

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 8th May 2014 at 7pm.

Present – Vice Chairman - Rosa Blunt
Councillors – Andy Bliss, Richard Broden, Richard Green, Emma Hanslip, Annie Treen, James Whitaker and Pat Wiseman
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Peter Luck – Village Crier and Website
7 parishioners

67/14 Election of Officers

- I. Chairman – Cllr Rosa Blunt received one nomination for Chairman - Cllr Richard Blunt (who had previously indicated that he is willing to stand again). Cllr Whitaker proposed, Cllr Treen seconded. Agreed.
- II. Vice Chairman – Cllr Bliss took the chair for this item and received one nomination for Vice Chairman – Cllr Rosa Blunt. Cllr Green proposed, Cllr Whitaker seconded. Agreed.
Cllr Rosa Blunt resumed the Chair for the rest of the meeting.
- III. Planning Committee – Cllr Wiseman proposed that the planning committee consist of Cllrs Richard Blunt, Cllr Andy Bliss, Cllr Richard Green & Cllr James Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Hanslip. Agreed.
- IV. Community Centre Representative – Cllr Whitaker proposed Cllr Patrick as representative, Cllr Wiseman seconded. Agreed.

68/14 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Richard Blunt, Richard Cousins & Maureen Patrick and from Mrs J Luck, Village Crier Editor.

69/14 Standing Orders – to accept and adopt a new edition of the Standing Orders

Cllr Broden proposed the new standing orders be adopted, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.

70/14 Financial Regulations – to accept and adopt a new edition Financial Regulations

Cllr Wiseman proposed the new financial regulations be adopted, seconded by Cllr Treen. Agreed.

71/14 Programme of Meetings – to accept the proposed dates of future meetings

The Parish Council will meet on the second Thursday evening of each month, proposed by Cllr Wiseman, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.

72/14 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

1. A member of the public asked for all councillors to introduce themselves.
2. There was a discussion about the proposed Solar Installation at Rose & Crown Farm, concerns were raised about the amount of energy producing installations in the vicinity of the villages.
3. Concerns were raised about the lack of facilities at Walpole Marsh – no bus, no gritting etc. There was a request for a noticeboard.
4. Site 33 – there was a discussion about the proposals for site 33 and a request for a public information meeting so that residents have an opportunity to find out information directly from the Agent.
5. Disused Allotments behind Townsend Estate – concerns were raised about the Borough Council and these garden allotments currently out of usage.

73/14 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2014.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th April 2014, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Broden, seconded by Cllr Green. Agreed.

74/14 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed

Cllr Green declared an interest in 76/14 Planning Applications A.i.

75/14 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

The Swingfield will be included on the June agenda.

76/14 Planning

A. Applications

- i. 14/00549/F – Installation of two EC55 (24m tower) Wind Turbines at Model Farm, Frenchs Rd, Walpole Marsh, WSA. Support. (*Cllr Whitaker abstained from the discussion*).
- ii. 14/00550/F – Construction of detached garage with room over and carport at Caxton House, Chalk Rd, WSP. Support for the garage but the room must not be used for residential accommodation.

B. Borough Council Decisions

- i. 14/00415/LDP – Certificate of lawfulness: To remove the pool from annexe to form large open plan room at Eastcroft, Wisbech Rd, WSA. Application permitted.
- ii. 13/0146/F – Completion and retention of triple stable, hard-standing and access at Missbe-Haven, The Marsh, WSA. Application permitted.
- iii. 14/00242/O – Outline application: Construction of two dwellings at Land Adjacent to Elm House, Chalk Road, WSP. Application permitted.

