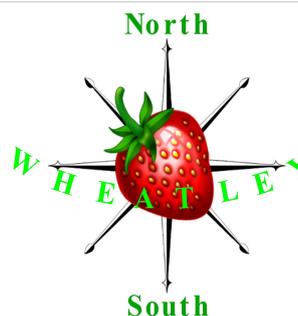


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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th June 2017 in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs C Keyworth (Chair), J Goacher, M Burton, M Bennet, R Naish; D Cooke;
D Willcox and Clerk: S Stilliard.

Residents: 2 **Guests:** Alan Guest; DCllr Hugh Burton; CCllr John Ogle; PCSO Airey

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Richard Howard and Mr Bill Cullen presented details of a planning application on behalf of the Tennis Club for the installation of flood lights for the tennis courts in order to extend play much later into the year. There will be 8 x 10 mt high floodlights – 4 on each side of the courts, illuminating each court separately so those not in use can be switched off. It is intended that there will be a 9.30 pm curfew to reduce any light pollution for residents, however, the use of directional LED lights will also keep light pollution to an absolute minimum. The Tennis Club will need the PC's permission to erect the posts for the lights, just outside the perimeter fence of the courts. The Parish Council will receive a letter as trustees of the playing field and the Tennis Club hopes that Councillors will support the application. Residents on Low Pasture Lane and on Sturton Road adjacent to the Playing Field will also receive letters to inform them of the plans and seek any comments.

Action – Council will consider the plans as soon as the application is submitted

PLANNING MEETING

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Matthews; Newby and Wright - which were accepted by Council.

Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality – DCllr Hugh Burton left at this point

New Applications –

Proposed Dwelling Land Adjacent To Cotswold, Top Street, North Wheatley Nottinghamshire Ref. No: 17/00707/FUL | Received: Fri 19 May 2017 | Validated: Wed 31 May 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council considered that the design of the property was out of keeping with surrounding houses i.e. 1950s bungalows – so it will look very different in a conservation area. It is acknowledged that it is a difficult site to build on but it is a large house on a narrow plot. There is no mention of surface water runoff. Council voted 6 object: 1 abstain. **Action Clerk to object on behalf of the Council for the reasons above**

[Demolition of Existing Bungalow and Garage and Construction of New House and Garage](#) Solent, Top Street, North Wheatley Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9DB Ref. No: 17/00705/FUL | Received: Fri 19 May 2017 | Validated: Tue 23 May 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

A very large plot with the 3 garages placed at the back of the plot quite a way from the house. It is a very modern design built Nth to Sth, rather than East to West, which means that it will overlook its neighbours more than necessary. The design is not in keeping with other properties on Top Street, for example the slate roof on the house which does not conform to Neighbourhood Planning design guidelines - the application states that the garage roof pantiles are to match the locality whereas the tiles on the roof of the house do not

Council voted 4 object: 1 support: 2 abstain. **Action Clerk to object on behalf of the Council for the above reasons**

[Demolition of Existing Single Storey Side Extension and Erection of New Single Storey Side Extensions and First Floor Accommodation](#) Edgebank, Low Pasture Lane, North Wheatley, Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9DQ Ref. No: 17/00697/HSE | Received: Thu 18 May 2017 | Validated: Thu 18 May 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Council unanimously support this application – **Action Clerk**

DCllr Burton returned to the meeting at this point

Decisions –

[Change of Use from Part Agricultural, Part Office to Residential Use to Form 1no Four Bedroom Dwelling, 1no Three Bedroom Dwelling and 1no Two Bedroom Dwelling with the Existing Post Office to Remain in Use \(Resubmission of P.A. 16/01514/COU\)](#) Post Office And Stores Sturton Road South Wheatley Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9DH Ref. No: 17/00361/RSB | Received: Wed 08 Mar 2017 | Validated: Mon 03 Apr 2017 | Status: **Refused**

