

NORTH WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING

19th April 2016, 7.15pm Rathbone Pavilion

1	Councillors Present: Geoff Chapman (Chairman), Adele Stevenson (Vice Chair), Sara Thomas, Mark Dinning, Judith McGinley and Allison Spyer (Clerk) Stuart Frost (District Council).	ACTIO FOR
2	Apologies for Absence:	
3	Apologies Not Received:	
4	Declarations of Interest: PW declared an interest in the St Michaels Close planning application as he lives in St Michaels Close.	
5	Meeting open to the Public: No members of the public in attendance	
6	Minutes: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Council meetings held on 15 th March 2016. The minutes were confirmed as correct and duly signed.	
7	Matters Arising: Trim Trail – Ongoing Pinch points by Old Forge: On-going Unity Bank, Online Banking Process & Procedures – Finance risk assessment on-going Pond: To be discussed later in the meeting North Waltham Conservation Area: Ongoing Defibrillator – On-going Jobs Around the Village: JV & AS walked around the village and compiled a list of job that needed attention. AS confirmed that JV has now started. Willow Tree by Pond: AS confirmed that Alan Purkiss has been to have a look at the tree and is happy that it is healthy.	
8	Pond: AStev, SE and PW have formed a pond sub-committee and recruited members of the village onto it. The committee have met several times and agreed that the appearance of the pond needs to be upgraded. As per the last PC meeting AStev and SE have investigated purchasing a new duckhouse as opposed to fixing the old one. The most appropriate one found costs £383 without VAT and £480 with VAT. A tether would be an additional £10 and the landing kits £20. Fixing the old house was costed at £250. Concerns were raised regarding the high cost of a new DH and the fact this item has not been budgeted for this year. After further debate it was decided to put it to a vote as to whether the PC do 'something' or not. SE proposed the motion that the PC either fix or replace the duckhouse, this was seconded by JM. AStev, GC and ST agreed. PW & MD disagreed. Motion carried to fix or replace by majority vote. At this point the PC ran out of time to continue the discussion as the APM was due to start. It was agreed to call an EO meeting later in the month to tackle the issue with a full council.	AS
11	Current Planning Applications: B/F 15/03790/OUT Land south of St Michaels Close, North Waltham Outline planning application for erection of 2 no lifetime home bungalows, garages, access and parking arrangements and amenity area. Change of use from agricultural land to residential. Undecided 15/04503/OUT Hounsme Fields, Trenchard Lane, Dummer Outline application to include access to be considered for up to 750 residential units with a mix of units and a neighbourhood centre including principal community centre, private children's nursery, local retail facilities,	

