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<https://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk/>

We are looking to set up a history page and if anyone has any old pictures of the Walpoles or stories, please send them to the clerk on parishclerk@walpole-pc.gov.uk

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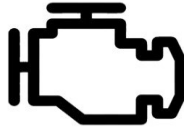
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WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Bitesize Draft version of meeting held on 6th March 2025

Present 10 parish Councillors, Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public

Minutes of the parish Council Meeting held at the Community Centre on the 6th March 2025 from 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors - Charles Boston (CB), Heather Smith (HS), William Brooks (WB), Jan Luck (JL), Andy Bliss (AB), Richard Green (RG), Richard Blunt, Borough Councillor (RB), Clare James (CJ), Charlene Campion (CC), and Irene Hunter (IR)

4 members of the public

1. Welcome from the Chairman,
Public Participation - None
2. Matters arising
NDP - Mr Blandford read out an email from Michael Burton as follows:

“As you are probably aware, we are extremely busy with finalising the Local Plan for adoption at the end of next month (anticipated date - Full Council 27th March) and this is currently our top priority.

Given that we already have three Neighbourhood Plans submitted under regulation 15 (Walpole Cross Keys; The Walpoles and Syderstone) with Marshland St James also expected imminently, we are proposing to run the Regulation 16 consultations in parallel. Given our current work pressures, we suggest the following timetables for the four Plans:

24th March - 12th May 2025 (inclusive) - 7 weeks, as opposed to the usual 6, to take account of the Easter and May Bank Holidays

Summer 2025 - Neighbourhood Plan examinations

Autumn 2025 - Referendums/adoption (November 2025)?

Please let the four Parish Councils know the approximate timetable set out above. Of course, this timetable may be subject to change and the decisions/referendum stages would be dependent upon the length of time for the Plan examinations”.

Cllr Blunt advised that this was not an acceptable timetable, and he will follow up on this.

Solar Farm Fund update - A completed application was discussed for a request for £500 was to go towards the cost of a coach to take the schoolchildren to a pantomime at Hunstanton next December. Approved.

3. To receive reports:

Highways - CB put forward a plan of attack on the many highways issues we have - report via: www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem, including photographs, and ask for other members of the public in the area to also report. This includes potholes, overgrown verges and trees etc.

The moles have returned to the St. Andrews Church outdoor areas, and it was agreed that the clerk arranges for the mole man to attend.

Cllr Blunt had taken a call from a resident regarding the state of the road behind the Freebridge homes on Chalk Road which is in poor condition. Photographs needed for the clerk to report.

County and Borough Councillors Reports:

Cllr Blunt - Devolution - recommendations due this month with timetable end in the autumn. The mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk will be elected in 2026. Suffolk are looking at one unitary authority and Norfolk are also looking at a single unitary authority although 2 unity authority with East and West and Greater Norwich has been discussed. The Borough budget has been approved at 3% and the Local Plan has been approved by the examiner and declared sound which gives legal entity for planning. There could be a change in the infill policy to increase housing.

Cllr Kirk - report via email had been received.

Clerk Report Issues with the SSE electricity invoicing had taken up a lot of time but hopes that this is now resolved. Need to ensure all invoices are correct for year-end audit.

Following the last meeting, a member of the public raised a boundary issue with our land and the boundary is on our land. The land is tenanted by 2 local farmers and more investigation needs to be undertaken. Cllr Champion advised that Frenches Road where the overspill water goes over is girtted as a school route. Will now start the preparation for the internal audit and AGAR.

Village Crier and Website reports: Last date for editorials is 10th March. Clerk advised 401 views in February of the website.

Footpaths and circular walks Cllr Bliss had sent out photographs of the cleared footpaths at Eastlands and Follens Road.

Community Fund Projects Working Group - Cllr Bliss advised that Cllr Eveleigh had made a finger post from oak and AB will engrave. The village gateways require a good clean.

Play area - Cllr Luck advised that we were still awaiting the installation of the new adult equipment..

Communications/ Correspondence:

- a. Briefing for the Parish and Town Councils on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation will take place on the 17th March. Clerk and RB will be attending.
- b. The Local Plan 2021 - 2040 has been declared sound by the examiner.

4. 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.

Re: variation of conditions 4,6,10,17,18, and 22 attached to planning permission **22/02265/FM**: Proposed development of an energy storage installation and associated development to allow for the storage, importation and exportation of energy to the National Grid, at Land Opposite Walpole Sub Station, Walpole Bank, Walpole St Andrew, Norfolk.

Re: Variation of conditions 4,6,10, 17 and 18 attached to planning permission **22/00438/FM**; Development of an energy storage installation and associated development to allow for the storage, importation and exportation of energy to the National Grid, at Laned Opposite Walpole Sub Station Walpole Bank Walpole St Andrew Norfolk. Both these applications were discussed and the variations minor, so a comment of no observations was approved 25/00405/LB: Conversion of unused existing cottage to a single let instead of previous consent for 2 holiday lets. Rear of Dovecote House, Church Road, Walpole St Peter. Support for this due to in keeping with the area.

5. Finance

The approve payments/receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for February were approved with funds to 28.2.25 of £36,197.01 with £11,229.74 in the Solar fund. The payments (to date) for March were approved.

The Chair thanked the finance team for keeping a tight hold on payments to ensure we are still in a strong financial position.

Public Participation: Cllr Bliss advised that the flooring at St. Andrews Church was due to go ahead on the 8th April.

Next Meetings 3rd April, 1st of May on 5th of June at the Community Centre from 7.00 pm.

THESE MINUTES REMAIN AS DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED AT THE APRIL 2025 MEETING.

Note : the complete draft minutes of this meeting are available on the website:

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**Message from your
Borough Councillor
Richard Blunt**

Sadly, I have to start my Spring article with news that Councillor Julian Kirk has left the Conservative Party and consequentially this article is just my views at the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council.

On a more positive note, as I have said before Spring is my favourite time of the year. Daffodils, Mother's Day, Easter, Easter Eggs. and everything is starting to grow, and the lawn mower can already be heard.

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King's Lynn and West Norfolk Local Plan 2021-2040: Publication of Inspectors' Report

The independent examination of the Local Plan has now concluded, with publication of the Inspectors' Report on 21 February 2025.

The Inspectors' Report and supporting documentation are available to view through the Local Plan Examination web page: https://www.westnorfolk.gov.uk/info/20079/planning_policy_and_local_plan/951/local_plan_review_2021-2040_examination.

The publication of the Inspectors' Report marks the end of the Local Plan examination. The Inspectors have found the Plan "sound", subject to incorporation of a series of Main Modifications. This will allow the Borough Council to move forward to adopt the Plan at the end of March 2025 (Full Council scheduled for 27 March 2025).

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Devolution Update.

The draft interim submission report highlights a range of potential benefits from having a unitary council system, including:

- ending confusion – people would know that one council would deliver all services in their area
- delivering value for money – with fewer sets of senior officers, councillors and council headquarters, freeing up money to invest in services
- joining up services, to make them more effective – such as bin collection and waste disposal and enabling housing and social care to work more closely together;
- ensuring strong local links, through close working with town and parish councils, or local boards.

Borough council agrees budget for 2025/26

The Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk has agreed its budget for 2025/26, which sets out its spending plans for the coming year.

At £152.87 for an average Band D property, an increase of 3%, the borough’s part of the council tax bill remains one of the lowest in the county, despite significant challenges.

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It is important that I know your concerns, thoughts, and ideas re how I can help our Ward to continue to be a special place to live. I appreciate all the local support and if you think I can help do not hesitate to contact me

Cllr Richard Blunt

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Easy Feta Tomato Pasta

Ingredients

- 1 (12 ounce) package penne pasta
- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 16 ounces cherry tomatoes, halved
- salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 cups crumbled feta cheese
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil

Method

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add penne and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 11 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add tomatoes and salt to taste. Cook gently, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes are soft and have released their juices, 5 to 10 minutes.

Drain the pasta and immediately add to the pan of tomatoes. Reduce heat to low and toss to coat. Add feta cheese, and basil and stir through. Season with salt and pepper. Serve immediately.



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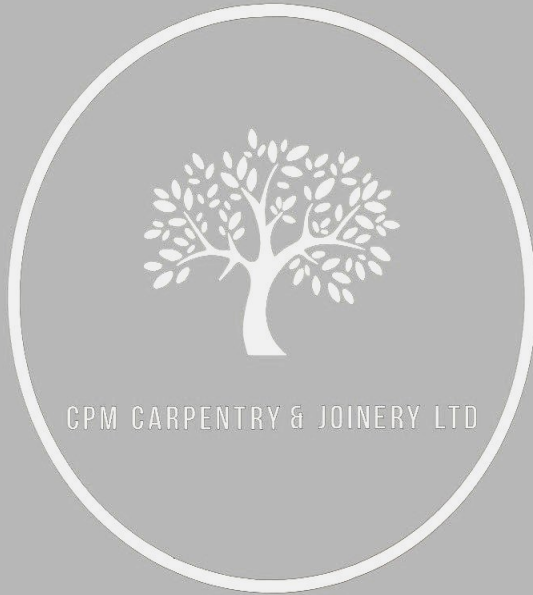


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9th October	Janette Merilion, Tints of Autumn
13th November	Anne Scott, Wreath Making
11th December	A.G.M Christmas Party

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Dear Constituents

I will start this report with some personal news, as you all know I have major reservations regarding Norfolk County Council accepting the government offer of unitary and an elected mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk I do not believe it's in the best interest of Norfolk and Suffolk and especially our part of the county of Norfolk. The conservative group at Norwich was not given a free vote, I and others refused to vote and left. I hold democracy close to my heart our service personnel have fought and died to preserve democracy in this country, the cancellation of county elections was undemocratic, in my opinion all we have done is the sheltered the present government from the ballot box. Added to this as many will know I am continually supporting my constituents on planning issues and especially around the extra gypsy traveler sites we are expected to take in some parts of my division namely West Walton, Walton Highway and Walsoken I've had very little support from the fellow conservative members at the borough council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk I have fought for my constituents more or less on my own.

My great grandfather was a conservative councilor in the 1940s and early 1950s. It is with a heavy heart that I have left the conservative party, I am currently non-aligned.

What does this mean? I will be attending less committee meetings in King Lynn and County Hall Norwich. I will still attend all the full council meetings in Kings Lynn and Norwich, but it will allow me to spend even more time on constituency work and to become more involved in local projects. I will still have all the usual contacts with highways and social services as before.

I was pleased to grant Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council £1500 towards their new Bus Stop Shelter from my Norfolk County Council Local Members Fund (LMF) I also confirm that I have granted Walpole Highway Parish Council £2000 from my LMF for their new SAM2 Machine.

From my Borough Council Councilor Grant, I have granted funds towards the new Walpole Parish Hall grand opening event and Walpole St Peter Church VE Day commemorations.

I have attended Parish Council Meetings within my Borough Ward and County Division.

My offer of help collecting shopping and prescriptions for constituents who are housebound continues, please contact me if you require help.

I have received phone calls and emails from constituents with concerns on many subjects, these have been dealt with in a timely manner and the outcome shared with the constituent concerned.

To report a Highways issue <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/highwaysproblem>

Meetings I am due to attend during April

00/00 Walsoken Parish Council Meeting <https://www.walsokenpc.info/>

03/04 Walpole Parish Council Meeting <https://www.walpolepc.info>

08/04 West Walton Parish Council Meeting <https://westwaltonparishcouncil.gov.uk>

10/04 Tilney All Saints Parish Council Meeting <https://tilneyallsaintspc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

15/04 Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council Meeting <https://walpolecrosskeyspc.info/>

00/00 Full Council, County Hall Norwich

16/04 Terrington St Clement Parish Council Meeting <https://terrington-st-clementpc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

17/04 King's Lynn Conservancy Board Meeting <https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/>

00/00 Walpole Highway Parish Council Meeting <https://walpolehighway-pc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

00/00 Full Council, King's Lynn Town Hall

27/04 West Walton Litter Pick

I can be contacted 24/7 365.



At the time of writing, the weather has warmed up a bit, horses are enjoying the sunshine and staff and volunteers are looking forward to hosting a visit to the Magpie Centre from the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, Lady Dannatt on March 20.

At the West Norfolk Riding for the Disabled Association Annual General Meeting, held at Wimbotsham and Stow Village Hall on February 26, the Board of Trustees sadly bade farewell to Kate Miles, who had been on the Board for many years. Her equestrian knowledge will be greatly missed.

Another loss was Jackie Westrop, of Downham Market, who died on February 16, aged 68 after a long battle with cancer. Jackie's specialism was writing grant applications, with great success and her expertise in this area will be very hard to replace.

Looking towards the future, the Board welcomed five new trustees: Mandi Bailey, Chris Bailey, Zoe Harris, Holly Mason and Catherine Robson, and meetings will be held in the coming weeks to apportion their roles in the governance of WNRDA.

Now that winter is receding, we can look forward to Tea With a Pony sessions resuming on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 – 3.00 pm at the Magpie Centre, Wallington Hall, South Runcton PE33 0EP. Cost is £6.00 per person. Call the Magpie Centre on 01553 810202 to book. This activity is suitable for individuals and/or groups of up to 30 people. Come and join us for tea and cakes in the Sensory Garden and meet one of our lovely ponies. The venue is wheelchair-accessible, and tea is served in a marquee in bad weather.

And for group organisers looking for a speaker, just call Caroline Dudley, WNRDA Voluntary Publicity Officer on 01553 828935 to arrange a suitable date.

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It's lovely to see the sun starting to shine again...a definite sign that Spring is on the way! The children in both schools are enjoying the brighter days and are learning well in the classrooms.

We have been very proud of the children while they have been on their class trips recently. Lots of adults have commented on how well behaved our children are and that they are a credit to our school. Recently this has been Year 5 visited Wilock Farm as part of their Geography and Science learning and also Years 3 and 4 visited the Kings Lynn Museum. While at Kings Lynn Museum the children learnt lots about the Anglo-Saxons and the Romans, which fitted in perfectly with their learning in school. Reception and Year one will be visiting Church Farm later this month as part of their spring learning.

Recently, we celebrated "Safer Internet Day" in both schools, where the children learnt lots of different aspects of staying safe on line. The teachers impressed on the children how dangerous the internet can be at times, and how important it is that our children protect themselves from these dangers as they navigate the various websites that they visit. The children in both schools took part in a competition to make a poster alerting people to the dangers of the internet.

We have been holding our class learning workshops this term for parents, this gives parents an insight into what their child has been learning in class and it allows the children to show their parents some of their workbooks, along with a small presentation.

World Book Day took place on Thursday 6th March, where children came into school dressed as their favourite book characters along with their reading book. We had Gruffalos, Mary Poppins, Winnie the Pooh and Mr Bump in school, along with lots of other characters. The children all looked fantastic and really made the effort.

We will be holding a "Wear What You Like" day for Comic Relief on Thursday 20th March and children and parents can donate toward this on the just giving page for Comic Relief.

Our ACFA Members have been busy organising events, the next one will be an Easter Egg hunt around school, children always have a fun time with this event and is very much enjoyed.

Our Easter Service at the Church will take place on Friday 4th April at 1:30pm, as always, everyone is welcome to attend.

Miss Dawn Liddle

Walpole St Peter Parish Hall update

We are almost there! Not long to wait now! If all goes to plan we hope the new hall will be complete for the end of May.

We think you will all agree that the hall really looks great, and we know you will like the inside just as much when you see it. Our fresh, new, modern facilities will make such a massive difference to hirers both old and new. We have already had some new enquiries and some new ideas to explore for the future.

