

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 9th February 2017 at 7pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Broden
Councillors – Richard Blunt, Jo Drew, Adrian Eveleigh, Richard Green, David Lawty, Janet Luck, Linda Matthews, Lynne Newman, James Whitaker.
Clerk - Emma Bateman, Press – Irene Hunter.
Members of the Public – Mr and Mrs Watt.

23/17 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bliss.

24/17 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations
No declarations of interest were made.

25/17 Public Participation – to hear concerns and comments from members of the public.
There was no participation from members of the public.

26/17 To receive Councillors reports of villagers' concerns

1. Cllr Eveleigh advised that there have been issues with tractors and trailers running over the grass verges from Wisbech Road to Eastlands Bank o/s Beech House. Councillors discussed and agreed that, if possible, should someone see it happen, perhaps try to speak to the driver at the time.
2. Cllr Luck advised that people have seen one or two cars driving on The Chase. Councillors have noted that there is some parking on the verge a busy times. Cllr Newman advised that notes had gone to parents at the school regarding safe parking.

27/17 To receive a reports from:

1. County and Borough Councillors reports – Cllr Blunt had attended the Police Commissioners meeting. Levels or crime were discussed and it appears to be low in this area. There are two new crimes are being reported more (sexual related crime and drug crime). There will be an increase in police officers in the county and King's Lynn Police Station is to be completely refurbished. The Community Infrastructure Levy come into force on 15th February. Governance for fund allocation is 15% locally and the rest will be put into a central fund for applications. There will be a training session for clerks and councillors.
2. Councillor Surgery report – Cllr Newman advised that there were no participants and suggested changing the day of the surgery to Fridays before the Thursday meeting (time 3-4pm). All councillors agreed. A noticeboard was also discussed. Cllr Luck will bring this up with the WPFRT.
3. The Community Centre report – There are moles on the playing field, this will be looked at by WPFRT. The state of the car park was discussed.
4. Village Crier, Social Media & Website Editors reports – there was nothing to report.

28/17 Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting

1. Allotments & Open Space (land to rear of Townsend Estate) – Cllr Newman suggested seeking quotes for clearing the land and preparing the allotment land. Agreed. Cllr Whitaker proposed a Sub Committee is formed and they suggest what needs to happen with the allotments. Cllr Newman volunteered together with Cllr Lawty, volunteers from the community would be asked to contribute. Seconded by Cllr Blunt. Agreed.
2. Footpaths – Cllr Eveleigh has looked at some of the footpaths with Mr Mason and has also worked out two circular routes.

29/17 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 12th January.

The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2017, having been previously circulated, were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Unanimously agreed.

30/17 Planning

A. Applications for Consultation with Parish

16/01705/O – Outline Application for construction of two dwellings at land on south side of Walnut Road. WSP – councillors were under impression this has been withdrawn. No comments made.

16/02101/RM – Reserved Matters Proposed dwelling at Poppyfields, Pycroft Lane. WSP. 9 votes in favour, 1 abstention. Supported

17/00080/F – Replacement bungalow with detached double garage at Rose Cottage, Mill Rd, WSP. 8 votes in favour, 1 objection, 1 abstention. Supported.

B. Borough Council Planning Authority Decisions

16/01784/CU - Land at Townsend Farm, Church Road, WSP. Change of use of agricultural land to garden land. Application Refused, 11th January 2017, Committee Decision.

16/02131/F - Willow Tree House, Chalk Road, WSP. Proposed extension to existing property in order to create a larger kitchen and dining area. Application Permitted, 23rd January 2017, Delegated Decision.

16/01944/LB - Townsend House, Walnut Road, WSP. Single storey extension and alterations. Application Permitted, 31st January 2017, Delegated Decision.

C. Appeals

APP/V2635/W/17/3167504 – (16/01784/CU) Change of use of agricultural land to garden land at Land at Townsend Farm, Church Road, WSP. Comments – the Parish Council accepts the findings of the Planning Officer and the application has been found to be contrary to local plan policy and would be an encroachment into the countryside. 7 votes for this comment to be submitted, 1 vote against, 2 abstentions. Comments will be submitted to Planning Inspectorate.

D. Other Planning Matters

Tree Preservation Order at Red Gables, Wisbech, Rd, Walpole St Andrew.

