

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre on the 4th of July 2024 from 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors – Charles Boston (CB), Heather Smith (HS), Adrian Eveleigh (AE), Andy Bliss (AB), William Brooks (WB), Jan Luck (JL), Charlene Campion (CC), Richard Green (RG) and the Parish Clerk.

4 members of public

1. Welcome from the Chairman.
Public Participation – Suggestion to put a plaque on the new village hall for Les Street and Gil Henderson to acknowledge their commitment and dedication. This is not a Parish Council item, but all thought it would be a good idea, however, there were a lot of people who also put in a lot of hard work on this project who should be recognised.
2. Apologies received by Cllrs Kirk, Blunt, and James.
3. All Councillors were reminded of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct.
4. Declarations of interest – none
5. Minutes approved from the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 6th of June 24 proposed by AE, seconded HS and all in favour who were present at that meeting.
6. Matters arising:
 - 6.1 NDP – The clerk advised that the draft plan had been sent out by Borough for comments from the stakeholders and that the letters regarding green spaces had been sent out.
 - 6.2 Verdant Energy and ib Vogt presentation – no update.
 - 6.3 Voltwise – clerk advised that the letter of authority had been sent.
 - 6.4 Solar Farm Fund – AB was thanked for sending out the original questionnaire comments from 2016. Suggestion made for adult outdoor gym equipment, tennis court, basketball hoop. AB proposed that a notice is put in the next edition of the Crier and website to request use of the fund and JL seconded this. All in favour. Clerk to liase with AB on the article. ACTION:AB/clerk
7. To receive reports:
 - 7.1 Highways – AB has reported another 2 potholes with 1 more to follow. The clerk advised that she has been chasing Highways regarding the missing 20mph sign and Westcotec are now denying that it had been returned them.
 - 7.2 County and Borough Councillor’s Reports:
No reports due to election.
 - 7.3 Clerk Report: No co-option requests have been received for the vacancy of parish councillor and the flyer has been updated to the September meeting.

The Financial Regulations have been updated and now include online banking. To be reviewed and approved at the September meeting.

The damaged Marsh Road street sign has been reported.

A request has been received from the School for a page on our website and the clerk has set this up.

Email from resident via Cllr Kirk regarding fly tipping of earth on the entrance to Dunces Lane had been reported to Highways.

Regarding the Planning department parish update sessions on the 12th and 19th of September – please let the clerk know if anyone wishes to attend. Clerk will attend on the 12th.

ASDA funding information has been sent out, but the match funding would be an issue.

Will be reviewing all policies and procedures in August.

7.4 Village Crier, Facebook and Website reports:

Crier – AE advised that they have 32 advertisers bring in £2143 but this makes a shortfall of around £1200 per annum which the parish council make up. Do we raise advertising again or cut out 1 run to 5 editions. To reduce to 5 editions, missing August, was proposed HS, seconded CC and all in favour.

Clerk reported that the new website had 406 viewings last month.

CC was pleased to advise that at last the Facebook page has been deleted and it was decided to go with the current Walpole Facebook pages.

7.5 To receive updated regarding footpaths and circular walks – AE advised that the signs are still up with quite a few footpaths that are now very overgrown.

7.6 Community Fund Projects Working Group – AB advised nothing to report.

7.7 Play area – JL advised that the zip wire was still out of action and questions were raised regarding the weight limit issues causing the damage. JL to measure out the location for the cycle rack. ACTION JL

7.8 SAM reports – AE reported the following:

From 2.6.24 to 4.7.24 on West Drove North (incoming,) total vehicles 31,364 with average speed of 38.1mph. Top speed was 80mph on the 23.6.24 at 05.50.

From 2.6.24 to 4.7.24 on West Drove North (outgoing), total vehicles 24,657 with average speed of 34.1mph. Top speed was 65mph on the 20.6.24 at 09.20

7.9 Communications/Correspondence:

a. .gov.uk emails – Clerk, JL, AE, RB, WB and HS all on the new email.

b. Email received from a resident regarding constant dog barking and clerk gave the noise complaint link to the Borough Council website for reporting.

8. Planning – to consider Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements.

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

8.1 Applications:

24/00981/F – erection of agricultural building (retrospective) at Cley Cottage, The Marsh – no observations proposed AB, seconded WB and all in favour.

24/00529/F – proposed dwelling to replace barn conversion at land south of Birchwood, Mill Road – support as taken notice of our last comments and are now in keeping with the location, proposed AE, seconded WB and all in favour.

24/01059/F – part single storey extension at 10 Folgate Lane – no observations proposed CC, seconded HS and all in favour with the exception of AB who abstained.

8.2 Decisions: None

8.3 Enforcements/Appeals: (for information):

24/00189/UNTIDY | Untidy Land | Keldan Chalk Road Walpole St Peter Wisbech Norfolk
PE14 7PH – pending consideration

9. Finance

9.1 To approve payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for June proposed JL, seconded CC and all in favour. Bank Balance at the end of June was £24,856.61 with £11,571.50 Solar Fund money.

9.2 To approve payments (to date) for July – proposed JL, seconded HS and all in favour.

9.3 The first quarter financial review was discussed and proposed by AE, seconded CC and all in favour.

10. Public participation:

Adult gym outdoor equipment as discussed under 6.4 thought to be a very good idea and would provide additional facilities for adults.

11. Items for next agenda – NDP, Adult outdoor gym equipment.

12. Next meeting will be on the 5th of September 2024 from 7pm at the Community Centre.
Co-options for the vacancy of parish councillor can be made directly to the clerk.

Meeting closed 20.15 and Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

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PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2024 TO DATE

K & M Lighting	£ 30.60	Standing Order
EE mobile	£ 18.48	direct debit
SSE	£ 95.66	direct debit
Clerk Expenses June	£ 47.95	
Community Centre Hire	£ 34.32	
HMRC	£ 181.60	
Clerk Salary	£ 726.45	
K & M Lighting – The Chase repairs	£ 192.00	

Signed

Date