

# WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present – Chairman – Cllr Richard Blunt  
Councillors – Cllrs Andy Bliss, Rosa Blunt, Maureen Patrick, Annie Treen and Pat Wiseman  
Borough Councillor Tony Wright  
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Peter Luck – Village Crier and Website, Irene Hunter – Press  
Members of the Public – Mr and Mrs Newman, Mrs Flint, Ms Lyons (7.30pm).

189/14 Update and Discussion with James Gowing from Dalcour Maclaren regarding Race Bank Off Shore Wind Farm and Dong Energy.

James Gowing represents Dalcour Maclaren, who are land agents for Dong Energy. Dalcour Maclaren were appointed in June and are in the process of meeting with all land owners. The discussions are about the projected timescale for the cable construction to the Sub Station. In the Spring of 2015 Dong energy will be looking to serve notice to exercise the option agreements to construct the cables along the agreed route. Construction could possible commence in June depending upon results of surveys and will continue to approx. September 2016. Dong will consult with all concerned and consider all stakeholders affected. The Parish Council stated that the Parish must be consulted about the access routes to the substation for the construction period, parish councillors queried the impact on the land and that tenant farmers will be compensated for any losses. The original agreement with Centrica is still binding as Dong have purchased the rights.

190/14 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Emma Hanslip, Richard Green, James Whitaker and County Councillor Fred Agnew

191/14 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

- a) Mrs L Newman – thanked the Parish Council for help with the access road at Townsend Estate.
- b) Mr Newman – queried how the cable get across the A17. Councillors advised that they will be passed through a tunnel, so there won't be any road closure there. Also, what benefit to the Parish will the Wind Farm bring? Councillors advised that the Government approved the Wind Farm and Walpole Sub Station was the most suitable place to bring the energy on shore, Government want to reduce carbon emissions also. Mr Newman asked if there will be a Community Fund. Councillors agreed to ask Dong Energy this question.

192/14 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Tony Wright to be added to item 163/14 apologies.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting with the above amendment. Proposed by Cllr Patrick, seconded by Cllr Blunt. Agreed.

193/14 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed

- a) Cllr Patrick Finance 196/14.II.1.
- b) Cllr Treen Swingfield 200/14 a, b & c.

194/14 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

- a) Norfolk Green – response to letter. Advice to parish council to contact NCC about funding and to look at the situation in Walpole. Councillors agreed to send a letter to NCC and query the numbers using the bus from Norfolk Green.
- b) John Maxey – email to state that there had been a preliminary meeting with Dalcour Maclaren.
- c) Butlers Close – response from Freebridge and KLWNBC Home Choice. Sue Bruce from Freebridge is monitoring the situation, Cllr Patrick will maintain contact with S Bruce. Councillors asked Cllr Wright to monitor the situation from Borough Council.
- d) Affordable Homes – the number of affordable home in Walpole is 77 not 89 as Hankinson's Estate and Station Road were included. The numbers of affordable homes in nearby parishes was given.
- e) War Memorial – the grant application has been submitted to the War Memorials Trust, the Parish Council will know the outcome after 30<sup>th</sup> November. (Works cannot be carried out until any grants are approved.)

#### 195/14 Planning

- a) LDF – Councillors discussed and agreed to have a special meeting to formulate the Parish response to the next consultation.
- b) Applications
  - i. 14/01336/O Outline application: two detached dwellings at Applegate Nurseries, Chalk Road, WSP. Support.
  - ii. 14/01338/O Outline application: two detached dwellings at Applegate Nurseries, Chalk Road, WSP. Support.
  - iii. 14/01340/BT – Removal of payphones at various locations with the Borough. Object to the proposed removal of the phone box at Walnut Road as is the most visible/accessible in the parish. Suggested that BT remove one of the other payphones at Wisbech Rd or Chalk Rd/Church Rd.
- c) KLWNBC Decisions
  - i. 14/01033/F- Single storey extension to dwelling at Annvidene, Chalk Road, WSP. Application Permitted.
  - ii. 14/00889/F - Proposed four bedroom house and double Garage at plot adjacent Small Field, Pigeon Street, WSA. Application Permitted.
  - iii. 14/01006/O - Outline Application: construction of two dwellings Applegate Nurseries, Applegate House, Walnut Road, WSP. Application Permitted
  - iv. WSP. Application Permitted
  - v. 14/01059/FM - Alternative sub-station design to serve the Race Bank offshore wind farm, including landscaped bund, new access roads, creation of new drainage ditch and alternative substation equipment (re-submission of 12/01473/FM) at Land East of Walpole Marsh Substation Walpole Bank, WSA. Application permitted.
- d) Site 33 – Chris Dawson from Hereward Services sent correspondence regarding Site 33. Councillors discussed generally and agreed no further discussions regarding the proposals to develop Site 33 until a formal planning application is submitted for consultation, proposed by Cllr Bliss, seconded by Cllr Treen. Agreed.

