



NEW WALTHAM

PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

NEW WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETING

Held at: Pavilion Hall, New Waltham.

Meeting Date: Wednesday 14th January 2026

Cllrs Present: **Cllrs, Smith (Chair), Charlesworth, Bond, Paxman, Simpson, Welham, Sandell, Clarke, Hartley, Breed, Raper, Hebbar, Keys.**

Apologies: Cllr David Poucher.

Others in attendance: Anneka Ottewell-Barrett (Proper Officer/Clerk/RFO)
Ward Cllrs, Harness, Shreeve, Dawkins.

Members of Public present: 23 member(s) of the public.

Item No.	Description & Discussion	Action(s)
25/188	Apologies Cllr Hebbar & Cllr Poucher	Accepted.
25/189	Declarations of Interest Cllrs Breed, Clarke, Charlesworth (Allotments) Cllr Simpson – quotes.	Declared & Accepted.
25/190	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Approved.
25/191	Police Report Police in attendance – no report given.	No action.

<p>25/192</p>	<p>Public Session</p> <p>23 members of public were in attendance regarding planning application DM/0980/25/OUT. Concerns re congested traffic around Louth Road area increase was concerning residents. Wildlife was also a large concern with amount of building work locally.</p> <p>Cllr Ron Shepherd in attendance also shared concerns of another resident that could not attend. Included wildlife, scale of development, tree preservation, traffic congestion (close to DPOW Hospital). Outside of current local plan, encroaches onto the 'green wedge', which separates the villages.</p> <p>Chair of Waltham PC also in attendance, sharing concerns regarding this application. Inconsistency to local plan, housing local plan, strategic gap between villages, NELC local plan in place to protect this gap, not build on it. Loss of countryside, wildlife. Environment. Traffic congestion and pollution on already busy roads.</p>	
<p>25/193</p>	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>Wednesday 4th February 2026</p>	<p>Approved.</p>
<p>25/194</p>	<p>Planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DM/0976/25 Land off Louth Road 2. DM/0980/25/OUT – Louth Road, Waltham Cllrs concerns were shared and echoed what residents/ Cllr Ron Shepherd & Waltham Chair voiced. 3. DM/1053/FUL – 12 Peaks Lane, NW 4. DM/0923/25/FUL – Land off Wellington 	<p>No objections.</p> <p>Objections noted & to be submitted.</p> <p>No objections.</p> <p>No further objections, queries answered. (x1 Cllr abstained)</p>

25/195	<p>Footpaths & Highways</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cycle Path 2. Peaks Lane Double yellow lines Cllr expressed concerns re parking during school hours. Ward Cllr advise that parking enforcement is a focus and employing more to assist with the issue. 3. Peaks Lane Shops Path Council suggest that shop owners speak to landlord and express concern re the uneven path. Also, a letter can be put through the landlords door advising on concerns. 	<p>No update.</p> <p>No action.</p> <p>Letter to be sent.</p>
25/196	<p>Pavilion & Play Area</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proposal Andy's Man Club - Council agreed 3 months free and then reduced rate of £18 per hour. Youth activities – more information needed re this proposal. Council will then consider. Local children, area, how, who etc. 2. Fire Risk Assessment Await Worknest assessment for the alarm upgrades and also approach Fire Brigade for advice for a building Fire Risk Assessment. 3. Tulip Healthcare Nappy Bin 4. CCTV Possibly can just be cleaned – possible upgrade. More discussions needed. 5. Murals Consultation ongoing. 	<p>Agreed.</p> <p>Further information wanted before decision made – Agreed.</p> <p>Hold off on quote for upgrade to system. Clerk to contact fire brigade re FRA & Worknest assessment – Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p> <p>Ongoing.</p>

	6. Fencing All steel fencing – contact.	Ongoing.
25/197	<p>Committee Updates & Reports</p> <p>1. Events Committee Briefly discussed holding a Traditional Summer Fayre for 2026 instead of Music Festival.</p> <p>Needs further discussion at committee.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Wed 21st at 7pm Wed 11th Feb @ 7pm</p> <p>2. Allotments Committee Water supply documents – documents to go to Clerk.</p> <p>Date of Next meeting: 2nd Feb @ 1pm 2026</p> <p>3. Personnel Committee</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 9th February 2026</p> <p>4. Pavilion Management Committee</p> <p>Date of next meeting: Friday 16th @ 11am</p> <p>5. Friendship Group Group successful, new members. Advised that an attendee had passed and council agreed to give a mention in the next newsletter as long standing resident. Request for refreshment supplies.</p>	<p>Agreed.</p>

25/168	<p>Parish Council Matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worknest Update Update given, Clerk meeting with auditor 9th Feb for H&S audit. 2. Village green flag pole Cllr Clarke advising that pole needs repairing. Scaffolding required. Proposal to purchase scaffolding and repair pole. 3. Village green/ War memorial maintenance Quotes assessed – proposal for quote from Byron Simpson favourable due to cost. Option 2 agreed. 4. Youth Council Road Safety – Ward Cllrs wanting to fund a speed sign. To be discussed at next YC meeting, date TBC. 5. Newsletter Proposal to reduce to 2 newsletter a year. Tied vote. Chairs casting vote to stay with 3 publications. Next edition – Spring. 	<p>Clerk to update.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed (x3 Cllrs abstained from vote)</p> <p>Clerk to email quote to Ward Cllrs – Agreed.</p> <p>Agreed.</p>
25/169	<p>Parish Council Finance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acknowledge receipt of clerk’s monthly/financial report – including bank reconciliation, with supporting evidence. 2. Approve Payments as detailed within agenda & distributed payments schedule/Clerk’s Report (circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting, along with invoice/receipt evidence) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £989.21 Playdale (Inspection repairs/maintenance) Power: PHAAA 1907 s.76(1) 	<p>Councillors acknowledge receipt of Financial Report, Bank Rec & Payments including invoice/receipt evidence – All Approved.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £50.00 Newsletter Deliveries (Paid to Cllr Stephanie Smith for Grandson to deliver). Power: LGA 1972 s.142(A) • £25.00 Payment to NW Village Hall (double booking, party used VH, cost to reimburse VH for extra time used). Power: LGA 1972 s.145/ 1976 s19./1972 s134/4 • £2310.00 Worknest H&S Contract Power: LGA 1972 section 111. • £27.29 Cllr Lanyards & IDs (We print lanyards website) Power: LGA 1972 section 111. • £24.84 Office Friends (Blue Roll for Pav Hall) Power: LG(MP)A 1976 s.19 • £183.33 MES Gardening Power: HA 1980 s.96 	
25/170	<p>Exclusion of Press & Public</p> <p>Consider exemption of press and public and under Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, Section 192) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.</p>	N/A
25/172	<p>Personnel/Payroll</p> <p>(May contain Confidential info, that cannot be minuted)</p>	N/A

Meeting Ended: 21.00	
Signed _____	Date _____