

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 14th February 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present – Chairman Cllr Rosa Blunt,
Cllrs Andy Bliss, Richard Cousins, Richard Green & Pat Wiseman.
County and Borough Councillor Tony Wright
Emma Bateman (Clerk), Janet and Peter Luck (Village Crier & Website),
Irene Hunter (Press) *arr.7.20pm.* Cllr James Whitaker *arr. 7.52pm.*

19/13 Apologies – to consider accepting apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Richard Blunt, Richard Broden and Maureen Patrick.

20/13 7.00pm – Matthew Hunter & Jon Curtis to discuss Walpole Warriors BMX Club
Due to the low numbers of Councillors attending the meeting this month, the Clerk arranged for Matthew Hunter and Jon Curtis to come to the March meeting instead of tonight.

21/13 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed
No declarations were made.

22/13 Planning

Applications

- 13/00147/F – Siting of Mobile Home for the Site Manager in support of a 12 stable block livery business at Hill Farm, West Drove North, WSP. Support – only temporary for 3 years to prove viability of the business, only to be used by an employee of the business. No dimension shown, would like to see them.
- 13/00061/DM – Prior notification of proposed demolition of garage within curtilage of Homeleigh, French Road, WSA. Support.

Decisions

- 13/00061/DM – Prior notification of proposed demolition of garage within curtilage of Homeleigh, French Road, WSA. Permission granted.

23/13 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation
No Public participation was requested.

24/13 Village Crier & Parish Website – to suspend the meeting to receive information from the Editor and Website manager

- The Crier cheques are slow to come in but December is almost completed.
- The website is up and running and information is being added. www.walpolepc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

25/13 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2013.
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th January 2013, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Cousins. Agreed.

26/13 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

- No8 Chalk Road – councillors discussed the responses to the queries regarding the access and agreed for a photo to be sent to Andy Wallace, Highway Engineer for further investigation.
- Bay House – Freebridge and Highways accept the changes to the boundary fencing.
- Roads in general – Councillors agreed to arrange a meeting with the Highway Engineer in the Villages to look at all the problem areas again.

27/13 Finance

- To consider any request for grants and donations if received
Norfolk Accident Rescue Service – Councillors agreed not to donate.
- 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.	Minuteman Press	Village Crier Printing	310.00	310.00
d.	M&M Services	Skip Hire Walpole St Andrew Churchyard	150.00	180.00
e.	Mrs J Luck	Expenses re Village Crier (Postage)	8.10	8.10
f.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	337.15	337.15

Direct Debits

g. E.ON	Energy Charge	January	68.53	71.96
Cllr Bliss proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Cousins. Agreed				
III. To record receipts				
a. Village Crier	Advertising	December	137.00	137.00
b. Village Crier	Advertising	February	216.00	216.00
c. Village Crier	Advertising	February	151.00	151.00
d. WPFRT	Mugs		84.50	84.50

- IV. To view the books of Account
Cllr Wiseman looked at the Books of Account.

28/13 Correspondence – to receive items for information as listed overleaf plus any other correspondence received after publication of the agenda

1. Glasdon Brochures
2. Mrs N Buttress School Bus routes and gritting
Councillors discussed and asked Cllr Tony Wright to take the matter up with NCC. Response to Mrs Buttress advising her that the Parish Council repeatedly asks for roads to be gritted and will continue to do so. Request to NCC for The March to be gritted and a copy to H Bellingham MP. Advise Mrs Buttress that NCC arrange the gritting of roads not the Parish Council.
3. KLWNBC Warmer West Norfolk Posters
4. Henry Bellingham MP Wind Turbines
Councillors discuss and agreed to respond that the Parish Council has supported applications for Wind Turbines so far. At present, in the Planning Regulations, the Council sees no reason to discourage applications. Most applications for the parish have been on the periphery of the village. Councillors would have to seriously consider applications if they were in more built up areas.
5. NCC Parish Partnership Schemes
6. NCC Better Broadband Information sheet
7. Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine
8. Department for Communities Notes on Neighbourhood planning
9. NALC Community infrastructure levy
10. NALC Planning Applications

29/13 Councillor Vacancies

Cllr Thompson tendered his resignation by email on 1st February. The Parish Council accepted the resignation with effect from that date. The Clerk has arranged with KLWNBC for the two vacant posts to be advertised for an election together. If no-one requests an election, the date for the Council to co-opt will be 28th February 2013.

7.52pm Cllr Whitaker arrived.

30/13 The Chase Lighting Scheme

The Clerk has been in contact with Stephen Littleboy from NCC for advice on lighting schemes and should have some information to circulate to councillors shortly.

31/13 WPFRT Sports Field Access

Cllr Bliss received an application form for any alterations to water courses for access from KLIDB. Cllr Bliss will contact KLIDB for specifications.

32/13 Play Park

Cllr Rosa Blunt advised the Council that Fenland Leisure Product have surveyed the Play Park and will submit a plan, Wicksteed are coming next week. Cllr Rosa Blunt will also ask Russell Play for a quotation. Cllr Rosa Blunt is compiling a document for grant applications.

33/13 Walpole St Andrew Churchyard

1. Cllr Bliss advised that all the trees on the road boundary of the Swingfield are not within 1 metre of the highway and therefore will be the land owners' responsibility.
2. Cllr Whitaker will ascertain the boundary of the Churchyard with the Swingfield.
3. Treatment of tree stumps/path etc – Cllr Green proposed CGM Ltd quotation is accepted for the treatment of the tree stumps and that the treatment of the footpath is on an annual basis. Seconded by Cllr Cousins. Agreed.

34/13 To receive Villagers' Concerns

Parking – Cllr Wiseman asked for the regulations on parking be highlighted to residents via The Village Crier. A copy of the SNT advice for parking and reporting of parking issues to be sent to the Editor.

35/13 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. Request Highway Engineer to visit the parish and look at the road faults.
2. Pigeon Street – opposite Lyndhurst, repaired pothole is still full of water.
3. Chalk Road/Wisbech Road – by the bus stop and Park House, Wisbech Road, drain not working, possibly the drain is broken under the road.
4. Market Lane – gripples have been dug so deep that the verge is not a pedestrian refuge anymore; the earth is piled up onto the verge making it impossible to walk over & will be a problem for grass cutters in the summer. The gripples have been dug so deep that the water flows back on to the road rather than in the drains.

36/13 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faults of any parish council owned streetlights

None reported.

37/13 To receive items for the next agenda

None requested.

38/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm