

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre on the 3rd of October 2024 from 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors – Charles Boston (CB), Heather Smith (HS), Adrian Eveleigh (AE), Charlene Champion (CC), William Brooks (WB), Jan Luck (JL), Claire James (CJ), Richard Green (RG), Richard Blunt and Irene Hunter (IH)

County Councillor Julian Kirk

5 members of public

1. Welcome from the Chairman.
Public Participation – None
2. Apologies received by Cllrs Bliss, Hunter and the clerk
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 Parish Council meeting on the 5th of September 24 proposed by AE, seconded WB and all in favour who were present at that meeting.
6. Matters arising:
 - 6.1 NDP – Mr. Blandford advised that an online meeting had taken place this morning with Collective Community and the clerk. Regulation 14 procedure runs for 6 weeks from the 21.10.24 to 02.12.24 with flyers to be delivered to all homeowners in the parish. The clerk has booked the Community Centre on the 21st of November from 10am to 12pm and 5pm to 7pm for members of the public to drop off questionnaires and ask any questions. AE will look at the Crier routes and require volunteers to drop off the flyers., CJ and CC offered to do their usual routes.
The follow up NDP meeting will be held on the 16th of December 2024.
 - 6.2 Verdant Energy and ib Vogt presentation – PC meeting set for 21st October.
 - 6.3 Voltwise – no update
 - 6.4 Solar Farm Fund – no update but keep on the next agenda.
7. To receive reports:
 - 7.1 Highways – Folgate Lane was discussed. An elderly resident is having issues and both RB and Cllr Kirk reported receiving letters on this subject. HS reported a pothole in Springfield Road. Cllr Kirk is in talks with /highways about the hedges on the Walnut Road S Bend.

7.2 County and Borough Councillor's Reports:

Cllr Blunt reported that he is receiving a visit from the new Borough Chief Executive, Kate Blackmore on the 30th of October 2024.

The revised planning framework has gone through consultation in detail. The Borough Council do not think it can be delivered. CIL funding has been awarded for the adult outdoor equipment.

Cllr Kirk reported that the contractors used by highways are useless and the signs on Bustards Lane have still not been put up.

7.3 Clerk Report: The cycle storage unit to be fitted before the end of the month to enable funding to be released and a photo is needed.

CIL funding for this round, FY24_2. – received £ 10,529 with £21,438 in total including the trampoline.

Working with Mr. Blandford on the NDP Reg 14 and items for print should be collected on the 21st of October. The Community Centre has been booked for parish council meetings to June 2025.

7.4 Village Crier, Facebook and Website reports:

Crier – AE reported that dropping an issue has helped with the funding.

Clerk advised 352 views in September of the website.

7.5 To receive updated regarding footpaths and circular walks – AE reported that the Marsh sign is still in place and the routes still not cut back make it difficult to walk along. Stickfast is particularly bad at the moment and needs clearing right back.

7.6 Community Fund Projects Working Group – The cycle rack has been received and AE proposed that we donate it to the community centre for them to site and this was seconded by WB with all in favour. NEEDS to be in position by the 31st of October or funding will be lost! The Christmas tree is growing!

7.7 Play area – JL advised that the school has been chased about cutting back the hedges.

7.8 SAM reports – AE will download tomorrow.

7.9 Communications/Correspondence

a. RB advised that the QE hospital build is exempt from another review and works to be completed by 2030.

8. Planning – to consider Planning Applications, Decisions, Appeals and Enforcements. Any applications received after the date of this agenda and before the meeting date be considered.

8.1 Applications:

24/01735/PAGPD Single storey rear extension which extends beyond the rear wall by 7.98m with maximum height of 3.98m at Greenwood, Walnut Road. Supported as extension does not impinge on neighbouring properties. Proposed WB, seconded CJ and all in favour.

8.2 Decisions:

22/01357/DISC_C DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 9 ALLOCATED TO PLANNING PERMISSION 22/01357/F - Installation of renewable led energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays and battery-based electricity storage containers together with substation, inverter/transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates,

other ancillary infrastructure, landscaping and biodiversity enhancements| Land S of Walpole Substation Walpole Bank Walpole St Andrew Norfolk Discharge of Condition Final Letter.

8.3 Enforcements/Appeals: (for information):

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

24/00368/BOC|BOC - Breach of Planning Condition| Bustards Farm Bustards Lane Walpole St Andrew Wisbech

9. Finance

9.1 To approve payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for September proposed AE, seconded HS and all in favour.

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

9.3 To approve the half year financial review – no concerns as on track v budget. Proposed RG, seconded CC with all in favour.

10. Public participation: None

11. Items for next agenda – solar fund, chocolates for Crier delivery volunteers.

12. Next meeting will be on the 7th of November 2024 from 7pm at the Community Centre. Cllr Campion gave her apologies for this meeting.

Meeting closed 20.20 and Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

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PAYMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2024 TO DATE

EE mobile	£ 18.48	direct debit
SSE	£ 95.66	direct debit
Clerk Expenses September	£ 48.95	
Community Centre	£ 34.32	
Clerk Salary	£ 672.70	
HMRC	£ 140.71	

Signed

Date