DCllr Burton has urged the applicant to submit a revised proposal (rather than appeal this decision), discussing the plans with BDC in advance so that the scheme can adhere to their criteria and address other architectural and conservation issues

Old Applications awaiting decisions –

[Application to discharge Condition 6 of Appeal Ref 15/00038/S36 - Outline Planning Permission with All Matters Reserved for Erection of Two Dwellings and Construction of New Access](#) Land Adjacent To Whitegates Top Pasture Lane North Wheatley Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9BY Ref. No: 17/00350/COND | Received: Wed 01 Mar 2017 | Validated: Thu 09 Mar 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

[Erect Two Dwellings with Garages and Construct New Access](#) Land Off Top Pasture Lane Adjacent To Whitegates Top Pasture Lane North Wheatley Retford Nottinghamshire DN22 9BY Ref. No: 17/00638/FUL | Received: Thu 27 Apr 2017 | Validated: Fri 28 Apr 2017 | Status: **Awaiting decision**

Other Planning Issues –

[Outline planning to erect one dwelling at Land north of Orchard Lodge, Sturton Road, Sth Wheatley has been appealed](#) Ref No APP/A3010/W/17/3173384 Status: **Awaiting decision**

Retrospective planning applications for 2 caravans on land at Top Pasture Lane are imminent according to the Enforcement Officer. The application will be made by the land owner for each caravan. There is no one living in the caravans currently – daytime activity to feed chickens only.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

06.17.01. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Matthews; Newby and Wright which were accepted by Council

06.17.02. Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

None declared at this stage.

06.17.03. Report from the Chair – Agenda Issues

None

06.17.04. Police Report.

PCSO Dave Airey reported 3 burglaries in Wheatley during May. On the 4th May there was a burglary from an outbuilding on Middlehill road and there were 2 thefts of diesel from Wood Lane in North Wheatley.

This year, from 01/04/2017, there have been 9 crimes of interest reported across the beat area. This compares with 21 reported in the same period last year.

Thefts of lead from residential properties are still quite prevalent in the Retford and thefts from gardens have shown an increase in the last month from rural village properties. Items being targeted are ornamental plant pots and topiary trees and bushes.

In the last month, there have been Police speed gun operations at South Wheatley, Sturton le Steeple, North Leverton (Sturton Road and Main Street), Misterton (Gringley Road and Station Road), and Tilt Lane and Spital Hill at Retford. In total, fifteen tickets were given out and a number of vehicles were stopped and warned. One car was seized for driving licence irregularities. Villagers, and some Parish Councillors, approached and thanked the officers at most of the sites. They were all asking for this to happen more often and the team were very happy to say that it would.

This month there have been 4 reported incidents of anti-social behaviour across the whole beat area compared with 11 reported incidents for April and 8 reported for the same month in 2016. The anti-social behaviour umbrella covers a wide range of incident types including hoax calls to the emergency services, found/ abandoned vehicles and wildlife/ animal issues. At the time of preparing this report, it is encouraging to report that there have been no incidents of youth related anti-social behaviour reported in the holiday period. This is good news for residents and young persons should be thanked for their behaviour in this period.

During holidays there is an increase in the number of children out playing both during the daytime and in the evenings. Might I ask that road users please take extra care, not only on main roads but also in built up residential areas and around play park areas?

Presently, there is a phone scam from bogus customs officials circulating. Please do not be duped by the ruse which has been reported several times in the last few weeks. The telephone call states that money is owed to the Inland Revenue, as a pension had not been taxed correctly. Personal details were known and a reference number was given. When questions were asked by the receiving person, the caller threatened Police action. HMRC would not contact you via telephone regarding money owed. This is a phishing call. Please contact HMRC on the below link if you have any enquiries:

<https://www.gov.uk/contact-hmrc>

Dave's full report can be seen on-line and in the next edition of the Clays Contact magazine.

Dave asks that residents please continue to report ALL suspicious persons, vehicles and activity to the control room on 101. Where a crime is in progress, or has just occurred, please continue to use the 999 number. Calls of this nature do make a difference in helping to drive down crime.

