

LITTLE WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 November 2009 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall

Present: Councillors
Gill Aston
Peter Brown- Chairman
Brian Cox
Miles Howarth (later)
Jackie Ketley
Richard Lay
John Smith
Austin Weir

09/112 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Miles Howarth (arriving later), Edith Robertson, Borough Councillors Delmas Ashford and Malcolm Taylor, and County Councillor John Aldridge.

09/113 Consideration of Minutes of 3 November 2009

The minutes were accepted as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

09/114 Declarations of Interest

Jackie Ketley declared a non-prejudicial interest in item 09/116.1

09/115 Public Forum- to receive any representations from the public

None

09/116 Planning

09/116.1 09/01494/LBC 70 The Street
Single storey rear extension.
No observations.

09/117 Grants 09-10

Consideration of valid requests for grants from Good Companions, Memorial Hall, Pre-School, United Reformed Church and Village Magazine.

Before discussion started, Brian Cox raised the matter of Richard Morgan (a trustee of the Tom Amos Charity) who had accused Brian Cox of having a conflict of interest as a result of being both a Parish Councillor and the Chairman of the trustees of the Tom Amos Charity. Councillors decided that there was no conflict of interest.

After discussion, the following grants were agreed:-

- Good Companions - £100 plus payment of their hall hire fees (approx £150)
- Memorial Hall - £250 towards replacement flooring
- Pre-School - £150 specifically for art & craft materials
- URC - £300 as a S137 "Preservation of old buildings" payment towards repairs to the schoolroom roof
- Village Magazine - £100 to assist the new volunteers in funding the magazine during the transition of editorship. Councillors also approved a vote of thanks to Evelyn Bolton for her work as editor of the Village Magazine for so many years, and wished her well in her "retirement".

09/118 Budget 2010/11

Consideration of precept request.

After discussion, it was agreed not to increase the precept, and to request £17694. This is the second time councillors have approved a zero increase.

09/119 Gardening Contract

Consideration of proposed cancellation of Pinnacle contract.

It was agreed to terminate the Pinnacle gardening contract and appoint NRH Landscapes.

09/120 Finance

09/120.1 Payments for approval of £1200.30 listed below.
Approved

09/121 Urgent Business

There was urgent discussion regarding the North Chelmsford Area Action Plan, and the Parish Council's response. It was agreed to hold a presentation of the plan's proposals at the 1 December meeting and to encourage as many members of the public as possible to attend. It was agreed to put posters around the village and publicise the meeting on the Little Waltham website. It was also agreed to encourage people to subscribe to the email mailing list, via the website, and to investigate using flyers through the Primary School and Pre-School to encourage subscription.

09/122 Closure

Date of next meeting: 1 December 2009.
Meeting closed at approx 9.15pm.

| Payments | | | £ | £ | £ |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Nov 09 | Poppy Appeal | Section 137 donation for 2 wreaths | 55.00 | 0.00 | 55.00 |
| Nov 09 | Terry Payne | Repairs to playground equipment | 150.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 |
| Nov 09 | Pinnacle | Grasscutting during 2009 | 773.00 | 115.95 | 888.95 |
| Nov 09 | Peter Brown | Reimbursement of website template and first year's hosting | 106.35 | 0.00 | 106.35 |
| Total | | | 1084.35 | 115.95 | 1200.30 |