

Walpole Parish Council

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 8th August 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Blunt
Councillors - Andy Bliss, Richard Broden, Richard Cousins, Anne Treen, James Whitaker & Pat Wiseman, Maureen Patrick & Richard Green.
County Councillor Fred Agnew, Borough Councillor Tony Wright.
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Janet Luck – Website, Irene Hunter - Press
Mr and Mrs Miller

139/13 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Emma Hanslip and Rosa Blunt.

140/13 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

1. Claire Davis from Summer Close reported concerns regarding the Community Centre Car Park. The surface causes a lot of dust and the stones are carried along Summer Close by vehicles and The Chase. Ms Davis has had a broken window at her property. Councillors advised that the car park is the responsibility of the Walpole Parish Recreation Foundation Trust and that her concerns will be passed on to the committee. Cllr Whitaker advised that fund raising is happening for improvements to the carpark.
2. Iain Miller advised that the Village Walks are now on the first Tuesday of each month. He is willing to do a trial walk on a Saturday if there are any requests. Cllr Whitaker invited Mr Miller to the Sports Group Open House meet on Saturday 10th August from 6.30 to 8.30pm.
3. Community Bus Scheme – Mr Miller has some ideas for a Community Bus service as an alternative to Dial-a-ride, perhaps with a link to Terrington St John where there is a regular scheduled bus service. Mr Miller and Cllr Agnew have been communicating regarding the idea and would like to ask the Parish Council to invite Nicky Stevenson from Norfolk Community Transport Association to a Parish Council meeting to discuss alternative bus services. Councillors agreed to ask Ms Stevenson to a Parish Council meeting shortly.

141/13 Village Crier and Website

1. Village Crier Distribution – Janet Luck requested a list of distributors so that she can advise of when the Criers are going to be available for distribution.
2. Advert payment – a dishonoured cheque has been received from the Bank. It was agreed to ask for a cash payment.

142/13 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th July 2013.

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

143/13 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed
Cllr Bliss declared an interest in Finance 146/13 II.iii, Cllr Patrick declared an interest in Finance 146/13 II.i.

144/13 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

1. Footpaths – Cllr Whitaker & Mr Miller will try to form a sub committee.
2. Dog Waste Bin at Springfield Road and the Parish Hall, Church Road – the new bin has been installed at the Parish Hall and the old, small bin has been installed on the grass opposite Summer Close.
3. Rubbish Bin for The Chase near the Community Centre – The Clerk and Cllr Patrick met with Keith Lovejoy from KLWNBC. Councillors discussed the bin and a site for the bin. Cllr Cousins proposed that a bin housing for a 240 litre bin is purchased and installed as previously agreed, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.
4. Terrington St John Surgery – Councillors discussed the complaints received from patients at the Surgery – misdiagnosis, lack of doctors on duty in a particular 24 hour period, referrals of patients to nurse practitioners or paramedics instead of doctors, inability to get appointments for services such as dieticians etc. Tilney St Lawrence Parish Council are deeply concerned about the issues also. It was agreed to ask Lynn Self for more information regarding the working practices of the Surgery i.e. how many patients from Walpole are registered & total number of patients, how does the appointment system work, how many full-time doctors, what arrangements are in place when there are no available doctors. Advise Henry

Bellingham of the complaints. If possible invite Lynn Self to a Parish Council meeting and advise Tilney St Lawrence also.

- Walpole Cemetery – Cllr Wright advised that the grass had been cut 3 times in July and that he had requested that the hedges and trees are trimmed back.

145/13 Planning

Applications

- 13/01034/F Conversion of garage to dwelling and retrospective application for extension to the same garage at 4 Rose and Crown Cottages, Walpole Bank, Walpole St Andrew. Object, the original garage was too big and the Council made reference to this at the time, it is now proposed to be a dwelling which is rear fill development and out of keeping with the surrounding buildings.
- 13/01120/F – Installation of two solar panels on outbuilding roof adjacent to dwelling at the Old School, Kirk Road, WSA. (Retrospective). Support, environmentally advantageous.

