

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 January 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Blunt
Councillors – Andy Bliss, Rosa Blunt, Richard Broden, Richard Cousins, Richard Green, Maureen Patrick, Annie Treen, James Whitaker.
Borough Councillor Tony Wright
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Janet and Peter Luck – Website and Crier.

01/14 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation
No members of the public in attendance

02/14 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Emma Hanslip and Pat Wiseman

03/14 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed
Cllr Patrick declared an interest in Finance 07/14 II i.

04/14 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2013.
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2013, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Cousins. Agreed

05/14 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

1. Swingfield Trees – Clerk has contacted Michael Anstey of Walpole St Peter PCC but had no response regarding the action that the PCC are taking for the trees in the Swingfield.

06/14 Planning - to consider Planning Applications as listed plus any others received after publication of the agenda.
Borough Council decisions

13/01505/RM – Construction of replacement bungalow at Glen Rosa, Frenchs Road, Walpole St Andrew. Permission granted.

13/01034/F – Conversion of garage to dwelling and retrospective application to same garage for extension at 4 Rose and Crown Cottages, Walpole Bank, Walpole St Andrew. Permission refused.

07/14 Finance

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

None received

II. to approve payments as listed overleaf

Cheques

i.	WPFRT	Hall Hire		12.00	12.00
ii.	K&M Lighting	Streetlight Maintenance	Jan	48.31	57.97
iii.	CGM Ltd	Aerate playing field		52.00	62.40
iv.	West Norfolk VCA	Membership fee pro rata		5.83	5.83
v.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary		245.37	245.37

Direct Debits

vi.	E.ON	Energy Charge	Nov	68.53	71.96
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Cllrs Rosa Blunt proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

III. to record receipts

i.	Village Crier	Advertising		173.00	173.00
ii.	Mr R Powers	Allotments		99.52	99.52
iii.	Mr B Powers	Allotments		66.83	66.83
iv.	Mr A and Mr D Thistleton	Allotments		162.55	162.55

IV. To view the books of Account

Cllrs Patrick and Rosa Blunt looked at the books of account.

08/14 Correspondence

1. Centrica Energy - Notice of Assignment re Allotments land at Frenchs Rd, all dealings will now be with Dong Energy Race Bank (UK) Ltd in respect of Option Agreement.
2. Maxey Grounds & Co - Re Options Agreements and Dong Energy.
3. Walpole Cross Keys PC - Consultation on Neighbourhood Plan until 12th February 2014. View it on Parish Council website www.walpolecrosskey.co.uk or via email from clerk@walpolecrosskeys.co.uk comments to same or direct to Sarah Thorpe, Walpole Cross Keys Clerk.

4. NALC Members survey.
5. Norfolk Link & various posters
6. Clerks and Councils Direct newsletter

09/14 Consultation on Draft Sustainability Appraisal Report (for Draft Policies and Site Plan).

1. Councillors discussed and agreed that the response should state that the Parish Council is very concerned about the current infrastructure of the Parish not being able to serve the proposed amount of development - footpaths poor, road surfaces and water drainage poor, lack of public transport, poor phone and internet service.
2. Councillors also decided to invite Henry Bellingham MP to a parish council meeting – date to suit Mr Bellingham – to discuss the local development framework.

10/14 The Chase Lighting Scheme and VAS signs

1. The columns are in situ on The Chase and the project should be completed within 3-4 weeks.
2. Councillors agreed the sites for the two proposed VAS signs agreed last month. Clerk will submit the application for 50% funding to NCC. Proposed sites are Mill Road 100 metres into Village after 30mph sign close to the old garage site/opp The Holt, and Market Lane/Wisbech Road 100 metres into Village after 30mph sign, in vicinity of end of Sycamore House land.

11/14 WPFRT Sports Field - to discuss the proposed access to the field

Cllr Patrick will contact Colin Perkins regarding the status of the field – whether it is classed as agricultural or recreational as this will have an effect on the planning application for the BMX track.

12/14 Play Park – update from Cllr Rosa Blunt

Cllr Rosa Blunt advised that there had been 3 or 4 responses from the general public and will follow up the questionnaires from the School. Cllr Rosa Blunt will also check up with the Big Lottery Grant about any new rulings for 2014.

13/14 County and Borough Councillors Reports

Cllr Agnew advised about: Discussion on the Budget and that the proposal is to keep the rates the same. There is a lot of discussion at County Hall regarding development in King's Lynn. The deputy Mayor – Gary Sandall has recently passed away. Green Quay is now Marriott's Warehouse Trust. There has been no decision on the Incinerator.

14/14 Village Crier and Website – to receive any reports from the Editors

There have been 615 hits on the website and awaiting payment for three advertising invoices.

15/14 To receive councillors reports of Villagers' Concerns

1. Chalk Road/Wisbech Road junction, Walpole St Andrew – there is still an issue with visibility due to the hedge and fencing. Contact Andy Wallace again.
2. Church Road/Chalk Road, Walpole St Peter – there are issues with surface water drainage – the drains are on the wrong side of the road for effective drainage.
3. Wisbech Road, Walpole St Andrew – on the left from the junction at Chalk Road – pavement thick with dropped leaves and mud.
4. Walnut Road, Walpole St Peter – verges are badly cut up by vehicles o/s Collinscroft.
5. Councillors would like Andy Wallace and or Martin Edmunds to visit and look at the problem areas again.

16/14 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. Gooses Lane, Walpole St Andrew – between Badger's Cattery and The Rosary, large pothole by the big bush and large pothole by The Rosary.
2. Gooses Lane, Walpole St Andrew – by Sunset Cottage, a 25 metre stretch in deeply rutted and catching on the underside of cars.
3. West Drove North, Walpole St Peter – huge pothole just past the gas main indicator post.
4. School Lane, Walpole St Peter – potholes everywhere.
5. Mill Road, Walpole St Peter – from Manor Farm towards Walpole Highway, road surface crumbly by the double bend and series of potholes.
6. Frenchs Road/Wisbech Road junction – direction sign post shoved over.
7. Police Road/Folgate Lane/Walnut Road – direction sign has been taken out.
8. Walnut Road/West Drove North – by Lions Services, 2 big potholes.

17/14 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

No13 Wisbech Road and No17 Walnut Road/Chalk Road (it is in trees).

18/14 To receive items for the next agenda

West Norfolk Community Transport Representative at 7pm, Commemoration of World War I.

19/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 13th February 2014 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.