#### 196/14 Finance

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

None received

- II. to approve payments

	Payee	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Inc VAT
1	WPFRT	Hall Hire	40.00		40.00
2	K & M Lighting	Lighting Maint	48.31	9.66	57.97
3	CGM Ltd	Grass Cutting PF	102.50	20.5	123.00
4	Mrs E Bateman	Clerk's Salary & Expenses	241.53		241.53
5	E.ON	Energy Charge	66.32	3.32	69.64
				Total	532.14

Cllr Rosa Blunt proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agree.

- III. to record receipts

	From	Description	
1	Melton	Allotment Rent	258.85
2	D Thistleton	Allotment Rent	333.98
3	A Thistleton	Allotment Rent	1077.66
4	UK Power Networks	Wayleave payment	31.86
		Total	1702.35

- IV. To view the books of Account

Cllr Bliss looked at the Books of Account.

#### 197/14 Correspondence – to receive items for information

- a) Signpost Newsletter
- b) NTPT Councillor Training
- c) Norfolk Link
- d) S Lyons Site 33 correspondence
- e) H Reece War Memorial addition of name
- f) I Miller Parish Council website
- g) Westcotec VAS Sign and School light
- h) Mr and Mrs Irvine VAS Sign Mill Road
- i) NCC Budget Priorities
- j) NCC Parish Partnership Scheme Highway improvements

- k) NCC Parish Partnership SAM2 signs
- l) P Usher Sutton Bridge Liaison Group meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014
- m) WNVCA AGM and Conference 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014

198/14 To review the Publication Scheme and Website  
Peter Luck is working on the website.

199/14 Townsend Estate – to receive any updates on the following:

- a) Unused Allotments – the Parish Council has expressed its' interest in the allotments and Michael Walsh has noted the interest. Cllr Tony Wright will monitor from the Borough Council.
- b) Right of Way – Michael Walsh has advised that the Right of Way will be re-instated. Parish Council will ask Mr Walsh for a timescale.

200/14 Swingfield

- a) Purchase of Swingfield - Correspondence has been received from the Parochial Church Council that the land is their ultimate responsibility. Councillors discussed the purchase of this parcel of land and it was agreed that the Parish Council will not pursue the purchase, proposed by Cllr Rosa Blunt seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.
- b) Grass Cutting – Councillors agreed to continue to arrange and pay for the cutting the grass at the Swingfield as long as the Swingfield remains accessible to the community.
- c) Trees – it was noted that the Parochial Church Council will have its own tree survey carried out.

201/14 Play Park – to receive an update on the project for new equipment

- a) New Equipment - Cllr Rosa Blunt will obtain up to date prices on the quotes for new equipment as time has progressed since they were prepared.
- b) Lease document – Cllr Richard Blunt advised the Parish Council that legal advice must be used as the document is not correct. Councillors agreed Andrew Carrier from Fraser Dawbarns is engaged to carry out the review and advise the Parish Council. Cllr Richard Blunt will go through the review and report back to the Parish Council.

202/14 WPFRT Sports Field – to receive an update on the proposed access  
KLWNBC have asked for more information on the usage of the sports field.

203/14 To discuss parish projects

Norfolk County Council Parish Partnership Highway improvements – all councillors to make considerations as to what schemes the parish council should take forward.

204/14 County and Borough Councillors Reports

Cllr Tony Wright advised that he is now on the Quality Care Commission Group at Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Chairman of Marriot's Warehouse Trust.

205/14 Village Crier and Website - to receive any reports from the Editors  
Nothing to report.

206/14 To receive councillors' reports of villagers' concerns

- a) Pigeon Street – Mrs Quigley has reported that lorries are using Pigeon Street to access substation. Cllr Patrick has spoken to the Substation to remind them to tell their contractors not to use any other routes.
- b) The Marsh – caravans at one property. Report to Planning Enforcement.
- c) St Andrew's Churchyard – pathway needs spraying for weeds. Clerk to ask CGM to carry out the work.
- d) WSA Cemetery – a report of long grass was made. Councillors agreed that this should be reported to KLWNBC at the time by any person finding an issue. The number and email to be put in the Crier and website.
- e) Hedges on Springfield Road – two properties have hedges overgrowing the footpath. Letters to be sent.

207/14 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

- a) Mill Road – left hand half has been resurfaced, query when right side will be resurfaced.
- b) Walnut Road/West Drove junction – pothole is still there, even though there has been a patch repair close to it.

208/14 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns  
Church Road – to get a price for an extra street light.

209/14 To receive items for the next agenda  
Special meeting to discuss LDF.

210/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.