

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Blunt (arr. 7.15pm)  
Councillors – Andy Bliss, Richard Broden, Richard Green (arr.7.40pm), David Lawty, Janet Luck, Linda Matthews, Maureen Patrick, James Whitaker and Pat Wiseman  
Emma Bateman – Clerk. Members of the public – Gill Henderson and two members of the public.

Due to the advised late arrival of the Chairman, the Vice chairman, Cllr Whitaker opened the meeting.

197/15 To accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Lynne Newman. Cllr Richard Blunt advised he would be arriving at 7.15pm.

198/15 Public Participation – to allow public participation

No members of the public wished to participate.

199/15 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.

Cllr Wiseman declared an interest in 202/15.B. Planning - Application No 15/01443/O.

200/15 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Lawty. Agreed

201/15 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

There were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda.

202/15 Planning - to consider Planning Applications, note Borough Council Decisions and consider any Breaches and Appeals

A. Sutton Bridge Power Station B

Cllr Broden advised that Cllr Blunt and he attended a meeting at Sutton Bridge organised by Sutton Bridge Parish Council on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, County Cllr Agnew attended as well. SBPC are trying to arrange a judicial review on the planning application for a new power station at Sutton Bridge. There will be an open meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

*(Cllr Blunt arrived at 7.15pm and continued the meeting as Chairman)*

Councillors discussed, it was noted that the dismantling of Sutton Bridge Power Station A hasn't been mentioned and it was advised at that meeting that it is in use for approximately 85% of the time. It was also noted Sutton Bridge B is to supplement Sutton Bridge A and its proximity Walpole Sub Station. Councillors agreed to support the proposed action by Sutton Bridge Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Patrick and seconded by Cllr Broden, agreed.

A. Applications for Consultation with Parish

Councillors discussed the changes to the Local Development Framework in their considerations of the following planning applications.

*(Cllr Green arrived at 7.40pm)*

- i. 15/01443/O – Outline application. Residential development at land north of Hawthorne Lodge, Police Rd, WSA. Support, request for 30mph to extend along Police Road, ribbon development.
- ii. 15/01507/LDE – Application for lawful development certificate for existing occupation of the dwelling by persons not solely or mainly employed or last employed full time on the locality on agriculture or forestry including any dependents of such person residing with him/her or a widow/er of such person. As condition no.5 of PP 2/93/0298/O at Newton Lodge, Market Lane, WSA. Support.
- iii. 15/01534/O – Outline application with all matters reserved. Site for construction of 3 dwellings following demolition of agricultural buildings at land north of Churchfield House, Eastlands Bank, WSA. Support, request for 30mph to extend 100m beyond proposed housing, ribbon development.
- iv. 15/01520/OM – Outline application with some matters reserved. Proposed 10 dwellings including 2 affordable at land west of Cedars Lodge, Chalk Rd, WSP. (Church Rd). Vote taken, 7 votes for, 1 vote against and 1 abstention (Cllr Wiseman). No objections, request for Church Rd to be added to the winter gritting route.

B. Borough Council Planning Authority Decisions

- i. 15/00918/F - Model Farm, Frenchs Road, WSA. Erection of one wind turbine with a hub height of .24.8m. Application Permitted. 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Committee Decision
- ii. 15/01227/F - 4 Rose And Crown Cottages, Walpole Bank, WSA. Single storey side extension. Application Permitted. 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Delegated Decision.

C. Appeal Decision – Solar Park

The appeal to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the proposed Solar PV instalment at Rose & Crown Farm, Walpole Bank has been permitted. Cllr Blunt advised that the Borough Council cannot challenge the appeal decision.

#### 203/15 Finance

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

East Anglian Air Ambulance request for donations to support CPR training for Key Stage 2 children. Cllr Bliss proposed a donation of £220, seconded by Cllr Green. 8 votes in favour. Agreed.

##### II. to approve payments

Cheques	Description	Ex VAT	VAT	Total
i. WPFRT	Hall Hire	20.00		20.00
ii. K&M Lighting	Streetlight Maintenance	48.31	9.66	57.97
iii. Mazars LLP	Audit Fees	200.00	40.00	240.00
iv. Minuteman Press	Village Crier printing	325.00		325.00
v. Tapping House - Norfolk Hospice Donation		100.00		100.00
vi. Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	242.96		242.96
Direct Debits				
vii. E.ON	Energy Charge	97.23	4.86	102.09

Cllr Wiseman proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

##### III. to record receipts

i. Village Crier	Adverts	144.00		144.00
ii. Melton, Thistleton A & D	Allotments	1703.40		1703.40
iii. Village Crier	Adverts	115.00		115.00

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

Cllr Lawty looked at the books.

204/15 To discuss the official briefing for the KLWNBC Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-Submission Document (LDF).

