

# WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.00pm.

Present – Chairman – Cllr Richard Blunt  
Councillors – Cllrs Andy Bliss, Richard Cousins, Richard Green, Maureen Patrick, Annie Treen, James Whitaker and Pat Wiseman  
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Janet & Peter Luck – Village Crier and Website  
Members of the Public – Mrs Flint, Mr and Mrs Henderson & Mrs Newman.

## 234/14 Chairman's Notice and Announcement

In the interests of openness and transparency, councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Parish Council or its committees when they are open to the public. This does not extend to live verbal commentary.

Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent.

Anyone wishing to report on the meeting should notify the Clerk or Chairman so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities.

People under the age of 18 or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose.

Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting.

235/14 The Parish Council held one minutes silence in respect of the late Mr Russell Raspberry, ex parish councillor.

## 236/14 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Rosa Blunt, Emma Hanslip and Borough Councillor Tony Wright.

## 237/14 Public Participation – to suspend the meeting to allow public participation

1. Mrs Henderson – concerns regarding Borough Councillor's vote at the Borough Council meeting regarding the LDF Document, going against the opinion of the majority of residents in The Walpoles and has no confidence in the Borough Councillor.
2. Mrs Newman – concerns regarding the lack of support for events in the parish, in particular the Scouts Christmas Bazaar. Councillors discussed and suggested a letter should be sent via the Crier asking for more support and interest from residents.

## 238/14 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Treen, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

## 239/14 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed

Cllr Patrick declared an interest in 242/14.III.i Finance, 247/14 Play Park and 248/14 WPFRT Sports Field.

Cllr Cousins declared an interest in 241/14 Planning 14/01698/RM.

## 240/14 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

LDF – Cllr Richard Blunt spoke to and emailed Borough Councillor Tony Wright to represent the wishes of the Parish at the recent Borough Council meeting. Cllr Patrick attended the meeting and advised that Cllr Wright supported the LDF Document presented to the Borough Council but is supporting the Parish Council's views.

Transport in the Walpoles – The Clerk has spoken with Karl Buffen at NCC regarding the transport situation in the Walpole area. He has asked for information regarding the needs of the residents who use public transport. Councillors agreed for a request to go into the Crier asking for responses from the residents so that NCC have an idea of what is required.

Light for Church Rd – the cost of installing a new lighting column in addition to the existing is in the region of £1700. Councillors discussed and agreed not to pursue this project.

## 241/14 Planning - to consider Planning Applications, receive Borough Council decisions, note planning appeals and breaches.

### Applications

14/01604/F – Two storey extension with rear facing conservatory at 7, West Drove North, WSP. Support.

14/01653/F – Two storey side extension and detached carport at The Sycamores, Church Rd, WSP. Support

14/01619/F – Change of use from snooker room to beauty room, inc internal and external alterations at The Old Barn, Walpole Bank, WSA. Support.

14/01656/F – Provision of regional standard BMX track at land at Stickfast Lane, WSA. Support.

14/01662/F – Demolition of derelict commercial building and construction of 4-bedroom two storey dwelling with detached double garage at Storage, The Marsh, WSA. Support.

*(Cllr Cousins did not take part in the discussion or decision regarding the next application.)*

14/01698/RM – Construction of four dwellings at Applegate Nurseries, Applegate House, Walnut Road, WSP. Support.

#### 242/14 Finance

- I. To consider any request for grants and donations if received  
Nothing to be considered this meeting.
- II. To make considerations for Parish Precept 2015/16  
Councillors discussed and agreed to make consideration for the community centre car park, play park funding, wooden sign posts, website hosting, access for the sports field and to look at costs for a trod for Chalk Rd (together with the Parish Partnership Scheme)
- III. to approve payments

i.	WPFRT	Hall Hire	20.00	20.00
ii.	K&M Lighting Services	Streetlight Maintenance	48.31	57.97
iii.	CGM Ltd	Grass cutting and herbicide application	81.25	97.50
iv.	Minuteman Press Village	Crier Printing	325.00	325.00
v.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary & Expenses	238.17	238.17
	Direct Debits			
vi.	E.ON	Energy Charge	66.32	69.64

