

Walpole Parish Council

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Walpole Parish Council at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew held on Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.00pm.

Present – Chairman – Cllr Rosa Blunt

Councillors – Andy Bliss, Richard Blunt, Richard Cousins, Richard Green, Maureen Patrick & Pat Wiseman
County & Borough Councillor Tony Wright, Peter Luck (Village Crier & Website), Irene Hunter (Press),
Emma Bateman (Clerk).

Matthew Hunter and John Curtis – Walpole Warriors BMX Club.

39/13 Apologies – to consider accepting apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Richard Broden and James Whitaker.

40/13 Walpole Warriors BMX Club

Matthew Hunter & Jon Curtis attended the meeting to discuss the progress so far with the proposed BMX Club Track on the WPFRT Sports Field. The club currently has 65 members. The land will be leased from WPFRT and the club will be responsible for the management and maintenance of the track & Club and will report to WPFRT. It is proposed that Fraser Dawbarns will draw up a 25 year lease and if the club should cease to exist, there will be a fund to return the field to its former status. The BMX Track will only use one third of the land. The club will make a suitable and regulation compliant access from Stickfast Lane, access will be away from the residential area, as will the carparking. The club is raising funds through applying to various grants at present and would the project to be completed by the end of this year.

Councillors were interested to hear about the project and discuss the proposal for a gated, occasional access for services from Springfield Road.

41/13 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed

Cllr Patrick declared an interest in Finance 47/13 II i.

42/13 Planning to consider Planning Applications as listed.

1. Applications

- a) 13/00252/F – Proposed extension and alterations at The Willows, Pigeon Street, WSA. Support.
- b) 13/00280/EXF – Extension for time to PP10/00199/F – Construction of dwelling following demolition of existing building at The Old Telephone Exchange, Kirk Rd, WSA. Support.
- c) 12/01708/O – Outline application for new 4-bed house at land West of Pigeon Street, Walpole St Andrew. Object, plans are unsatisfactory due to the access to the property.

2. Decisions, Enforcements, Appeals – none.

43/13 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

There were no other members of the public in attendance.

44/13 Village Crier & Parish Website – to suspend the meeting to receive information from the Editor

Peter Luck advised that there were no issues raised from The Crier and Website.

45/13 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2013.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th March 2013, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Cousins, seconded by Cllr Wiseman. Agreed

46/13 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

1. Parking regulations – circulated to all councillors, a copy sent to the Editor for inclusion in the next edition of The Crier. Councillors agreed to ask the Parking Officer to come to the Parish to look at the problem parking areas.
2. Highway Engineer – Clerk to request he visit the Parish to look at all the areas in need of attention and answer any queries.
3. Gritting on The Marsh – Mrs Buttress has had an emailed response from Norfolk County Council. The Parish will request again that NCC consider adding the Marsh to the gritting route.

47/13 Finance

- I. To consider any request for grants and donations if received
King's Lynn and Norfolk CAB – councillors agreed not to donate.
- II. To approve payments as listed

i.	<u>Cheques</u> WPFRT	Hall Hire	12.00	12.00
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ii.	K&M Lighting	Streetlight Maintenance March	48.31	57.97
iii.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	258.20	258.20
	<u>Direct Debits</u>			
iv.	E.ON	Energy Charge March	61.90	65.00
v.	Information Commissioner	Data Controller Fee	35.00	35.00
III.	To record receipts			
	<u>Receipts</u>			
i.	Village Crier Adverts		101.00	101.00
ii.	Village Crier Adverts		79.00	79.00
IV.	To view the books of Account			
	Cllrs Green and Bliss looked at the Books.			