Cllr Blunt advised earlier in the meeting that he has been appointed to the LDF Committee at the Borough Council. The LDF has now changed, councillors discussed the options and that a site previously objected to is now supported. Cllr Patrick proposed that the objections to the Church Road site are withdrawn, the extra sites supported at this meeting and other undeveloped sites with planning consent are highlighted to the LDF Inspector in a letter, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

Councillors agreed there would be no need for a meeting with Mary Relph and to advise her of the changes.

#### 205/15 Correspondence – to receive items for information

1. Cllr Newman - request for councillors to re-consider day/date of parish council meetings. Councillors agreed to discuss at next meeting.
2. Mr Swann – hedges will be cut during half term.
3. Signpost/Community Action Norfolk newsletter
4. Norse Commercial Services – information on grounds maintenance services
5. Glasdon – brochure.

#### 206/15 Market Lane Speed issues.

A letter has been received from Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council regarding speeding issues on Market Lane, Walpole St Andrew, the majority of which is in Walpole Cross Keys Parish. They would like to see the speed limit reduced to 40mph and have conducted a petition and would like the support of Walpole Parish Council. Councillors discussed and agreed to support Walpole Cross Keys request for a lower speed limit for Market Lane, proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Bliss, 1 abstention, remainder in agreement. Agreed.

#### 207/15 Norfolk County Council proposals for budget cuts and effect on Fire Station at West Walton

Councillors are aware of the proposals to cut the Fire Service budget which could result in the closure of West Walton Fire Station, and dependent upon the percentage of cuts could result in other local Fire Stations being closed at Terrington and Outwell. There will be a public consultation later this year and the council will make representations then. November agenda.

#### 208/15 To discuss grass verge cutting in the parish.

Deferred to November agenda.

#### 209/15 Playpark

##### A. To receive any updates on the project for the provision of play equipment

Cllr Whitaker has a small working group who are looking at funding opportunities for grant applications. The group have revisited the choices of equipment and it is thought to run the projects for the two areas simultaneously rather than consecutively.

B. Play Park Railings

The fencing has been installed and Murphy's have agreed to remove the concrete posts etc left over from the football club shed. They will remove the temporary fencing at the same time as the rubbish. Murphy's have removed the sign for the time-being.

210/15 To discuss improvements to the website/communications/social media and consider provision of a suggestion box.

A. Suggestion Box

Councillors discussed and agreed to provide a Suggestion Box at the Community Centre for notes to the parish council, proposed by Cllr Lawty, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed. The clerk will arrange for purchase of a box.

B. Parish Council Surgery – Councillors discussed availability of councillors to meet with the residents and agreed to host a surgery on the Tuesday prior to the parish council meeting at 10am to noon at the Community Centre, proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

C. Social Media

Councillors discussed and will set aside extra time at the next parish council meeting to discuss the options and Cllr Luck will provide a draft policy, proposed by Cllr Lawty, seconded by Cllr Whitaker. Agreed. (November meeting 6.30pm to 7pm Social Media discussion)

211/15 To receive information on the provision of the access to the sports field.

Cllr Bliss confirmed that three contractors have been contacted but only one has returned a quotation to date. Cllr Lawty offered to contact Mr P Bunning to see if he would be interest in providing a quotation.

212/15 To discuss any updates for the War Memorial in St Peter's Churchyard.

No updates for this meeting.

213/15 Walpole St Andrew Cemetery

A. to receive an update on the KLWNBC maintenance

Cllr Blunt advised that the Borough Council is keeping up to date with tidying, there is no date for the painting the railings. Friends of the Cemetery have started work on clearing weeds etc.

B. to consider replacement benches

Cllr Whitaker proposed 2 recycled material "classic" benches are purchased from Realise Futures, 1 x1800mm @ £384.50 plus VAT and 1 x 1500mm @ £334.95 plus VAT, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

214/15 County and Borough Councillors reports

1. Cllr Blunt had already advised his appointment to LDF Board Committee and will stand down as Chairman of Walpole Parish Council, Election of a new Chairman to be on the November agenda.
2. Cllr Blunt advised that there are complete contingency plans for emergency situations on the Borough Council's website.

215/15 To receive Councillors reports of villagers' concerns

1. Councillors commented that the poppies sown have not grown or were cut down before flowering.
2. Pigeon Street and access – ask Dong Energy/Murphy's to move "No Access" sign to Folgate Lane to stop HGVs approaching and not being able to turn or reverse.

216/15 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. It was noted that Kirk Road and Pyecroft Lane had been tarred and chipped.
2. The grass is too long and tree branches are blocking visibility at the triangle at junction of Church Road and Walnut Road.
3. Pigeon Street – trees by building plot encroaching over the road.

217/15 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

Newly repaired light opp Parish Hall not working

218/15 To receive items for the next agenda

Election of new Chairman, Precept, Donation Policy, Social Media, request an update from Parochial Church Council about Swingfield trees.

219/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew, PE14 7JW.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

