

# Walpole Parish Council

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There was an information session at 7.00pm to 7.30pm to show the residents of the Parish the proposals for the lighting scheme on The Chase.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present – Cllr Rosa Blunt, Richard Broden, Richard Green, Maureen Patrick, James Whitaker & Pat Wiseman.  
Emma Bateman - Clerk  
Janet Luck – Village Crier, Peter Luck – Website, Irene Hunter – Press.  
Mr and Mrs Miller, Mrs M Surin

## 78/13 Election of Officers

Cllr Patrick chaired this item

- 1) Chairman – Cllr Rosa Blunt stood down as Chairman. Cllr Whitaker proposed Cllr Rosa Blunt as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Broden, Cllr Rosa Blunt proposed Cllr Richard Blunt as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Green. A vote was taken and Cllr Richard Blunt was voted as Chairman 3 votes to 2.
- 2) Vice Chairman – Cllr Green proposed Cllr Rosa Blunt as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Wiseman. Agreed.
- 3) Planning Committee – Cllr Green proposed there be no changes to the planning committee. Cllrs Andy Bliss, Richard Blunt, Richard Green and James Whitaker to continue the sub-committee, seconded by Cllr Rosa Blunt. Agreed.
- 4) Community Centre Representative – Cllr Rosa Blunt proposed Cllr Patrick to remain as representative, seconded by Cllr Green. Agreed.

In the absence of Cllr Richard Blunt, Cllr Rosa Blunt chaired the rest of the meeting.

## 79/13 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Andy Bliss, Richard Blunt and Richard Cousins.

## 80/13 Standing Orders

The revised edition of the Standing Orders was accepted and adopted. Councillors agreed to review the Standing Orders over the next 12 months. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

## 81/13 Financial Regulations

The current Financial Regulations, having been reviewed and adopted in 2011, were accepted. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

## 82/13 Programme of Meetings

Councillors agreed for the meetings to continue to take place on the second Thursday of each month, proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

## 83/13 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

1. Peter Luck reported that there have not been any more issues with the public accessing the website.
2. Janet Luck advised the Council that an anonymous letter had been received regarding speeding HGVs. Cllr Rosa Blunt reminded the meeting that the Parish Council does not accept anonymous letters. Councillors did agree that an article could go into the newsletter asking all road users to take care when traveling through the village for safety reasons and general courtesy.
3. Cllr Broden said that two people had enquired about a bottle bank. Cllr Patrick advised that the WPFRT are looking into it but glass may be able to go into the recycling bins from 2014/15.

## 84/13 Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Wiseman. Agreed

85/13 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed  
Cllr Patrick declared an interest in Finance 89/13 III a).

## 86/13 Matters Arising

1. Interactive Speed Signs for Wisbech Road/Market Lane – NCC advise that they will be in the village in September.
2. Kirk Road/School Entrance Light is not working
3. Playpark – bushes have been cut and arisings removed.

4. Swingfield Trees – no response from the Diocese, Councillors agreed for the report to be sent to the Church Wardens.
5. Pre-planning application costs – no feedback from Borough Cllr Wright regarding this.
6. Drain covers – Cllr Patrick attended a SNAP meeting and Highway Engineer advised hinged ones would be phased in as old ones need replacement.
7. Highway Engineers Visit – Cllrs Rosa Blunt, Cousins, Patrick and the Clerk went around the Villages with the Engineer highlighting all the issues. The engineer will also check the fencing at the Princess Victoria for encroachment and investigate a white line on Wisbech Road to encourage traffic to be more central and visible. Posts and reflectors were discussed to protected the verges and the Council will consider this as a future project. The Highway Engineer will provide a specification for the proposed access to the Sports Field.

#### 87/13 Planning

##### Decisions

13/00280/EXF – Extension for time to PP10/00199/F – Construction of dwelling following demolition of existing building at The Old Telephone Exchange, Kirk Rd, WSA. Permission granted.

#### 88/13 The Chase Lighting Scheme

At the start of the evening, there was an information session for residents and councillors to look at the proposals and quotes for the lighting scheme. Councillors discussed and agreed for the submission of a bid for a 75% grant from NCC to be based on the quotation from Westcotec for a cabled lighting scheme of 5 lighting columns, proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

#### 89/13 Finance

##### I. To accept the End of Year Accounts and Annual Return

Councillors had received copies of the End of Year Accounts and Cllr Broden proposed the End of Year Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and Annual Return 2013 be accepted, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

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

Cllr Whitaker requested that the Council consider making a donation towards the cost of the Inter-Village Games. The Sports Co-ordinator is looking for a contribution in the region of £350/£375. Councillors agreed to discuss at the June meeting.

##### III. to approve payments as listed overleaf

###### Cheques

a) WPFRT	Hall Hire	12.00	12.00
b) MHB Services	Streetlight Maintenance	48.31	57.9
c) Zurich	Insurance Premium	875.49	928.02
d) CGM Ltd	Grass Cutting Playing field	51.25	61.50
e) Mrs E Bateman	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	326.28	326.28

###### Direct Debits

f) E.ON	Energy Charge	66.32	69.64
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##### IV. to record receipts

There were no receipts.

##### V. To view the books of Account

Cllr Broden looked at the Books of Account.

#### 90/13 Correspondence

- 1) Samaritans Thank you for the donation
- 2) Magpas Newsletter and raffle tickets
- 3) Lincs CC South East Lincolnshire Local Plan
- 4) Upwell PC Training Courses for Parish Councils
- 5) RoSPA Six week notification of Play Area Inspection
- 6) TCHC Business Enterprise Courses
- 7) Clerks & Councils Direct Newsletter
- 8) Melissa Mitchell Letter about needed improvements to play area

#### 91/13 Councillor Vacancies

There have been six applications for the two vacant posts of Councillor. It was agreed to hold informal interviews on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 7pm in the Community Centre with a board of Councillors including the Chairman.

#### 92/13 Dog Fouling

Cllr Broden reported that there is a considerable amount of dog fouling in the Parish even though there are several dog bins available for disposal.

There will be a larger bin installed by the Parish Hall and the existing smaller bin is to be re-sited near the Anglian Water Pumping station on Springfield Road. Councillors agreed for a note to go into the Village Crier reminding dog walkers/owners to pick up after their dogs and for the Clerk to ask the Borough Council if there are dog fouling notices stating what the fine is.

#### 93/13 Play Park

Sovereign have submitted a new quote exchanging the trampoline for a toddler rocker. They have quoted for two types of fencing – Wooden Palisade Fencing @ £5,371 and Bow Top Metal Fencing @ £5,928. Councillors discussed and agreed for the metal fencing to be included as part of Sovereign's quote. Cllr Whitaker proposed the whole quote from Sovereign including the metal fencing be used as the basis for grant applications, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed. Councillors agreed to discuss what contribution the council can make towards the proposed scheme at the next meeting.

#### 94/13 WPFRT Sports Field

Cllr Patrick reported that the Lease of the land is going ahead with the BMX Club and Barbara Hill from SNAP is to provide the Club with some information on grants and funding.

#### 95/13 To receive councillors reports of villagers' concerns

- 1) Diesel Theft – Cllr Patrick reported that the theft of diesel is on the increase, a white van has been spotted following oil tankers filling up domestic oil tanks. If seen, please report to the Police.
- 2) Pingle Lane Spur – Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council have reported that there is a problem with a spur track off Pingle Lane which has been ploughed up – This has been reported to NCC by Walpole Clerk.

#### 96/13 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

- 1) Cranny Chase – the road surfacing has broken up completely.
- 2) West Drove North – NCC are aware of all the problems on this road.

#### 97/13 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

- 1) The light at the entrance to the Primary School is not working.
- 2) Springfield Road – 15b & 18b on all day – report to NCC.

#### 98/13 To receive items for the next agenda

Length of meetings.

99/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.