



## NORTH WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF ADDITIONAL ORDINARY MEETING

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 at 7:30pm at the Village Pond**  
(held outdoors due to Covid-19 considerations)

#### Councillors Present

Cllr Geoff Chapman (GC) – Chairman (Chair), Cllr Judith McGinley (JMG), Cllr David James (DJ), Cllr Bill Preston (BP), Cllr Paul Gaskell from BDBC, Sharon Shea (Clerk).

#### Actions for

**052/FC/  
03/21-22**

#### Apologies for absence:

Cllr Judith Henderson (HCC), Cllr Diane Taylor (BDBC).  
**Did not attend:** Cllr Peter Waggett (PW).

**053/FC/  
03/21-22**

#### Declarations of Interest

None.

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03/21-22**

#### Meeting open to the Public

Four members of the public attended the meeting.

**055/FC/  
03/21-22**

#### Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

(a)

#### **21/01571/HSE 8 St Michael's Close, North Waltham**

Erection of front porch, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Replacement of vertical tile hanging. Removal of chimney stacks.

A number of residents made representations to the council, expressing a number of concerns about the proposed development.

NWPC response to BDBC consultation: *see Appendix A.*

(b)

#### **20/02516/ROC Highfield, Church Road, North Waltham**

Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 18/00460/FUL to amend the plan numbers to amend the landscaping. **Amended plans received 15/06/21.**

NWPC response to BDBC consultation: No comment.

**ACTION:** Respond to BDBC with the PC's responses.

**Clerk**

**056/FC/  
03/21-22**

#### Finance

(a)

#### Receipts and Payments

Council approved the transfer of the BDBC grass-cutting grant from the Parish Council to North Waltham Village Trust (NWVT).

**RESOLUTION:** To approve the payment of £2,056.00 grass-cutting grant to NWVT. Proposed by DJ, seconded by JMG and approved unanimously.

#### **ACTION:**

Arrange for the payment of the grass-cutting grant to NWVT via bank transfer.

**Clerk**

**057/FC/**

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

**03/21-22** The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 07:30pm.**  
**Venue: TBC as St Michael's Church, Steventon Road.**

**058/FC/  
03/21-22** **Village Walkaround**

**(a) Defibrillator**

The defibrillator was checked and seen to be fully charged. It was unclear whether it needed regular checking/maintenance.

**ACTION:** Find out whether the defibrillator requires maintenance and, if so, produce a maintenance procedure for it.

**Clerk**

**(b) Telephone box**

It was thought that a 'Defibrillator' sign had been ordered for the telephone box.

**ACTION:** Find out whether a 'Defibrillator' sign was purchased and, if so, where it is located.

**Clerk**

**(c) Pond: duck house**

After consulting with a local resident it was agreed that a new duck house and flotation device should be purchased.

**ACTION:** Identify potential duck house suppliers and pass on details, including costings, to the Parish Council.

**Clerk**

**(d) Pond: willow tree**

The Chair explained the issues with the willow tree, recognising its significance as a focal point in the village. The most likely course of action in the short term is that the tree will undergo a significant pollarding this autumn.

**ACTION:** Keep residents updated via the Parish Magazine and other media.

**Clerk**

**(e) Green next to the forge**

The sycamores on the green need cutting back.

**ACTION:** Add cutting back of the sycamores to the Lengthman's task list for his next visit in September.

**Clerk**

**(f) Potholes**

A number of potholes were observed. Locations at or close to: Box Cottage, No 9 St Michael's Close, Street.Cottage, Hook & Hatchet.

**ACTION:** Report the potholes to BDBC.

**Clerk**

**(g) Traffic**

A local resident made a complaint about large lorries from Southern Water travelling through the village from 4am in the morning.

**ACTION:** Contact Southern Water to make them aware of the disturbance caused.

**Clerk**

**(h) Churchyard verge**

The Churchwarden has raised a concern with the PC regarding the overgrown verge along the churchyard on Steventon Road, and the significant erosion that continues from vehicles pulling in too close to the bank.

**ACTIONS:**

- Contact BDBC to let them know that the roadside verge was not cut back on their last visit to the village and is now very overgrown.
- Arrange to discuss options for addressing the erosion problem, e.g. installation of kerbing, with St Michael's PCC.

**Clerk**

**Clerk**

**(i) Overgrown tree at the school**

A tree in the school playground has grown out over the pavement and engulfed the sewage vent pipe.

- ACTION:** Contact the school to let them know about potential damage to the vent pipe from the tree. **Clerk**
- (j) **Damage to concrete manhole cover at Corndell**  
Vehicles driving over the kerb at the junction of Mary Lane and Steventon Road have damaged a concrete manhole cover at the base of telephone post on the green at Corndell.
- ACTION:** Report the damage to BT/Openreach. **Clerk**
- (k) **Road erosion**  
The road is badly eroded at the dropped kerb at the end of Cuckoo Close, going downhill to Chapel Street.
- ACTION:** Report the damage to Hampshire Highways. **Clerk**
- (l) **Traffic safety mirror**  
The traffic mirror at the end of Cuckoo Close/Mary Lane is broken and needs to be replaced.
- ACTION:** Identify potential traffic mirror suppliers and pass on details, including costings, to the Parish Council. **Clerk**
- (m) **Access to footpath between Mary Lane and Ramsholt Close**  
The access point at the gate is very overgrown.
- ACTION:** Contact the residents concerned asking them to cut back the overgrowth. **Clerk**
- (n) **Kerbing**  
The high kerbing at the edge of the pond facing Popham Lane is providing a good level of protection to the green area surrounding the pond and may be an option for protecting the eroded verge at the churchyard.
- ACTION:** Find out from where the pond kerbing was sourced. **Clerk**

Signed ..... Date .....

**Appendix A****North Waltham Parish Council response to planning application 21/01571/HSE**

28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**21/01571/HSE****8 St Michael's Close, North Waltham**

**Erection of front porch, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Replacement of vertical tile hanging. Removal of chimney stacks.**

This application was discussed at a meeting of the North Waltham Parish Council (NWPC) on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

The PC noted the concerns expressed by a number of local residents about the proposed development and visited the site that evening.

- a. The overbearing, dominant nature of the proposed two storey side extension is a major concern, particularly as it is proposed that the building extends to within 15cms of the boundary of the property.
- b. The height of the side extension will cut off light to the neighbouring property and cast the only private area of that property's garden into shade, thereby impeding those neighbours' enjoyment of their property and encroaching on their privacy.
- c. Development to the boundary is contrary to the open and spacious look and feel of St Michael's Close, which is located within the North Waltham Conservation Area. Views of the Close benefit from the placement of well-spaced properties within good-sized plots, with adequate space between them.
- d. The wooden cladding proposed for the exterior at the front of the house is out of character and contrary to the uniform vertical tile hanging which distinguishes the neighbouring properties in that part of the Close.
- e. Contrary to what is stated in the planning application, there is a very tall tree within the boundary of the rear garden at the property, easily within reach of the proposed rear extension and very likely within reach of the existing building and the proposed side extension.
- f. St Michael's Close is already subject to frequent and unpleasant blockages to the sewerage system; the pipes being too small for the load is a well-known problem. The proposed rear extension will cover part of the existing sewerage system (thereby risking damage to that system during the building works) as well as an inspection point which is routinely accessed to remove blockages.

NWPC response: Objection to the proposal in its current form, for the reasons outlined above.