



## WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Parish Hall on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 from 7.52pm

Present:

Councillors – Chas Boston (CB), William Brooks (WB), Andy Bliss (AB), Ade Eveleigh (AE), Jan Luck (JL), Richard Green (RG), Irene Hunter (IH), Richard Blunt (RB) and Christopher MacCormick (CM)

2 members of the public – part time

1. Election of Chairman – Cllr Boston was proposed by Cllr Eveleigh, seconded by Cllr Green and all in favour. Cllr Boston duly elected as chairman.
2. Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr MacCormick was proposed by Cllr Boston, seconded by Cllr Eveleigh and all in favour. Cllr MacCormick duly elected as vice chairman.
3. Declarations of office signed and witnessed by the clerk.
4. Welcome from the Chairman followed by public participation – no comments.
5. Apologies received – Cllrs Campion and Kirk.
6. All Councillors were reminded of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct.
7. Declarations of interest – None
8. Minutes approved from the Parish Council meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April proposed by Cllr Eveleigh, seconded Cllr MacCormick and all in favour who were present at that meeting.

**9. Matters arising:**

National Grid update:

No update on the meeting with James Wild MP and Cllr Green requested that Cllr Blunt chases this up. Cllr Blunt will get 3 dates from James Wild. **ACTION: RB** Cllr Blunt covered the recent National Grid webinar as per slides sent out and had asked if they actually look at the other projects going on in the area, especially access routes etc. The Community benefit fund was stated as £530k.

**10. To receive reports:**

10.1 Councillor's reports –

Cllr Bliss advised that he had reported a speeding/dangerous motorcyclist to the police 3-4 weeks ago but had received no updates

10.2 Borough Councillor Report – Unit awarding arrangements as sent by Cllr Kirk will be discussed in more detail at the June meeting. Each ward will have one member councillor.

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10.3 Chairmans Report – as Annual Parish Meeting

Clerks Report – Completed year end, internal auditor requirements and AGAR.

No applicants for the Councillor vacancy and will put in the Crier.

10.4 Crier update - Cllr Eveleigh advised that another new full page advertiser could be coming on board. Editorial for the next edition due by the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

The editor is looking for a replacement due to time constraints.

10.5 To receive updated regarding footpaths and circular walks – still awaiting finger posts. Email from resident regarding vehicle access on the byway off Marsh Road advised that this was legal as a NCC Maintained Unsurfaced Road.

10.6 Community Fund Projects Working Group – no new reports.

10.7 Cllr Luck advised no issues on the playground and the quote from Online Playgrounds was very confusing. It was agreed that Online should meet with Jan on site to discuss the exact requirements and re quote accordingly. Clerk to arrange.

**ACTION: Clerk**

10.8 SAM reports – Cllr Eveleigh advised that the newer unit was still not working and may need repairs/replacing and he will take it and our second unit to Westcotec.

10.9 Community Centre report – Cllr MacCormick advised that bike rack was awaiting fitting but the defib box had been fitted and paid for by the Parish Council. Now looking into new grants.

The summer fair will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June.

10.10 Communications and Correspondence - None

11. **Planning** –Any applications received after the date of this agenda and before the meeting date will be considered.

11.1 **26/00710/O** OUTLINE APPLICATION SOME MATTERS RESERVED: Proposed Self - Build Dwellings at Land North of Roseway E549914 N316669 Walnut Road Walpole St Peter Norfolk

This was discussed in detail and as with the other application, agreed by all to object:

- Outside the development Boundary
- Neighbourhood Plan – not included and not recognised – it promotes infill not packaged development
- Security risk for current homeowners, opening access to the rear of properties
- Access to the proposed new development is over Borough Council owned land
- The increase in traffic on al already very busy junction
- Safety concerns at the bus stop

11.2 Decisions: None

11.3 Appeals:

**26/00017/COND**| Retrospective application of change of use of a house of six residents (care included) (C3b) to a care home up to three children aged 8-18 (C2)|10 Folgate Lane Walpole St Andrew Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7HY  
APPEAL AGAINST CONDITIONS IMPOSED

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11.4 Enforcements:

**25/00563/BOC**| Alleged breach of planning condition| Caravan At Hill Farm 11 Hill Farm Lane Walpole St Peter Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7JQ STILL PENDING CONSIDERATION

**25/00386/UNAUTU**|UNAUTU - Unauthorised Use|3 Lucky Lane Walpole St Andrew WISBECH Norfolk PE14 7NX STILL PENDING CONSIDERATION

**12. Finance**

12.1 To approve payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for April - Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Bliss seconded and all in favour. Bank accounts to 30.04.26 =£48,196.35 with £5535.38 in the Solar fund account.

12.2 To approve payments (to date) for May – proposed Cllr MacCormick, seconded by Cllr Brookes and all in favour.

12.3 To approve and sign the AGAR Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 Accounting Statements - proposed Cllr Luck, seconded Cllr Brooks and all in favour. Duly signed by Chair and Clerk

12.4 To approve the 25/26 CIL return, – proposed Cllr Boston, seconded Cllr Bliss and all in favour. Duly signed by Chair and Clerk

13. **Public participation:** None

14. **Items for next agenda** – Cllr Boston requested that all councillors look at the requirement for the 2 SAM units . Please advise the clerk 7 days prior to the meeting date.

15. **Next meeting** will be the on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 from 7.00pm at the Parish Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.47 pm and Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

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**PAYMENTS FOR MAY (TO DATE):**

Clerk Expenses March	£	48.95	
Clerk Salary	£	644.74	
HMRC	£	219.51	
SSE	£	128.16	direct debit
BCKLWN dog bins	£	300.64	direct debit
Parish Hall hire	£	22.00	
Walpole Mowing Man	£	500.00	
Clear Councils Insurance	£	1213.01	

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