

Walpole Parish Council

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Walpole Parish Council at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew held on Thursday 10th January 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present – Chairman Cllr Rosa Blunt,
Cllrs Andy Bliss, Richard Blunt, Richard Broden, Richard Cousins, Richard Green, Maureen Patrick,
Neil Thompson & Pat Wiseman.
County and Borough Councillor Tony Wright
Mrs E Bateman (Clerk), Janet & Peter Luck (Village Crier).

1/13 Apologies – to consider accepting apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs James Whitaker & Gordon Rogers. Cllr Rogers also tendered his resignation from the Parish Council with immediate effect. Councillors accepted Cllr Rogers resignation. Clerk to contact KLWNBC to advise & start the election process for a new councillor.

2/13 Declarations of Interest
Cllr Patrick declared an interest in 7/13 Finance III. a.

3/13 Planning - to consider Planning Applications as listed plus any others received after publication of the agenda.
Applications
H18-1010-12 – Installation of single microscale wind turbine (14.97m to hub, 5.6dia, blades) at Rose Cottage, King John Bank, WSA. No objections.
Decisions
12/01717/O – Outline Application construction of residential dwelling at Land South of Missbe-Haven, The Marsh, WSA. Permission granted.
12/01473/FM – Alternative sub station design to serve Race Bank Off Shore Wind Farm at land east of Walpole Marsh Sub Station, Walpole Bank, WSA. Permission granted.

4/13 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation
1. Mrs Luck reported that Mr Ian Miller expressed concerns about two accidents on Wisbech Road recently. He would like to see a campaign within the village to encourage road users to be mindful of their speed. Councillors agreed to ask NCC Planning and Transportation to look at the blind corner on Wisbech Road/Chalk Road Junction. Also to investigate the possibility of borrowing an interactive speed sign from Norfolk Police.
2. PCSO Crime figures from 13th December 2012 to 10th January 2013 – 1 assault domestic related, 1 assault other, 1 theft from motor vehicle, 1 attempted theft of a trailer, 1 arson not endangering life.

5/13 Village Crier – to suspend the meeting to receive information from the Editor
Mrs Luck will be checking the list of volunteers for Crier deliveries.

6/13 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 13th December 2012.
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th December, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Richard Blunt. Agreed.

7/13 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting
1. Playpark – Cllr Patrick advised that WPFRT are happy to let more space be available for improvements to the play area. Councillors agreed for Cllrs Rosa Blunt and Patrick to apply for quotes for the improvements to the play area and investigate funding opportunities.
2. Sports Field Access – Cllr Patrick advised that WPFRT would agree to a vehicular access providing the access is properly gated.
3. No8 Chalk Road – KLWNBC Planning Enforcement advise that the access is for NCC Planning and Transportation to decide. Councillors agreed for the Clerk to send a photo, ask a Highway Engineer to look at the access and ask if NCC is happy to not have the necessary 1 metre of tarmac. Access was only pedestrian previously so the vehicular access is completely new and should comply with current regulations.
4. NCC Highways – Church Road, Glebe House & Cricket Willow verge, Bay House NCC advised that a Highway Engineer will view – A Wallace to advise the Clerk. Pigeon Street will have a road closure in next 3-4 weeks for repairs.
5. Highway Engineer Mr A Wallace will chase up information on Yellow Lines for Townsend Estate.
6. Mr Powers has accepted tenancy of the allotments and paid.

8/13 Signage for Green Lanes

Clerk to remind NCC Highways to advise on provision of signage.

9/13 Finance

I. To discuss and set the Parish Precept for 2013/14

Councillors discussed the precept requirement for next year and agreed to a 1% increase to £17,170 proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

An article to go into the Crier to advise on the increase, explain the changes to the Council Tax support Relief for 2013/14 and say what the money raised is spent on.