77/14 Finance

- I. Councillors agreed that there needs to be clarification on where the last £1,144.85 from the National Grid Grant can be spent. £3,355.15 was spent on The Chase Lighting Scheme last year.
- II. There was a discussion about accounts and the website – June Agenda.
- III. To accept the End of Year Accounts and Annual Return
 - i. Cllr Broden proposed the Year End Accounts be accepted, seconded by Cllr Green. Agreed.
 - ii. Cllr Green proposed the Annual Return be accepted, seconded by Cllr Broden. Agreed.
- IV. To consider any request for grants and donations if received
None received.
- V. to approve payments

Cheques				
i.	WPFRT	Hall Hire	20.00	20.00
ii.	MHB Services	Streetlight Maintenance	48.31	57.97
iii.	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium	1036.25	1036.25
iv.	KLWNBC	Dog bin emptying April 13-March 14	325.00	390.00
v.	CGM Ltd	Grass cutting	132.50	159.00
vi.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	265.67	265.67
Direct Debits				
vii.	E.ON	Energy Charge	66.32	69.64
- VI. to record receipts

i.	A Thistleton	Allotment Rents	1077.66	1077.66
ii.	D Thistleton	Allotment Rents	333.98	333.98
iii.	A Melton	Allotment Rents	258.85	258.85
- VII. To view the books of Account
Cllr Bliss looked at the Books of Account

78/14 Correspondence

1. Walpole St Andrew Cemetery – complaint received via the website regarding the poor state of the cemetery grounds, furniture and railings. Parish Council to speak to KLWNBC about the poor maintenance of the cemetery.
2. Comments have been left on the website regarding the Parish Council and publication of accounts– website and publication scheme to be discussed in June as 77/14.II.
3. Suzanne Lyons – request for Mr Dawson to come to the Parish and discuss with the public proposals for Site 33. Councillors agreed to ask Mr Dawson for a meeting. Councillors will be happy to meet with Ms Lyons on site after the June meeting.
4. Downing Street -Tax cut for NICs
5. Magpas -Thank you for the donation
6. Dong Energy - Offer to come to a Parish Council meeting to give presentation regarding Race Bank wind farm

79/14 Noticeboards

1. The noticeboards need some maintenance, councillors agreed for the Clerk to find someone to do the necessary repairs & cleaning.
2. Noticeboard for The Marsh – Councillors agreed for the Clerk to get some prices.

80/14 Play Park

1. Cllr Rosa Blunt advised that the lease is in process, although a detailed map is required. Cllr Whitaker agreed to plot a map in consultation with Cllr Rosa Blunt and give it to Mrs Plume for the solicitor.
2. Existing Play Park – councillors agreed for the clerk to get quotes for any repairs and bark pit refilling.

81/14 WPFRT Sports Field – to receive a plan for the proposed access

A draft plan has been received from Mr Colin Perkins. Councillors agreed for the access to be 4.5m wide from start to finish. The gate will be on the field side of the access. Cllr Bliss proposed that the agreed plan be submitted to KLWNBC as a planning application, seconded by Cllr Hanslip. Agreed.

82/14 to receive councillor's reports of villagers' concerns

1. Townsend Estate Right of Way – the right of way over a track has been stopped up at No1 by KLWNBC, with no information to residents who have the RoW listed on their house Deeds. Councillors agreed for Clerk to ask KLWNBC for clarification of the situation.
2. Swingfield – moles, councillors agreed for Command Pest Control to be asked to deal with them.
3. Fly-tipping – note to go into Crier to ask residents to report fly-tipping to the correct authorities.
4. Overgrown hedges/bushes - note to go into The Crier about residents keeping bushes and shrubs trimmed back so not to encroach on public footpaths and roads.

(Cllr Hanslip left at 9.25pm)

83/14 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults

1. West Drove North – tar and chipping has been carried out. Councillors agreed for Clerk to enquire if any further work is planned.
2. Walnut Rd/Police Rd – pothole o/s Lions Services near to Chapter House.
3. Mill Rd – “s” bends
4. Follens Rd/Eastlands Bank footpath – blocked with tree branches.

84/14 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns

1. No 5 & 6 Springfield Rd – report to NCC.
2. Write to Anthony Curton School Governors regarding the streetlight at the old access to the school.

85/14 Items for the next agenda

Review of Publication Scheme & Website, Swingfield, National Grid grant balance, Allotment land behind Townsend Estate, WSA Cemetery, Parish Projects and for a future meeting – Parish Policy on Skyscape.

86/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 12th June at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.