Confirmation of the Police contact numbers are as follows: - Notts Police – 101. Urgent – 999. Mobile numbers for non-urgent matters: PCSO Dave Airey – 07525 226838; PC Bill Bailey 07910 336844

06.17.05. Community Speedwatch / Traffic Calming / Neighbourhood and Home Watch Reports.

Community Speedwatch (CS)

The Speedwatch team is out twice a week and the latest activity log was presented. Notably a post van speeds through the village every day at 4.15 pm at around 40 MPH **Action Clerk to write to Retford sorting office with the registration numbers to see if anything can be done.**
Action PCSO Airey to follow up persistent speeders

Traffic Calming Group

A meeting of the Traffic Calming Group was held on May 18th to progress the group's proposal with Notts CC. It is suggested that for about £3k the PC could buy their own interactive speed sign(s). This device would also provide data about average speeds etc and may help to determine where it would have most effect in the village. **Action Clerk to put on agenda for the July PC meeting for further consideration having circulated all meeting notes to Councillors**

Neighbourhood and Home Watch

Nothing to report

Alan Guest informed Council that he has resigned from the position of Village Correspondent due to lack of confidence that articles would be published correctly or at all, now that The Retford Times is based out of Sheffield or Lincoln. Retford Life however does publish village events news so if residents wish to publicise any events they are urged to contact Retford Life editors. If anyone would like to take over as Village Correspondent please let a member of the Parish Council know.

06.17.06. District and County Councillor Reports

DCllr Burton suggested that Council responds to Simon Britt the Conservation Officer at BDC to request that the District Council take responsibility the restoration work involved in the Wheatley War Memorial **Action Clerk to respond accordingly**

CCllr Ogle reported that Notts CC is now a Conservative majority Council (with Mansfield Councillor's support) and new roles are being confirmed. There will be an additional £1 million for rural roads – photos and details of roads with bad potholes / surfaces / beck erosion and blocked gullies which have been awaiting attention to be sent to CCllr Ogle as soon as possible. **Action Cllrs Naish and Bennet to provide photos direct to CCllr Ogle or via the Clerk**

CCllr Ogle suggested that a petition from rural villages which want to retain a rural police presence would help in persuading Paddy Tipping to replace Bill Bailey when he retires. **Action Clerk to put on agenda for next PC meeting**

If the Parish feels that a figure of 20% uplift in new houses for rural areas within the new BDC Local Plan is too high Council should let BDC know that a lower figure would be more acceptable. **Action DCllr Burton to let the Clerk know who a letter to this effect should be addressed to**

The roll out of Broadband in this area was apparently stopped by BT due to the election. CCllr Ogle has taken up the case again

There will be a consultation regarding a Unitary Authority which will absorb Bassetlaw into Town Councils within Notts CC. CCllr Ogle is in favour of this because of the efficiencies it will bring together with more localised government. Only planning meetings to be considered so that local people don't have to travel to Nottingham for them. CCllr Ogle welcomes comments from Councillors.

06.17.07. The Lengthsman Scheme

All fine

Action Cllr Goacher to check Ian's training courses are up to date to safeguard the Council from any action if there was an accident. If he is short of any training Cllr Goacher to book him on via North Notts Training

06.17.08. Finance

06.17.08.1. Bank Reconciliation. The bank reconciliation to 30th May 2017 was approved by Council.

06.17.08.2. Accounts for Payment. The following payments were approved. **Action Clerk**

S Stilliard – salary and expenses for May	£ 317.32
Holmes Groundcare – Playing Field cut for May	£ 180.00
Steve Rockcliffe – website services for May	£ 16.00
Ian Wilkinson – lengthsman services - May	£ 227.80
David Foreman – defib installation	£ 85.00

06.17.08.3. Transparency grant

Money is available via NALC for the purchase of a tablet or scanner if the Council needs one.