48/13 Correspondence – to receive items for information as listed overleaf plus any other correspondence received after publication of the agenda

1. Norfolk Link Magazine
2. NALC Initial Training for Councillors & Clerks
3. NCC Flood risk management strategy
4. The Samaritans Request for donation – agreed to discuss in April
5. Parsons Brinkerhoff 18th Feb 13 – Sutton Bridge B Updating of the application for consent under Electricity Act 1989 – environmental impact assessment re-scoping letter.
6. Parsons Brinkerhoff 4th March 13 – Sutton Bridge B Updating of the application for consent under Electricity Act 1989 – environmental impact assessment re-scoping letter.
7. Fenland District Council – Fenland Local Plan – Core strategy DPD and policies Map proposed submission – Cllr Bliss took to look at.
8. Clerks & Councils Direct – Magazine
9. Chris Lorraine – parking rules email.
10. Brenda Britton – complaint regarding horse droppings on pavements – Editor to put an article in newsletter to advise that this should not happen on pavements.
11. Sue Payne – Neighbourhood Officer KLWNBC – Lottery Funding/ITV looking to feature local projects to enter into a TV vote for upto £50K from Big Lottery Fund.

49/13 Councillor Vacancies – to note the dates for applications for the two co-opted councillor vacancies
The advert for the two councillor vacancies will be advertised in The Crier, on the website and on the notice boards. The closing date for applications will be 8th May 2013.

50/13 The Chase Lighting Scheme – to receive information and discuss

1. Information was received from NCC and distributed via email to all councillors. It was agreed to get a cost for the LED powered lights and more detail from Lighting Reality.
2. Primary School Light – the light does belong to the School but it was installed by NCC. Councillors agreed to ask K&M Lighting to check it works and put a new bulb in.

51/13 WPFRT Sports Field Access – to discuss proposals

Cllr Bliss circulated at map and asked the Council if they are ready to employ and agent to put forward a planning application for the proposed access. Councillors discussed and agreed to obtain some advice on cost of the installation of an access prior to engaging an agent.

52/13 Play Park – to discuss proposals for improvements

1. Cllr Rosa Blunt advised that drawings and costing has been received from Fenland Leisure Products. Sovereign Ltd are coming to survey the site on 26th March and will send costings and drawings.
2. Cllr Rosa Blunt is preparing a project plan for the whole proposal.

53/13 Walpole St Andrew Churchyard – to discuss the Tree Survey and note the boundaries of the Churchyard
Councillors discussed and agreed that trees appear to be on The Swingfield which is the responsibility of the Diocese of Ely and a copy of the tree survey to be sent to them to deal with the trees on the Swingfield.

54/13 To receive Villagers' Concerns

1. Cllr Wiseman reported that the hedge from the Primary School is growing into the playpark. Clerk to write to the Head Teacher.
2. Walnut Road –Walnutcroft, trees have been planted on the edge of the verge – to show the Highway Engineer.
3. Affordable Housing on Wendals Herb site – Cllr Cousins asked if it is possible to find out if the homes will be offered to local residents as a priority. Clerk to ask Freebridge Housing Association.
4. Summer Close – drain covers o/s no8 on both sides of the road have not been replaced.
5. Biodegradable Food Bags – Cllr Patrick advised that the Borough Council suggested that the Community Shop should not stock them as they have a shelf life of only 6 months and will be available in supermarkets.

55/13 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. Chalk Road, Walpole St Andrew – opposite council houses road is breaking up and cul-de-sac is in poor state too.
2. Market Lane, Walpole St Andrew – o/s No3, pot hole in road.
3. Mill Road, Walpole St Peter – opposite house known as Black Horse, big chunk of road fallen away.
4. West Drove North, Walpole Highway – write to Walpole Highway to support complaints to NCC about poor state of road and potholes.
5. Mill Road, Walpole St Peter – double bend road surface has broken up across the carriageway.
6. Walpole Highway – Mill Road, parking o/s the cottages close to junction with Lynn Road is still a problem.

56/13 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faults of any parish council owned streetlights
No32 on The Marsh is not working.

57/13 To receive items for the next agenda
Samaritans donation to be included under Finance.

58/13 Date and Time of Next Meeting
Annual Assembly Thursday 11th April 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, followed by an Ordinary Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm