

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Hall on the 7th September 2023 from 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors – Charles Boston (CBN), William Brooks (WB), David Lawty (DL), Claire James (CJ), Charlene Campion (CC), Andy Bliss, (AB), Adrian Eveleigh (AE), Heather Smith (HS), Jan Luck (JL), Richard Blunt (RB) and Julian Kirk (JK).

18 members of the public

1. Welcome from the Chairman and Public Participation.
Chas reminded all present that we will not tolerate talking from members of the public in the background of the meeting.
A parishioner spoke about the battery storage units. A plan was handed round for everyone to see. He read out a letter which had been sent to the Borough Council lawyers. He has requested the Parish Council to be notified of the discharge conditions.
2. Apologies, Richard Green, and Caroline Boyden – NOTE minutes kindly taken by Cllr James.
3. All Councillors were reminded of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct.
4. WB declared a declaration of interest in finance – 9.1.
5. Minutes approved from the last meeting – proposed by AE, seconded by DL and all were in favour.
6. Matters arising:
 - 6.1 Enso – nothing to report
 - 6.2 Overgrown footpaths – Stickfast, 2/3 have been cut according to HS.
AB has been speaking with Clerk regarding 3 cuts per annum . The hedge to the playing field was discussed as there is a huge Elderflower which is growing on to the footpath.
AB has been discussing with Rangers to see if they can help with clearing.
Report on website when seeing overgrown areas, Clerk is going to report The Chase being overgrown again.
 - 6.3 NDP – Mr. Cotton still chairing. Parish website has had 7 applications calling for land which are to be discussed.
A meeting will be arranged once all the info is in and he wants 2 representatives from the parish council. He is still waiting to hear regarding the financing.
Mr. Cotton asked if anyone had any enquiries/offers of help and it was reported that 3 more people were interested. He said speed is of the essence.
CBN offered it up to members of the public if they would be interested in helping.

DL had a question about the boundaries of the project, are they looking to be moved? Mr. Cotton reported there is a process. RB was interested to see the 7 applications which had been made.

RB asked the question of whether we want more development in the village. Mr. Cotton explained the need for 2 houses per year.

7. Reports

7.1 Street lamp 13 is not working again. Clerk to report. Pothole near Washdyke House. Swingfield – the large puddle has now been sorted.

7.2 JK reported the pothole on West Drove was on the list. Delay due to drainage board not being able to meet.

There will be a November vote about the County deal. He is now involved in Speed Watch for Tilney All Saints.

RB reported on 10 Folgate Lane he had spoken to the senior planning department, and they are still gathering information. He recommended the members of public all put letters forward and not just one letter.

The original application was refused but he has now applied for a licence which is not a planning application. RB requested it be assessed to include a planning permission. The Borough are talking to their lawyers/barristers to see if they can make it into a planning application and not just a licence. No public consent is needed for licence.

A member of the public advised the application had been amended that afternoon.

RB reported the community grant scheme had been relaunched for the £1k.

Refer to website for application/interest or email RB/JK

CIL grant – the application meeting ran out of time and so there was no discussion on our application for funding, however it is hoped to be decided in October.

Local plan – has gone back to examiner and there will be a 6-week consultation from tomorrow. A link will be provided.

Council tax – there will be a consultation about whether there will be support for those needing it.

7.3 Clerks report was read out – All policies and procedures have been checked in August and dates amended as per separate listing.

7.4 Village crier being prepared. CC mentioned Norfolk Swift Response, a scheme which is free and assists members of the public if they have a fall etc. She suggested an advert in the crier. Please place on agenda to be discussed next month. Website will be discussed next month. Social media – reminding everyone to give information to be put on.

7.5 Signs back up that were down. The old wooden ones are damaged/rotting. Alternatives being looked into and perhaps could be funded from Julian.

7.6 It was reported Christmas tree is green and bushy!

7.7 Play area – JL attended training. We should be doing daily/weekly checks and risk assessments. JL has been doing on a weekly basis and identified a number of things which she will put together on a list. AB and AE will have the list and will visit tomorrow to attend to. New signage approved and clerk to order.

- 7.8 Some rubber matting which is held by AB was agreed to be sold to a parishioner for £5.00. Proposed by HS, seconded by CJ and all were in favour.
- 7.9 SAM - AE reported the following:
 Church Road out – 10.6.23 to 8.7.23 had a total of 5546 vehicles with an average speed of 25.5mph. The maximum speed recorded was 80mph on the 14th of June.
 Frenchs Road out – 9.5.23 to 9.6.23 had a total of 7,458 vehicles with an average speed of 34.3mph. The maximum speed recorded was 90mph! on 29.5.23
- 7.10 ANPR – not allowed by Parish Council
 Preschool – still no information.
 What is the future of the Community Centre as there are no trustees at present.
 Emergency meeting next month as all 4 trustees standing down. Put on next month's Agenda. AGM – public can attend.
8. 23/01387/F – RB suggested it is called in but a representative from the PC needs to attend. DL suggested refusal and CJ seconded.
- 10 Folgate Lane – DL proposed refuse on the basis of lack of evidence. WB seconded, and all were in favour less HS as she had temporarily left the room.
- 8.2 CBN advised everyone of the decisions for information.
9. Finance: The £1500 to St Peters churchyard for the maintenance was discussed. Objection raised by DL as process not followed in asking for grant. Jane Brooks had provided payments for whole year. Procedure will need to be followed. WB queried as to when they had received a letter requesting information. – Clerk will need to look at and discuss at next meeting.
- 9.1 July & August bank statements/reconciliation/payments & receipts – proposed correct by AE and seconded by CC – all in favour except WB who had a declaration of interest. £28,129.71 in our 2 bank accounts with £11,259.40 in the Solar Fund account.
- 9.2 September payments proposed correct by DL, seconded by AB and all in favour.
- 9.3 Finance working party – not met yet but discuss with the clerk when we will have a meeting.
 David suggested we have WIFI in the hall to put up plans for planning applications etc. to be put on the Agenda for next month.
10. Next month's agenda – JL has asked to take on the defibrillator at the CC – AB is already checking this but discuss next meeting.
 CC is still looking at risk assessments for litter pick – discuss whether it is still worth doing.
11. Public participation – A parishioner stated West Drove North is in a bad state of repair. He also discussed extra issues with Folgate lane if battery storage is installed. Suggesting a traffic management plan. CBN advised this is out of our remit.

Meeting closed 20.56 – next meeting 5th October.

PAYMENTS FOR AUGUST 2023

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| K & M Lighting | £ 30.60 | Standing Order |
| HMRC | £ 163.00 | Standing Order |
| Clerk Salary | £ 652.10 | Standing Order |
| EE mobile | £ 18.48 | direct debit |
| SSE | £ 93.72 | direct debit |
| Clerk Expenses July | £ 47.95 | |
| Walpole St. Peters churchyard invoice | £ 1500.00 | for approval |
| Steve Jackman (website) | £ 295.00 | |
| Wix 2 year domain | £ 31.51 | paid by clerk |
| Wix Website subscription | £ 108.00 | paid by clerk |
| Walpole Cross Keys - | £ 900.00 | |
| To cover incorrect payment made by Highways Department. | | |

PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

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| K & M Lighting | £ 30.60 | Standing Order |
| HMRC | £ 163.00 | Standing Order |
| Clerk Salary | £ 652.10 | Standing Order |
| EE mobile | £ 18.48 | direct debit |
| SSE | £ 93.72 | direct debit |
| Clerk Expenses August | £ 25.00 | |
| ECS | £ 16.50 | direct debit |
| Walpole St. Peters churchyard invoice | £ 1500.00 | – NOT MADE |
| Parish Online – annual subs | £ 60.00 | |

Signed

Date