

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 13th March 2014 at 7.00pm.

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

41/14 To suspend the meeting to receive a presentation by Mr Chris Dawson regarding a planning development proposal.

Mr Chris Dawson spoke to the meeting, prior to any plans being proposed, about site 33 which is a borough council non-preferred site within the local development framework. The land at the site is partly owned by a private individual and partly by the local authority (KLWNBC) who are willing to dispose of the land. Mr Dawson advised that the initial proposal is for 9 affordable houses, with access to small garden allotments and 8 privately owned houses, and small area of land that could be used as green space, all houses would have off-road parking for at least two vehicles, although councillors did query the lack of garages. It is outside the current development boundary as are the borough council preferred sites 306 & 353 and meets all the same criteria as 306 & 353. Mr Dawson and parish councillors discussed various issues such as accessibility and on-street parking. Mr Dawson proposes to go ahead with a pre-planning application.

42/14 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation
There were no members of the public in attendance.

43/14 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Hanslip & Patrick, County Cllr Agnew, Peter and Janet Luck – Village Crier and Website.

44/14 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed
Cllr Whitaker declared an interest in 47/14 -14/00283/F.

45/14 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2014
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2014, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Treen, seconded by Cllr Whitaker. Agreed.

46/14 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

1. Swingfield Trees – a letter has been prepared as a response to the email from Mr Anstey. The letter highlights the responsibility of the Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council for the Swingfield. Councillors agreed for the letter to be sent.
2. Poppies for Commemoration of World War I – ½ kg of poppy seeds has been ordered for scattering in drifts in the churchyard and selected open spaces.

47/14 Planning

Applications

14/00242/O – Outline application: Construction of two dwellings at Land Adjacent To Elm House Chalk Road Walpole St Peter - Support but queries raised regarding the upgrading of the road surfacing of Dunces Lane to allow access to the new properties.

14/00271/RM – demolition of existing bungalow and construction of dwelling at Peek-a-Boo Barn, The Marsh, WSA – support

13/0146/F – Completion and retention of triple stable, hard-standing and access at Missbe-Haven, The Marsh, WSA – no able to be viewed on the website.

14/00283/F – Erection of 30mw solar photovoltaic facility with associated landscaping and construction of temporary access at Rose & Crown Farm, Walpole Bank, Walpole St Andrew. Support, guarantee required for land to be returned to agricultural state once facility has run its course. (Cllr Whitaker abstained from commenting on the parish council decision for this application.)

Borough Council Decisions

13/01085/F – Installation of two 34m tower wind turbines at Model Farm, Frenchs Rd, WSA - permission refused.

48/14 Finance

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

No requests received			
II.	to approve payments as listed overleaf		
i.	WPFRT	Hall Hire	12.00
ii.	MHB Services	Streetlight Maintenance March	48.31
iii.	CGM Ltd	Scaritracing etc Playing Field	52.00
iv.	Lawn Boy	Church Mowers Service & parts	271.88
v.	Magpas	Donation	100.00
vi.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	259.97
<u>Direct Debits</u>			
vii.	E.ON	Energy Charge Feb	68.53
viii.	ICO	Data Controller Fee	35.00
III.	to record receipts		
	Village Crier	Adverts	295.00
IV.	To view the books of Account		
	Cllr Whitaker looked at the Books of Account		
V.	Review of Financial Regulations		
	Councillors to receive a copy via email and agree review in April		
VI.	To appoint the Internal Auditor for financial year ending 31 st March 2014		
	Councillors agreed to appoint Mrs G Barnes to conduct the internal Audit for year ending 31 st March 2014.		

49/14 Correspondence

1. West Norfolk Village Games Application form
2. Norfolk Link
3. Clerks and Councils direct newsletter
4. Norfolk RCC – Fast local broadband
5. PCSO Lee – crime stats 13th Feb to 12th March - 1 harassment, 2 breaches of restraining order linked to harassment, 1 criminal damage on Marsh Rd.

50/14 Review of Standing Orders

Councillors to receive an email copy and will agree the review in April

51/14 Report of meeting with Highway Engineer

Cllrs Richard Blunt, Broden and Cousins met with Andy Wallace, Highway Engineer and looked at the following

- i. West Drove North – AW advised funding will be available this year and would like to allocate funds for improvements here.
- ii. Mill Rd – Manor Farm double bends, AW will review
- iii. Chalk Rd – Mill Rd junction to Church Rd, surface water issues highlighted
- iv. Chalk Rd/Church Rd junction - pothole to be looked at by NCC
- v. Chalk Rd – No8 access onto the highway, Highway Engineer to look at this.
- vi. Chalk Rd to Wisbech Rd – potholes
- vii. Market Lane – white lines to be installed next to the Princess Victoria in next 2-3 months
- viii. Market Lane – was looked at.
- ix. Gooses Lane – potholes o/s Sunset Cottage, Highway technician to look at again.
- x. King John Bank – looked at.
- xi. Marsh Rd – Highway Engineer advised that official passing places are needed.
- xii. Wisbech Rd – problem areas highlighted.
- xiii. Pigeon St – surface water issues
- xiv. Berkeley House – roadway confirmed ok by Highways and Planning Enforcement
- xv. Land off Walnut Road – being used as a dumping ground, to be reported to Environmental Health.

52/14 WPFRT Sports Field - to discuss the proposed access to the field

Clerk to meet with Colin Perkins. Access to be single and road planings to be used for the surfacing.

53/14 Play Park

1. Cllr Rosa Blunt advised that there had been 46 replies to survey. 38 were regular users and 40 would like the zip wire. There were complaints about mud, several people travel elsewhere for outdoor play areas.
2. Councillors discussed the general area and agreed for the bark pits to be refilled and repairs to the existing fencing, proposed by Cllr Rosa Blunt, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.
3. Community Centre Carpark – councillors discussed the entrance to the car park and would like WPFRT to get a quote for filling in the holes in the entrance, councillors to discuss a grant at March meeting.

54/14 County and Borough Councillors Reports

Cllr Tony Wright reported that the Stroke Service at QE Hospital, King's Lynn is the best in the county. There has been no decision regarding the Incinerator.

55/14 Village Crier and Website – to receive any reports from the Editors

Nothing reported

56/14 To receive councillors reports of Villagers' Concerns

1. School Lane has been repaired
2. Anglian Water are to install a new water main.
3. Hedges on West Drove North will be monitored regarding growth.

57/14 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

See 51/14

58/14 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

None reported

59/14 To receive items for the next agenda

Items to be discussed with MP on 14th March

Withdrawal of regular bus service to Wisbech, BMX Planning application fees, Sutton Bridge Energy Park, KL Incinerator, TSJ Surgery, KLWNBC Planning Department overriding Parish Council observations and comments.

60/14 Date and Time of Next Meetings – Friday 14th March 2014 at 7pm - Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting and Thursday 10th April 2014 – Annual Assembly followed by Ordinary Parish Council meeting at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.40pm