

Minutes of a Meeting of the Waltham Parish Council held in the Waltham Library on Thursday 22nd October 2010 at 7.00 pm.

Present: The Chairman Vice Chairman P Woodliff, Councillors Baker, Bean, Dewires, Evans, Frisby, Shaw and Teanby, Ward Councillor P Jackson, 5 Residents, 2 members of the press 4 Fire Fighters including Waltham's Fire Liaison Officer David Scott, Paul Drury Consultant for Humberside Fire & Rescue, Andy Bryan Watch Manager at Winterton Fire Station, and the Parish Clerk.

21.10.2010 Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct Order (2007))

Declaration of Interest by Members of the Parish Council in relation to the agenda below:

None Declared

22.10.2010 Open Forum – To enable any resident to raise any items with the Parish Council:

None

23.10.2010 Apologies:

Apologies were received from Ward Councillor I Colquhoun, Cllr A Archer, Barrett, Clayton, Davies, Penney and Surtees. Councillor M Archer is to attend the meeting later.

24.10.2010 To hear a presentation by Paul Drury of Humberside Fire & Rescue Service on Planning for the Future:

The Chairman welcomed Paul Drury to the meeting. Paul Drury asked if the Chairman would allow him to address the members of the public present and allow them to take part in the discussion, which will follow.

The Council agreed to suspend the meeting to allow the public to take part in the discussions.

Councillor M Archer joined the meeting – Vice Chairman P Woodliff remained in the Chair.

Paul Drury presented Planning for the Future and asked the Councillors and public to get involved in shaping the future of our Fire and Rescue Service to meet the needs of our community in today's tough financial climate.

It was explained that every 3 years the Fire Service develop a Strategic Plan and an Integrated Risk Management Plan which explain all the changes that they are thinking about making for the future. The plans, which they are currently working on, will run from 1st April 2011 until 31st March 2014. The full report is available to view on line at www.humbersidefire.gov.uk.

This created much discussion for the Parish Councillors, Ward Councillor, public and fire officers who attended the meeting.

Some of the issues talked about included:

The area on the map, which was brought to the meeting by Paul Drury, did not cover the areas in Lincolnshire, which Waltham Fire Crew attends.

The new Vision computer system, which is currently being used by Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, this system automatically dispatches fire engines which will attend the call in the least time according to the computer – and not necessarily the nearest to the incident. This has directly resulted in Waltham Fire Station not being called to a road traffic accident on the Barton Street, but instead a crew from Cromwell Road attended. If the calls for service are going to be redirected away from Waltham then the statistics may depict whether the station is needed or not.

The Fire Service suggests using 4 men crew and smaller vehicles to attend smaller fires, which will therefore reduce costs, this needs to be better researched than the CARP vehicles which proved inappropriate for the Waltham area.

Paul Drury asked the attendees to complete the questionnaire on the back two pages of the survey and to hand it back to either the Clerk or to him directly.

Clearly there were lot of issues and information which Paul Drury was unable to answer and asked if he could come back to Waltham to deliver the results of his survey and the nine proposals which Humberside Fire & Rescue Service are suggesting. He would take our concerns away to senior officers and suggested that Humberside Fire and Rescue Service should send someone to our next meeting to bring back answers to the questions, which have been raised following the discussions, and this person should be in a position to explain the Vision System and how it works.

Paul Drury wished to express that in the Strategic Plan 2011 to 2014 there is no mention of Fire Station Closures. He said that the Fire Authority make the decisions and not Senior Fire Officers of the Fire Service.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to invite Paul Drury back to a meeting of Waltham Parish Council and for him to get the information and statistics on the Vision System to the Parish Council as soon as possible.

Councillor M Archer said that Mr Drury has not been made aware of the public response that was shown when it was previously proposed to close Waltham Fire Station and in all fairness he has been sent into this meeting blind.

Cllr Teanby said that with a fire every minute counts and to not have our officers called to a fire in this area is bizarre.

The Chairman Cllr P Woodliff thanked Paul Drury and Andy Bryan for attending this meeting and they left the room.

The Clerk read from the Strategic Plan & IRMP 2011-2014 Consultation & Engagement Stage 2 Feedback September 2010 that Paul Drury left, which she felt should be brought to the attention of the Parish Council:

Proposal 18

Q: Could you see these reductions/closures working in Hull?

A: Waltham and Immingham are obvious candidates. For other areas, e.g. Hull, any decisions would be based on detailed risk modelling. Proximity of stations in areas may be considered, e.g. around Peaks Lane and Clough Road stations.

Q: Does this mean the RDS stations we tried to close in the last IRMP are now back on the table?

A: Possibly. But marginal saving e.g. £120k. Also, the public didn't want these closures and we need to ensure that we're responding to our communities. Providing we maintain our response standards, a pump could go at those stations (Kirton, Waltham). This should have happened last time but Members said no. Members may not have the option this time.

The Parish Council had concerns that these considerations are already in writing in the Strategic Plan & IRMP feedback document.

Cllr Frisby suggested getting an up to date list of members of the Fire Authority for the Parish Council particularly now these two new pieces of information have come to light.

Cllr M Archer said communication is lacking, as the Fire Service has not made us aware either by letter or presentation through our Fire Liaison Officer. It is understandable that Fire Officer Scott is only allowed to pass on certain information,

but these details have been published on a website and felt that the Parish Council should have been made aware of them. Cllr Frisby asked if other Parish Councils should be made aware of the issues. The Chairman said that with the press being present then he felt sure this matter would reach the local community.

RESOLVED: The Clerk is to collate an up to date list of members of the Fire Authority.

25.10.2010 Planning Matters and to discuss the planning applications received from North East Lincolnshire Council:

- (a) To hear any update on 93 High Street, Waltham regarding the conditions for vehicles leaving site.

The Clerk confirmed that she has spoken to Kerry Walker at the planning office for NELC who said that a wheel wash is part of the conditions for this site and the operating times are 8.00am to 6pm and cannot enforce that no deliveries are made during school times. The site agent has said that deliveries will be kept to a minimum as mixing the mortar will be on site soon.

The Parish Council felt that NELC's Health and Safety should be made aware and be asked to monitor this situation so to minimise the danger to school children.

- (b) *The following NELC decisions were heard:*

Councillor M Archer declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest in this item whilst this notice of decision was read out.

DC/599/10/WAB Brigsley Road (Wayside), Waltham.

Amended application in connection with re-siting of proposed double garage (approved application number DC/120/08/WAB)

Application Approved.

DC/752/10/WAB 19 Woodhall Drive, Waltham.

Erect single storey extension to the rear.

Application Approved.

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

Councillor M Archer declared a Personal & Prejudicial Interest and left the room.

DC/879/10/WAB 46 Skinners Lane, Waltham

Install dormers to front to form bedrooms and bathroom in roof space.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

Recommend Approval.

Councillor M Archer returned to the meeting.

26.10.2010 To agree a date for the Carols on the Green Concert:

RESOLVED: It was agreed the date for the Carols on the Green Concert will be Sunday 19th December 2010. The Clerk is to contact Reverend Shelton and the Girl Guides Leader to confirm this.

With there being no further items to discuss the meeting closed at 08.20pm.