

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2018 AT WALMER BRIDGE  
VILLAGE HALL

ATTENDANCE –Mr D Suthers, Mr D Rimmer, Mrs C Roper  
Mrs M Kirkman, Mr J Rainsbury, Mrs S Rainsbury Mr L Dryden  
Also present were fifteen members of the public and  
Councillor Colin Coulton.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES – The minutes of the previous meeting were  
discussed and agreed.

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

4. CHAIRMAN'S UPDATES AND MATTERS ARISING

The clerk was asked to write to Kevin Hunt of Spar thanking  
him for their sponsorship of planting at the WG gardens.

The repair of the two bus stops, one near Old Mill Court and  
the other near the Walmer Bridge Inn are the responsibility  
of SRBC.

The bridge sign had been cleaned by the Village Committee  
who also reported drainage problems.

The two benches for the recreation ground are ready to be  
sited.

Damage to grass verges caused by delivery vehicles to the  
Fresh Chicken Company will be repaired.

The World War 1 soldier, “Tommy” was in place. A letter will be sent to the Village Hall Committee thanking them for positioning it.

Gym Equipment is on order, the suppliers, Proludic, will send details of the equipment to the clerk.

The Walmer Bridge Beer Festival, at present run by Rotary, will no longer involve them after next year. Consequently, the Village Hall Committee are looking for “partners”. We need to have more information from them.

## 5. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Then followed a somewhat heated discussion concerning the funding of the Christmas tree in the grounds of the Walmer Bridge Inn.

Some members of the public had heard that this was not going to be funded by the Parish Council this year.

It was made clear to the public assembled that the Parish Council had no objection to the tree, just the funding of it.

A letter had been received from the Headmaster of Little Hoole CP School supporting the Christmas event.

It was made clear that there was already a Christmas tree at Walmer Green Gardens, but points were made in the public discussion, that this location was not a focal point in the village, there was no room for any stalls and there were safety issues due to the lack of fencing.

There were also representatives of the football club present concerning the container on the edge of the football field

and their planning application for it to remain in that place. They were advised that the Parish Council had already objected to its' siting.

#### 6. PLANNING UPDATES ON ONGOING APPLICATIONS

No further updates

#### 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE LAST MEETING

07/2018/8110/HPD – 23 Rockburgh Crescent

Application for prior approval – single storey rear extension

It was agreed that there was nothing contentious here.

#### 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This was discussed and agreed.

#### 9. PAYMENTS

It was agreed to pay Garden Scene an amount of £306.42 for work done in October

It was agreed to pay the Royal British Legion an amount of £60 for two wreathes, including a small donation.

Payment of £6,500 to Walmer Bridge Village Hall in respect of refurbishment was confirmed.

#### 10. CHRISTMAS TREE

The proposal was put forward that Little Hoole Parish Council will fund a Christmas tree this year in the grounds of the Walmer Bridge Inn with a maximum spend of £250.

The voting on this was 6 to 1 in favour and so will proceed.

To be discussed next year giving plenty of notice of a decision

## 11. TO DECIDE ON THE PRECEPT FOR 2019/2020

It was decided that this should remain the same as the last financial year – a figure of £22,500.

## 12. GARDEN - SCENE CONTRACT

The monthly payments from January 2019 will be £300 plus VAT. This increase was due to the additional work to be carried out throughout the year on the areas in front of the shops.

It was agreed to renew the contract for next year.

Councillor Suthers will contact Paul Kenworthy to ask about bulb planting now in the containers at the front of the shops

He was also to check with SRBC re the lighting for the trees at Walmer Green Gardens from a safety point of view.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

An e- mail from a resident concerning dog fouling

An e-mail from a resident concerning speeding control

## 12. MEMBERS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Website options were discussed. Decided to proceed with suggestion of virtual machine software following the discontinuation of iWeb .

Councillor Kirkman attended the My Neighbourhood meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 14<sup>th</sup> 2019