II. To consider any request for grants and donations if received

None

III. To approve payments as listed overleaf

Cheques

a. WPFRT	Hall Hire January	12.00	12.00
b. K&M Lighting	Streetlight Maintenance January	48.31	57.97
c. M Stacey	Liaising with NCC and install Grit Bins	30.00	30.00
d. CGM Ltd	Tree Survey	210.00	252.00
e. M&M Services	Skip Hire WSA Churchyard	312.00	312.00
f. Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	252.06	252.06

Direct Debits

g. E.ON	Energy Charge January	TBC	TBC
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Cllr Bliss proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Green. Agreed.

IV. To record receipts

Mr B Powers	Allotment Rent	90.45	90.45
Village Crier	Advertising (Champs & Community Centre)	65.00	65.00
WPFRT	Mug sales	19.50	19.50

V. To view the books of Account

Cllr Patrick looked at the Books of Account.

10/13 Correspondence – to receive items for information as listed overleaf plus any other correspondence received after publication of the agenda

1. PREL Energy Park Sutton Bridge - Invitation from Sutton Bridge PC to a meeting regarding the energy park on Tuesday 15th Jan at the Curlew Centre, Bridge Road, Sutton Bridge 7pm. Cllr Patrick to attend.
2. Anthony Curton School - Response re lighting column.
3. NALC – Norfolk Link and introductory letter from Jane Scarrot, Parish Liaison Officer.
4. Fit Norfolk Road show – Cllr Patrick took to look at.
5. Norfolk Link – newsletter.
6. Norse Commercial Services – brochure on landscape development
7. Rural Services Network Press Release – Council funding cuts
8. NCC – Notification of submission of Norfolk Waste Site Specific Allocations and Minerals Site Specific Allocations Local Development Document (LDD)
9. NCC – Community Construction Fund information.

11/13 The Chase Lighting Scheme

1. Cllr Bliss had been in contact with GEMMA Lighting and no conclusive answers had been received. Cost would be in the region of £20K. Clerk to ask Highway for some help with the project.
2. Anthony Curton Lighting Column – Clerk to contact Diocese to offer to pay for the repair to the lamp so that part of The Chase can be lit, proposed by Cllr Patrick, seconded by Cllr Wiseman. Agreed.
3. K&M to be asked if they can quote for a lighting scheme.
4. NCC to be asked if they will provide another column at the bottom of The Chase.
5. Cllr Patrick to get advice from an electrician regarding power supply.

12/13 Parish Council Website – to receive information on progress to date

Peter Luck has spoke to Sue Lake at Norfolk Association of Local Councils and will start to run the website.

13/13 Walpole St Andrew Churchyard – to receive the Tree Survey carried out by CGM Ltd

1. Cllrs Bliss and Broden will look at the Tree Survey to establish which trees are the responsibility of the Parish Council i.e. in the closed churchyard and which trees are in the Swingfield and responsibility of the Church Wardens. Then send a copy to the Diocese.
2. Cllr Broden advised that there will be a double page spread of the work done at the Churchyard in The Crier and letter of thanks to go to the Community Payback Team.

14/13 To receive Villagers' Concerns

1. Cllr Wiseman advised that there was dangerous parking outside the Council Houses on West Drove North. To be reported to the Police.
2. Cllr Richard Blunt advised that there had only been one green bin collection in the whole of December.
3. Cllr Patrick advised that WPFRT were looking into the possibility of having glass bottle banks.

15/13 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

Mill Road – potholes from Ferndale to The Willows.

Mill Road – pothole in middle of road between The Manor House and The Chestnuts.

Walton Highway – o/s Jasmine Nursery big pothole.

Cranny Field Chase – poor state of repair.

West Drove North – two big potholes between Homelands and Faulkener House.

16/13 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faults of any parish council owned streetlights

No17 at Cahlk Road/ Church Road junction.

17/13 To receive items for the next agenda

Sports Field Access, Playpark, The Chase Lighting Scheme.

18/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th February 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.