

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 11th August 2016 at 7pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Broden
Councillors – Richard Blunt, Adrian Eveleigh, Richard Green, David Lawty (later arrival 8.40pm), Janet Luck, Linda Matthews, Lynne Newman, James Whitaker.
Clerk - Emma Bateman, Press – Irene Hunter
Three members of the Public – Mrs G Henderson, Mr J Mills, Mr L Street.

Cllr Broden welcomed new councillor, Cllr Eveleigh, to the meeting.

167/16 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Green.

168/16 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation
Concerns were raised regarding the amount of HGV traffic on The Marsh. Councillors discussed with residents and advice was given to log the details of when the traffic causes concern and who to report the issues to. Cllr Matthews will request the Speed Watch Group monitor the area at some point.

169/16 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
None received.

170/16 Minutes of the last meeting

Cllr Newman noted that her name was missing from those present at the meeting on 14th July. It was added to the minutes.

Cllr Luck proposed the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2016, having been previously circulated, as a true record of the meeting with the above addition, seconded by Cllr Matthews. Agreed.

171/16 Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting

1. Litter Bin - Information was given about the bin at Wisbech Road at the last meeting and its removal was discussed. Councillors formally agreed for the bin to be removed as soon as possible. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Luck. Agreed.
2. Post Box at Police Road – the clerk contacted the Royal Mail Main Office and is still awaiting a response. Councillors discussed and do not want to see the Post Box removed from the area, just re-sited to a safer site for pedestrian and parking of cars.

172/16 Planning

16/00400/OM - Outline Major Application for Residential Development for up to 15 houses at land east of Pigeon Street, Walpole St Peter. Application withdrawn.

A. Applications for Consultation with Parish

16/01338/F – First floor extension to dwelling at 81 Springfield Rd, WSA. No objections.

B. Borough Council Planning Authority Decisions

16/01006/F - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 15/00205/F: to amend previously approved drawings for Glen Rosa, Frenchs Road, WSA. Application permitted.

C. Appeals

APP/V2635/W/16/3154238 – Land to the west side of West Drove North, proposed standing of static caravan as accommodation for applicant to look after livestock (KLWNBC Ref 15/01698/F)

D. Enforcements

Cllr Blunt advised that an enforcement order had been issued to a property regarding height of a fence.

173/16 Finance

I. to approve payments

		Ex VAT	VAT	Inc VAT
1.	WPFRT Hall Hire	20.00		20.00
2.	K&M Lighting Services Streetlight Maintenance	53.73	10.75	64.48
3.	Minuteman Press Village Crier Printing	325		325
4.	CGM Ltd Grass cutting	417.75	83.55	501.30
5.	Norfolk ALC Good councillor guides	6.54		6.54
6.	Playsafety Play area inspection	70.00	14.00	84.00
7.	Get Mapping Parish Online mapping	28.00	5.60	33.60
8.	Mrs E Bateman Clerks Salary and Clerical Expenses	330.54		330.54
9.	HMRC PAYE	11.00		11.00

10. E.ON	Energy charge	100.47	5.02	105.49
Cllr Bliss proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Newman. Agreed.				
I.	To record receipts			
	Rose & Crown Solar	Community Contribution	90,321.00	90,321.00
II.	To view the books of Account			
Cllr Bliss looked at the Books.				

174/16 Correspondence – to receive items for information

1. NCC Highway Advice of remedial work from fault reports
2. CGM Ltd Quote for sapling treatment Walpole St Andrew Churchyard, second quote to be obtained.
3. Big Lottery Fund Advice application for funding unsuccessful
4. KLWNBC M Walsh update on access track and allotments Townsend Estate. Monitor access track and agenda item for September
5. KLWNBC invitation to apply for Standards Board committee
6. Norfolk Age Uk AGM invitation 13th September

175/16 Roll of Honour, Parish Hall – addition of name

Cllr Broden invited Mr Street to contribute information to this item. Mr Street advised the stonemason can provide a small plaque for this single additional name, it will be sited between the two supporting brackets of the additional plaque for the 1939-1945 fallen and will have 1914-1918 marked on it together with the name Morley Stimpson on it. Spelling will be checked for accuracy. The plaque will be of a similar colour and stone to the existing and will cost £156 including VAT. Councillors had already agreed for the Parish Council to pay for the plaque and agreed for this to go ahead as soon as possible, Mr Street confirmed that the Parish Hall Committee is in agreement with the additional plaque. Proposed by Cllr Luck, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.

176/16 Report from the Open Day

Cllr Whitaker advised on comments received at the Open Day – scouts would be interested in an allotment, St Andrew's Churchyard path needs improvement, Village entrance feature gates (on verges), Cemetery fence re-painting. There were several ideas for the WPFRT and they will be forwarded to the committee. The open day was a good opportunity for village organisations/clubs to promote what they do. Also, now the community shop has opened, consideration to be given to a monthly parish council surgery.

177/16 Play Park

1. Funding - Cllr Whitaker reported that the Lottery Application had been unsuccessful, advice has been given by the Big Lottery Fund on resubmitting the application and this will be done very soon. Cllr Whitaker will seek more funding opportunities.
2. Annual Inspection Report – the faults were noted and councillors agreed for Fenland Leisure to be asked to provide a quote for the minor repairs and for supply of play park, other quotes for the park will be obtained. Councillors agreed to allocate £1,000 for the park and the Clerk will arrange for quotes and to get the park ordered at best value as soon as possible. Cllrs Whitaker, Bliss and Eveleigh will organise a team for spreading the bark in the play pits.

(Cllr Lawty arrived 8.40pm)

178/16 Parish Partnership Scheme considerations

Trod – NCC to be asked when installation will take place after being assured it would commence early August. Entrance Feature gates to village areas with a red 30mph on the road – to investigate cost of 5 pairs.

179/16 To consider future Village projects

1. Councillors discussed and agreed to investigate the costs of consulting with the residents via delivery of a questionnaire on a postage paid response card.
2. An article to go into the Crier to advise residents of the Community Contribution and that a consultation will take place in the near future.

9.00pm Cllr Broden requested councillors agree to extend the meeting to cover the rest of the agenda. Agreed.

180/16 To discuss Neighbourhood Plans

To be kept on the agenda for the time being. Copies of the old Parish Plan to be kept in storage.

181/16 To discuss footpaths within the parish.

Cllr Newman has looked at maps and together with Cllr Luck they are currently walking the paths. It was agreed to put a link on the website to the NCC footpath map and a permanent reminder article in the Crier for residents to contact councillors for advice if needed about footpaths.

182/16 To receive a report from the Community Centre

1. Cllr Luck reported that the Open Day raised awareness in the community of all the activities and clubs at the Community Centre, a badminton court has been set out, a pool table has been donated, bookings are improving and the suggestion box has been put up on the wall.
2. The Crier is doing well with advertising.
3. Facebook has received some comments.
4. Website is fine at present.

183/16 County and Borough Councillors reports

Cllr Blunt advised the 5 year land bank is in place, the LDF will now be used for determining planning applications rather than National Policy on its own.

Cllr Blunt will follow up the query about the painting of the cemetery railings.

184/16 Report from Village Crier, Social Media & Website Editors

Included in item 182/16

185/16 To receive Councillors reports of villagers' concerns

1. Bus shelter at West Drove North needs cleaning – clerk will provide a quote for next meeting.
2. UKPN are re- laying a cable from Wisbech Rd to Eastlands Bank.
3. Property on Marsh Road appears to be using premises for business use without planning permission, report to Planning Enforcement.

186/16 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. Query for Follens Lane is grass growing in the centre of the road to be cut/strimmed?
2. Raised kerb o/s Lichgate at St Peter's Church.
3. West Drove North – verge just past Hill Farm, big dip in the roadside on the left.

187/16 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

Light o/s No20 Church Road not working.

188/16 To receive items for the next agenda

Grass cutting, Cemetery, Speedwatch.

189/16 Date and Time of Next Meetings

- Risk Assessment and Publication Scheme Sub Committee Meeting Tuesday 16th August 7pm in the Parish Hall, Church Rd, Walpole St Peter.
- Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew, PE14 7JW.

Meeting closed at 9.32pm