Cllr Treen proposed all payments be made, seconded by Cllr Wiseman. Agreed.
- IV. to record receipts  
None
- V. To view the books of Account  
Cllrs Cousins and Bliss looked at the books

#### 243/14 Correspondence – to receive items for information

1. Anthony Curton School – carpark area by school gate. Councillors discussed and PC will get in touch with National Grid about some aid to help with the surfacing of the carpark. Cllr Patrick will get some costings in the meantime and will write to Mrs Senior, Head teacher.
2. WNVCA – newsletter
3. CPRE – Light pollution questionnaire – 10 years on – questionnaire on light pollution completed.
4. Norfolk Accident Rescue
5. KLWNBC – Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Pre-submission Document (LDF Consultation Briefing Sessions)(*Consultation period 12<sup>th</sup> January to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015*)
6. Emails of support for Parish Partnership Scheme
7. C Dawson – extract of Borough Council meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> November.
8. Dalcour McLaren – Update on Dong Energy
9. S Lyons – queries re LDF
10. L Newman – request for PC to consider putting in dog waste bins when installing new litter bins
11. St Johns Patient Group – lack of participants for Patient group meetings. Advertise in Crier for a representative from the Parish to attend.
12. FDC – consultation on draft developer contributions

*Cllr Bliss left at 9pm*

#### 244/14 LDF – to make arrangements to prepare the Parish Council's response to the up-coming LDF Consultation

1. Cllr Patrick gave a resume of the Borough Council meeting to the Parish Council and advised that the questions raised by the Parish Council would not be answered by the Borough Council, Cllr Patrick was advised to make representations in the consultation period.
2. Cllr Richard Blunt reminded everyone that all residents can make their own representations to the LDF Consultation. The Borough Council has to justify its' plan to the inspector and consider all reasonable alternatives. Cllr Richard Blunt advised that the Parish Council has the potential to develop its own strategy. The Parish Council has to prove it can accommodate 20 more homes in the next 10 years.
3. Councillors agreed to have an extended Public Participation Session at the January Meeting in advance of the opening date for the Sites Specific Allocations Policy Document Consultation. This will advise the community of the Parish Council's stance and give guidance to residents on how to make their own representations. Considerations must be made for education and employment. The Public Participation Session will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6.30pm to 8pm followed by a short parish council meeting, proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Cousins. Agreed.
4. Cllr Whitaker proposed a flyer be distributed to all residents by Mr Webb's Newsagents in advance of the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January, seconded by Cllr Cousins. Agreed.
5. Councillors discussed the strategy and agreed alternative proposals to include small scale development, infill sites and suggest potential sites. The Chairman will collate the information.

#### 245/14 To review the Publication Scheme and Website

Deferred to a future meeting.

#### 246/14 Land behind Townsend Estate – to receive any updates on the following:

Unused Allotments – there has been no further correspondence regarding the re-instatement of the right of way track. Mrs Newman had received an email from KLWNBC stating that it would be in the new year.

247/14 Play Park – to receive an update on the project for new equipment  
Deferred to future meeting

248/14 WPFRT Sports Field – to receive an update on the proposed access  
Deferred to future meeting

249/14 To discuss parish projects – to discuss considerations for the Parish Partnership Scheme  
Councillors discussed the possibility of a trod for Chalk Rd from the cul-de sac to the junction with Wisbech Rd. Councillors agreed for the clerk to get a cost from the Highway Engineer in time for the next meeting.

250/14 County and Borough Councillors Reports  
Deferred to future meeting

251/14 Village Crier and Website - to receive any reports from the Editors  
Deferred to future meeting

252/14 To receive councillors' reports of villagers' concerns  
Springfield Rd – conifer trees outside a property need trimming back.  
Lions Services – the shop is closing in the new year.

253/14 Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults  
West Drove North – whole length of the road is sinking and bumpy.

254/14 Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns  
No reports

255/14 To receive items for the next agenda  
Shortened agenda due to extended public participation session for the LDF.

256/14 Cllr Treen advised the Parish Council that she is resigning from the Council due to re-location away from the village.

257/14 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 10pm.