It was not possible for us to plan definite opening dates at the time of writing this article, but plans are in progress, and we will post on Facebook, notice boards, etc as soon as we are able.

It has been a real rollercoaster ride and has sometimes been a struggle, but we have persevered, and the end is in sight. We will soon have a parish hall facility to be proud of, and one which we hope will be a real asset to the community.

We thank everyone who has helped us to achieve this ambitious task, whether you donated, helped at events, helped with grants or supported us in any way, and of course thanks to Dawson Building Contractors and everyone who has been involved in the demolition and rebuild to date. Thanks also to the Lottery and those players who made it possible for us to obtain our largest grant, and to the Borough Council and the many other generous grant givers who supported us. A full list will be displayed in our new hall.

Looking forward to the final completion and celebrations!

Gill Henderson
Walpole St Peter Parish Hall Trustees



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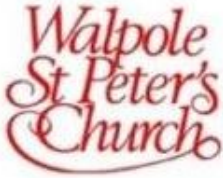
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From the Church Window – April/May 2025

Did you notice that back in January, no sooner was Christmas over than our supermarket shelves were being filled with chocolate Easter eggs? However, Easter is still a while away and before we can indulge in delicious Easter chocolate we have to travel through the season of Lent.

This magazine will be delivered to readers after Lent begins on 2nd March, which is Ash Wednesday. Lent lasts forty days (not including Sundays). It is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for their most important celebration on Easter Sunday, when they remember the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the highlight of the Christian calendar.

Lent is often seen as a time of solemn observance and preparation, when we think of Jesus and his journey to the cross and the sacrifice he made by giving his life for the world. It is traditionally a time for fasting, and some people mark it by giving something up or by taking on an extra commitment.

In essence, Lent is a time for sacrifice and gratitude for what God has done for us through Jesus. Just as we carefully prepare for an event like a wedding, or birthday, Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection – so, how will you spend Lent?

Rev'd Barbara

VE Day 80th Anniversary

A free exhibition of photographs, stories and other memorabilia will be on display in the church from Saturday 3rd May until Sunday 11th May to commemorate and celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day.

If anyone has photos or stories they would like to share with us please get in touch.

On Bank Holiday Monday 5th May we will also be providing free refreshments in the church, so why not come along to have some hot or cold drinks and some scrumptious food? Many thanks to our local councillors Julian Kirk and Richard Blunt for helping us to secure a grant to support this event.

Free food and drink and a chance to look round the exhibition – what's not to like?

Our website can be found at – www.walpolestpeterchurch.org

Dates for your Diary - 2025

All our event are published on our Facebook page, the website and on posters on the church noticeboard.

- Spring Market - Saturday 17th May
- Quiz Night - Saturday 7th June
- Bingo - Friday 25th July
- Beetle Drive - Saturday 16th August

Church Opening

The church is open daily for visitors and private prayer from 10am – 4pm. If there is a wedding or funeral service taking place, we would ask you to wait until the service is over before entering.

Easter Services

Sunday 13th April – Palm Sunday. 11am – Palm Sunday Walk leaving St Andrew’s Church at 10:45am

Tuesday 15th April – Taizé Service. 7pm

Thursday 17th April – Maundy Thursday. Maundy Ceremonies and the Watch – 7pm

Sunday 20th April – Easter Sunday. Dawn service at 6:30am. Easter Day Service at 11am

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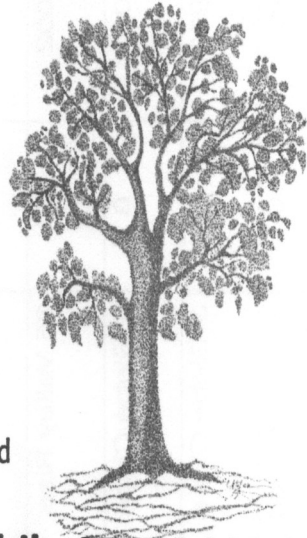