Listed Building Notice – War Memorial, Churchyard of Walpole St Peter.

31/17 Finance:

		Ex VAT	VAT	Inc VAT
I.	to approve payments			
i.	WPFRT Hall Hire Sept & Oct	48.60		48.60
ii.	K&M Streetlight Maintenance	118.73	23.75	142.48
iii.	Minuteman Village Crier Printing	325.00		325.00
iv.	M&M Cleaning WDN Bus Shelter	50.00		50.00
v.	Norfolk AgeSection 137 Donation	75.00		75.00
vi.	B Powers Trimming green lanes	85.00		85.00
vii.	E Bateman Salary and Clerical Expenses	297.73		297.73
viii.	E.ON Energy charge	116.67	5.83	122.50

All councillors agreed payments are made.

II. to record receipts

B Powers	Allotment Rent	54.49		54.49
Village Crier	Adverts	72.16		72.16

III. To view the books of Account

Cllr Drew looked at the Books of Account.

32/17 Correspondence – to receive items for information

1. BT - Price changes
2. John Mills - Lorries on The Marsh. Letter/email to Dong to remind all drivers to use correct routes
3. Plunkett Foundation - Call to Action
4. KLWNBC - Statement of Community Involvement
5. UK Power Networks - Power Cut Information
6. J Fraser - Car Park at Community Centre, forwarded to WPFRT
7. Traditional Renovations - Gate pillar quote
8. Norfolk Police - Newsletter

33/17 Play Park

1. Cllr Whitaker had previously circulated costings and design for both projects.
2. The container needs to be repositioned. Councillors agreed for this to be arranged and funded from the contingency fund. Unanimously agreed.
3. Spoil Removal, Councillors agreed for this to be arranged and funded from the contingency fund. Unanimously agreed.
4. Services – Cllr Whitaker will confirm with the WPFRT about any services running under the area.
5. Formal orders for both projects will be placed – up-to Teens area £20,493.77 plus VAT, £3K contingency fund (£10K Lottery Grant), Tots area £11,329.14 plus VAT, £1K contingency fund (£1K minimum Tesco Bags of Help Grant). Unanimously Agreed.

34/17 To plan for the open meeting regarding the results of the Community Consultation about the Solar Farm Community Contribution on Thursday 16th February at 6.30pm.

Cllr Drew has prepared a power-point presentation. Cllr Broden will open the meeting, followed by the presentation from Cllr Drew, then open discussion, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available (Cllr Lawty). Flyers have been given to the school for the book bags.

35/17 St Andrew's Churchyard - to receive information regarding the hole in the ground.

Councillors discussed the information from the Churches Conservation Trust Architect and agreed to write to St Peter's Parochial Church Council that the Parish Council does not believe it is responsible for any issues relating to drainage from

the church building or buildings outside the churchyard. Copy to be sent to Geoffrey Hunter, Church Building Consultation, Diocese of Ely. Agreed.

36/17 St Peter's Churchyard War Memorial - to receive any updates from the sub committee

1. Cllr Eveleigh advised that three quotes have been obtained to date. The Memorial has now been classed as a listed building. Cllr Lawty will speak to the KLWNBC Conservation Officer for advice on the quotes. Councillors agreed for the application for a grant for a structural survey to be made to the War Memorials Trust.
2. Parish Hall Memorial – the extra name has now been added on an extra piece of marble place underneath the existing memorial.

37/17 Highways & Streetlighting- To receive reports of road, footpath faults and reports of faulty street lighting columns

1. West Drove North, Walpole St Peter – pot hole between Horseshoe Cottage and Ashtree House.
2. Slip Road (Wisbech Rd –Police Rd), Walpole St Andrew – road surface breaking up in the middle of the carriageway.
3. Walnut Road, Walpole St Peter – road surface breaking up at the junction of School Lane.
4. Walnut Road to Police Road – dangerous corner o/s Lions Services, for further discussion.

38/17 To receive items for the next agenda - Village Projects/Results of Open Meeting and Consultation, War Memorial (Neighbourhood Plan, Risk Assessment Review - April)

39/17 Date and Time of Next Meetings – Public Meeting Thursday 16th February 2017 at 6.30pm, Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.00pm. Both meetings will be held in the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew, PE14 7JW.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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