Action Clerk to put on agenda for next PC meeting

06.17.09. Minutes of the PC Meeting held on 17th May 2017.

The minutes of the meeting were agreed by Council and signed off by the Chair

06.17.10. Matters Arising from the Minutes (non-agenda items)

None

06.17.11. NALC / reports from outside bodies

A Bassetlaw Forum was held on Monday May 22nd at Retford Town Hall. There was a presentation by the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and information that more special constables are being recruited for the area and in November about 16 will be allocated to rural areas. The 'Ring of Steel' which constitutes APM cameras apparently tracks known criminals who come into the Bassetlaw area and is effective at keeping crime contained.

Information for residents - the number to call to report fly tipping in the village is 0800 807060

06.17.12. Correspondence / Reading Bag

The following items of correspondence were received this month for circulation:

- Facts about the Parish report
- Supporting Merchant Navy Day letter

06.17.13. Playing Field / Pavilion / Community Garden

06.17.13.1. Playing Field

Following an e-mail from the Clerk to Holmes Groundcare telling them that the PC were unhappy with their standard of grass cutting and had therefore appointed another person to cut the playing field – a letter was sent to the Council by Chris Holmes and read out on his behalf by the Clerk. Council agreed that the wrong mower for the field had been used by Holmes Groundcare for some considerable time which was probably the main reason for the quality issues.

Action Clerk to write to Holmes Groundcare to thank them for the letter and comments which were duly noted and to ask for the return of the barrier key

There has been a complaint that the barrier to the playing field was left open recently.

The barrier is kept shut to stop unauthorised people using the field and it is the responsibility of all those with a key to ensure that it is closed after use please

Action Clerk to write to all key holders to reiterate this – Cllr Keyworth to provide the list of key holders

06.17.13.2. Other matters to report

Dave Valentine has written to the Parish Council to say that an anonymous donor has offered to pay for a lectern or plaque recognising the history and importance to the village of the 'Hiring Triangle'. Council is supportive of this project and would be prepared to add to the donation if necessary

Action Clerk to reply in support

06.17.14. Highways / Footpaths / Water Course / Public Safety

06.17.14.1. Low Street Gullies and Drain Clearance.

Collapsed gullies will need repair or replacement and Notts CC has ordered the work but no date has been set. **Action as above at point 06.17.06**

06.17.14.2. Street Lights Out

Street light on Low Street opposite Laburnum House is still not repaired. On Sturton Road lights numbers 25 / 26 have lost their glass **Action Clerk to report**

06.17.14.4. Other matters to report

The dead tree on the A620 which has been reported by CCllr Ogle is scheduled for removal and will need traffic management measures during removal.

The stile on a footpath to the south of Wheatley Beck is hard for dogs to get over, however Laura Summers has reported that it cannot be changed until it is in need of replacement because the landowner does not want to encourage dogs in his field which often have sheep in.

The corners of the roads entering the village from the dual carriageway have now been cleared giving good visibility

06.17.15. Village Hall Update.

Nothing to report

06.17.15.1. Defibrillator

A vote of thanks was given to Geoff Matthew for organising Defibrillator training which was well attended and informative. **Action Clerk to put a piece about Wheatley's defibs in the Retford Life Magazine.** New contacts for the Defib have also been added to the Emergency Plan

06.17.15.2. Trees for the village

Information was forwarded from NALC about joining the new Tree Charter which will be launched in November 2017, whereby 800 Legacy Trees will be planted across the UK – some of which have been reserved for those Parish Councils which become a Charter Branch (FOC). **Action Clerk to sign up for this in the first instance**

Matters to report

None this month

06.17.16. Plaster Pits / Allotments

Ian Wilkinson is cutting the grass on the allotment field now

06.17.17. Dates of next meetings.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be **Wednesday July 12th 2017 starting at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Please note that this is a change from the previously advertised date of July 11th**

Meetings for the rest of 2017 will be held on the following dates

September 12th / October 10th / November 14th / December 12th

Sara Stilliard – Clerk, tel. 881582

Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

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