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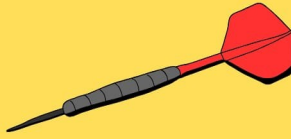
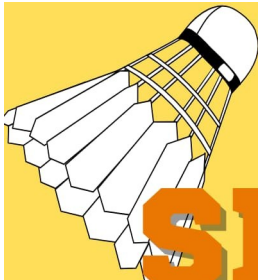
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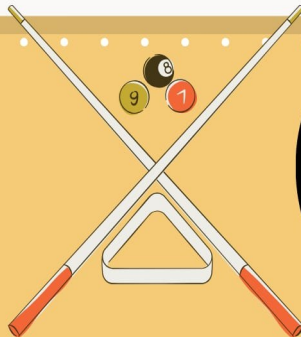
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RESEARCH SESSIONS. Our team of researchers are in **Wisbech Library** on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 - 12 noon. Offering help with family research. Visitors welcome no matter where your family originated. Also in **Baytree Garden Centre in Hilgay** near Downham Market on second Monday of the month from 11 - 2.30. We can be found in the restaurant. We are willing to go to other places but we do need access to WIFI. We offer our research for free. If you need help but unable to attend please contact us.

OUR EVENTS TEAM attended the Festival for International Women's Day at the Queen Mary Centre in Queens Road, Wisbech on Saturday, March 15. We are always happy to create a special display to suit your theme to bring added interest to your event. If you have an event coming up please contact us and will be happy to support you.

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Post Box, Hay Green	07:29	09:19	13:04
Glebe Est, Tilney All Saints	07:34	09:24	13:09
Elm House, Clenchwarton	07:38	09:28	13:13
School, Clenchwarton	07:41	09:31	13:16
Clenchwarton Rd, West Lynn	07:44	09:34	13:19
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Transport Interchange, Kings Lynn	12:15	14:10	17:10
Jolly Farmers, South Lynn	12:24	14:19	17:19
Industrial Estate, West Lynn	12:28	14:23	17:23
School, Clenchwarton	13:31	14:26	17:26
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May 2025

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6	Walpole Highway	10:45	11:05	West Drove South	PE14 7RA
8	Walpole Highway	11:10	11:25	Millers Terrace	PE14 7RD
10	Walton Highway	11:35	11:50	St.Pauls Road North	PE14 7DN
12	Walton Highway	11:55	12:15	The Highwayman Public House	PE14 7DE
16	West Wal- ton	12:20	12:35	St Marys Rd Layby	PE14 7EH
18	Walpole Marsh	13:50	14:05	Wheatsheaf	PE14 7JG
20	Walpole Marsh	14:10	14:25	French's Road - Council Houses	PE14 7JF
24	W St Peter	14:30	15:10	Church Road - Opp Church	PE14 7NS
26	Walpole Highway	15:25	15:50	Village Sign Layby	PE14 7QA

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Please note this information is subject to change or amendment both on a permanent and temporary basis. For all enquiries about this route please call 01603 5222303.

Useful Contact Numbers

Norfolk County Council	0344 800 8020
Anglian Water	08457 145 145
Community Centre Bookings	bookings.wpfrt@gmail.com
Borough Council of Kings Lynn & West Norfolk	01553 616 200
Borough Councillor – Richard Blunt	01945 780 454
Borough Councillor – Julian Kirk	01945 430 109
Children’s Care Home Manager	07918 776 387
Children’s Care Home Regional manager	07519 327 302
Parish Clerk – Caroline Boyden	07368 861 696
parishclerk@walpole-pc.gov.uk	
Website	https://www.walpole-pc.gov.uk/
School - Anthony Curton	01945 780 121
Walpole St Peter Church Rev. Barbara	01945 781 228
Police -Non Emergency	101
NHS - Non Emergency	111

USEFUL LINKS

To report Fly Tipping contact:

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/homepage/312/fly-tipping_illegal_dumping

To report Road Problems including cracking, pavements, fallen trees or hedges, flooding of roads, road signs and large potholes etc contact:

https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem_or_call_on_0344_800_8020