for the tree cutting on the Church Green</p> <p>Cllr M Peachey advised that he will be away for both the March and April meetings</p> <p>Resident has asked for small posts to be erected on The Green to stop vehicles parking there. Not the responsibility of the Parish. Clerk to speak to Highways</p>	<p>Cler</p> <p>Cler</p>
2022/129	CORRESPONDENCE & EXCHANGE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (at the discretion of the Chairman)	
	(i) Parish Forum for June 2022	
	AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Please contact the clerk if you have agenda items	
	Reminder: DATE OF NEXT MEETING 16th MARCH 2022	

Ended 10pm