

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Extra Ordinary Meeting

The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 6.30pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Blunt
Councillors – Andy Bliss, Rosa Blunt, Richard Broden, Richard Cousins, Richard Green, Annie Treen, James Whitaker and Pat Wiseman
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Irene Hunter – Press, Peter and Janet Luck – Village Crier and Website
Colm Murphy – Elgin Energy, and Al Morrow - Phillips Planning Service
16 Parishioners

43/14 Welcome & introduction from Chairman

Cllr Richard Blunt welcomed Colm Murphy – Elgin Energy and Al Morrow - Phillips Planning Service to the meeting to present information to the Parish Council and Public about planning application no 14/00283/F.

44/14 Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hanslip and Patrick, Borough Councillor Wright and County Cllr Agnew.

45/14 Presentation from Elgin Energy on the details of the proposal for a Solar Photo Voltaic Facility at Rose and Crown Farm, Walpole St Andrew, Planning ref 14/00283/F, with illustrations, maps etc.

Colm Murphy – Elgin Energy and Al Morrow - Phillips Planning Service brought plans, photomontage images and information boards for all to see regarding the proposed Solar Photo Voltaic Facility at Rose and Crown Farm, Walpole St Andrew. There was an opportunity to look at all the information provided.

46/14 Questions from public

Questions were received from the meeting regarding various issues and answered by representatives from Elgin Energy and Philips Planning Service. There was discussion with the representatives from Elgin Energy and Philips Planning Service and the public.

47/14 Close of this part of the meeting at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Assembly (7.30pm to 8.10pm) which is minuted separately from the Extra Ordinary and Ordinary Parish Council meetings

Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

The Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 10th April 2014 at 8.15pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Blunt
Councillors – Andy Bliss, Rosa Blunt, Richard Broden, Richard Cousins, Annie Treen, James Whitaker and Pat Wiseman
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Irene Hunter – Press, Peter and Janet Luck – Village Crier and Website
6 parishioners

48/14 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

No members of the public wished to participate in this part of the meeting

49/14 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hanslip and Patrick, Borough Councillor Wright and County Cllr Agnew. Cllr Green gave his apologies after attending the extra ordinary parish council meeting.

50/14 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed

There were no declarations of interest.

51/14 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th March and Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting on Friday 14th March 2014.

1. 13th March 2014 - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th March 2014, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.
2. 14th March 2014 - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 14th March 2014, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Whitaker. Agreed

52/14 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

1. Land off Walnut Road – still being used as a dumping area, check with Environmental Health.
2. Anglian Water – check if the water main is to be replaced.
3. Poppy seeds – will be delivered soon.
4. Play Park – Mr Stacy is unavailable to carry out any repairs immediately, an email to be sent to all councillors listing areas to be looked at.

53/14 Swingfield – to discuss any further correspondence

This item was brought forward due to issues with access to the internet for the Planning Applications.

1. Cllr Richard Blunt has spoken with Mr Anstey, Church Warden, about the Swingfield. The Church Wardens believe that they are in a position to offer the Swingfield for sale to the Parish Council. Councillors discussed and agreed for a formal letter to be sent to the Church Wardens requesting confirmation of absolute support from the Diocese that the land can be offered for sale before any further discussion can take place. Proposed by Cllr Bliss, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.
2. In the meantime, four quotes to be obtained from appropriately qualified agents for valuation costs. Proposed by Cllr Bliss, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

54/14 Planning

1. Solar Photo Voltaic Facility at Rose and Crown Farm, Walpole St Andrew - West Walton Parish Council requested a meeting with Walpole Parish Council with regard to planning ref 14/00283/F. Walpole PC agreed to meet at a mutually suitable time.
2. Land behind Townsend Estate – Mr Dawson has sent more drawings to the Parish Council which were laid out for viewing. Councillors discussed the LDF and concerns were raised that the parish should not end up with more allocation for development than the current LDF proposal of 16 houses plus the natural development.
3. Applications
 - a) 14/00429/F – Two storey side extension, porch extension and conservatory at 7 West Drove North, WSP. Support.
 - b) 14/00415/LDP – Certificate of lawfulness: To remove the pool from annexe to form large open plan room at Eastcroft, Wisbech Rd, WSA. Support.
4. Decisions
None

55/14 Finance

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

Community Centre Carpark – work has been carried out to repair the entrance way at a cost of £400. Councillors discussed and agreed that a grant of £250 be made to WPFRT to help with the costs, proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.