146/13 Finance

- To consider any request for grants and donations if received
None received.
- to approve payments as listed overleaf

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| i. | WPFRT | Hall Hire | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| ii. | CGM | Herbicide treatment path and graves St Andrew's | 134.50 | 161.40 |
| iii. | Mr A Bliss | Travel expenses Village Screen Meeting | 35.55 | 35.55 |
| iv. | Mrs J Luck | Postage expenses Village Crier | 3.60 | 3.60 |
| v. | Mr M Stacey | Dog Bin repositioning & install new bin | 98.00 | 98.00 |
| vi. | Play Safety | Play Park Inspection | 68.00 | 81.60 |
| vii. | Minuteman Press | Village Crier Printing | 310.00 | 310.00 |
| viii. | Parish Online | Mapping Subscription | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| ix. | Mrs E Bateman | Clerk's salary and expenses | 339.61 | 339.61 |
| x. | <u>Direct Debits</u> | | | |
| xi. | E.ON | Energy Charge | 68.53 | 71.96 |

Cllr Wiseman proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Cousins.
- to record receipts

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| i. | Centrica Energy | Option Agreement Payment | 521.13 | 521.13 |
| ii. | Centrica Energy | Option Agreement Payment | 200.00 | 200.00 |
- To view the books of Account
Cllrs Cousins and Whitaker looked at the Books of Account

147/13 Correspondence – to receive items for information as listed overleaf plus any other correspondence received after publication of the agenda

- Mr M Reid - Sutton Bridge Bio Mass Incinerator Petition
- PCSO Lee – Crime figures for Walpole 11th July to 7th August – 2 x assault, 2 x historic sexual offences, 1 x drugs, 1 x theft. Community Centre carpark is regularly patrolled by the SNT with no incidents identified. SNAP meeting is 11th September at Tilney St Lawrence Village Hall.
- Department for Communities and Local Government – Post Office Community enterprise fund.
- NCC – Advance notice of forthcoming consultation by NCC on 2014/17 budget and savings proposals.
- Mr P Parfett – Concern regarding the allotment land at Frenchs Road and enquiry regarding the sale of allotment land. Councillors discussed and agreed to advise that the land in question has been highlighted to the tenant to sort out.

148/13 Detailed Policies and Sites Plan preferred options consultation

The Parish Council agreed to have an extended Public Participation session at the September meeting for all to have their say regarding the consultation. The rest of the agenda will be shortened. Adverts to be distributed to all residents advising of the Parish Council meeting, the drop in session of the Borough Council, the website address for information. Councillors had a general discussion regarding the proposals. Cllr Bliss took the disc and will send the extract of the Walpole's section from the consultation to all councillors.

149/13 Play Park

- To receive an update on the BMX project – Cllr Bliss advised that the lease documentation is in progress.
- To receive the Annual Inspection & Risk Assessment Report – The annual inspection report has been received. The Clerk will arrange for Mr Stacey to carry out any remedial work necessary.

150/13 Risk Assessments

1. To review current risk assessments for Parish Council – councillors discussed and agreed to adopt the reviewed Risk Assessment with immediate effect.
2. To discuss Risk assessments for the Closed Churchyard – councillors discussed and agreed to employ Country Grounds Maintenance to carry out a Headstone Audit for Walpole St Andrew Churchyard.

151/13 WPFRT Sports Field - to discuss the proposed access to the field

Councillors discussed and agreed for a plan to be drawn up of the proposed access and planning permission to be sought.

Councillors agreed to ask BMX Club if they have applied for any Planning permission and perhaps apply jointly, contributing towards the costs of the whole planning permission.

152/13 Village Screen

Cllrs Bliss and Broden went to a meeting regarding the above and found that it would not be a viable project for The Walpoles.

153/13 To receive councillors' reports of Villagers' Concerns

Listening Event at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King's Lynn 12th August regarding care received by patients.

154/13 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. Find out dates for interactive speed signs and costs of a permanent one for Wisbech Road/Market Lane
2. Cllr Bliss stated that the verges had been cut well, Cllr Patrick advised that they are now only cut twice a season.
3. West Drove North - Pothole in road by house No1.
4. West Drove North – edge of road falling into dyke opposite council houses
5. Wisbech Road – pothole in road edge o/s Hundred Acre Wood

155/13 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

No25 Wisbech road o/s Hundred Acre Wood – not working.

153/13 To receive items for the next agenda

Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 12th September 2013 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre. Extended Public Participation from 7pm to 8pm and shortened agenda.

Meeting closed at 10.15pm