II. to approve payments		Ex VAT	Inc VAT
i.	WPFRT Hall Hire April	20.00	20.00
ii.	K&M Lighting Streetlight Maintenance	48.31	57.97
iii.	Minuteman Press Printing of Village Crier	310.00	310.00
iv.	CGM Ltd Grass cutting 5 th & 18 th March	102.50	123.00
v.	KLIDB Drainage Rates	217.34	217.34
vi.	NALC Annual Subs	263.65	263.65
vii.	WNVCA Annual subs	36.00	36.00
viii.	WSP PCC Donation to Churchyard maint	1111.56	1111.56
ix.	KLWNBC PF Bin emptying Apr14-Mar15	95.00	95.00
x.	Mrs E Bateman Clerks net salary & expenses	180.45	180.45
xi.	HMRC PAYE	88.80	88.80
xii.	WPFRT Grant for CP maint & extra mtg 14 th March	270.00	270.00
xiii.	E.ON Energy Charge Streetlighting	68.53	71.93
III. to record receipts			
i.	Village Crier Adverts	552.33	552.33
ii.	R Powers Allotment Rents	799.84	799.84
iii.	B Powers Allotment Rents	210.74	210.74
iv.	KLWNBC Precept	17,610.00	17,610.00

IV. To view the books of Account

Cllr Whitaker looked at the Books of Account

56/14 Correspondence

1. M Anstey – War Memorial in St Peter’s Churchyard – councillors advised that the Churchwardens should contact The War Memorials Trust for advice and grants in the first instance.
2. M Anstey – Request for three PC nominated Trustees for Poor’s Charity. Councillors nominated three trustees, Cllr Treen, Cllr Rosa Blunt and Mrs J Blunt.
3. Chris Lorraine PCSO – Crime stats from 13th March to 8th April – 1 x attempted burglary, 2 x theft, 1 x criminal damage, 1 x harassment, 1 x common assault.

4. Dept for Communities and Local Govt – Consultation on draft transparency code for parish councils with turnover not exceeding £25K.
5. Streetlife – request for publicity. Send to Website.
6. WNVCA Newsletter
7. Dong Energy – Race Bank Offshore Wind Farm Project Launch, Friday 2nd May 09.30am to 11.30am, Bridge Room, Curlew Centre, Sutton Bridge. If anyone would like to attend, please advise.
8. Henry Bellingham MP – copy of letter to KLWNBC regarding planning fee for BMX Track
9. PAF Public Sector licence.
10. Magpas newsletter

57/14 Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Deferred to next meeting.

58/14 WPFRT Sports Field - to discuss the proposed access to the field

Colin Perkins will have a plan for the council to consider at the next meeting.

59/14 Play Park – update from Cllr Rosa Blunt

1. Cllr Rosa Blunt advised that information has been passed to the WPFRT to sort out the lease documents and no funding applications can be made until this is in place.
2. It was agreed to copy Cllr Whitaker in all correspondence.
3. Cllr Rosa Blunt asked for two volunteers to form a small committee to complete applications and deal with the project. Cllr Whitaker volunteered.

60/14 County and Borough Councillors Reports

Not present at the meeting. Councillors commented that the presence of the Borough and County Councillors is important for the democratic processes of parish council meetings.

61/14 Village Crier and Website – to receive any reports from the Editors

1. Janet Luck advised the Parish Council that the price of printing is still £310 and the number of pages has increased in the last 2-3 editions.
2. A list of distributors contact details is needed. Janet Luck will liaise with councillors.
3. The website is quite interactive and there have been 683 hits.

62/14 To receive councillor's reports of Villagers' Concerns

Bushes on Summer Close – councillors agreed for Mr Wiseman to trim back and charge accordingly.

63/14 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. Church Rd/Chalk Rd – potholes – chase NCC for a date for repair.
2. Wisbech Rd – white lines still need to be installed next to the Princess Victoria, chase NCC.
3. Wisbech Rd – chase NCC regarding the encroaching hedge at Princess Victoria.
4. Walnut Rd opp School Lane – steel stakes have been put into the verge on the corner opp School Lane, report to NCC.
5. Dunces Lane – tree fallen down across path.
6. Chalk Rd – hedge opp donkey fields, report to NCC for trimming back.
7. Gooses Lane – uneven road causing cars to scrape the undersides, report to NCC again (warning sign).

64/14 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

5b & 6b Springfield Rd not working.

65/14 To receive items for the next agenda

Village noticeboards, standing orders and financial regulations

66/14 Date and Time of Next Meetings –Annual General Meeting on Thursday 8th May at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm