

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 12 February January 2015 at 7pm.

Present – Chairman – Cllr Richard Blunt
Councillors – Cllrs Andy Bliss, Richard Cousins, Richard Green, Maureen Patrick, James Whitaker
Borough Councillor Tony Wright
Emma Bateman – Clerk, Janet & Peter Luck – Village Crier and Website, Irene Hunter – Press.
6 Parishioners – Mrs C Flint, Mr and Mrs Henderson and Mrs Ly Newman and two others (arrived at 7.30pm)
Representatives from Counter Context, Dong Energy and Murphy
Philip Ford – Dong, Kare Kristensen – Dong, Paul Ashworth – Dong, Simon Gamage – Dong, Ian Renshaw – Dong, Thomas McHugh – Counter Context, Olivia – Counter Context, Representative from Murphy.

24/15 Chairman's 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.

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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.

25/15 Apologies

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Rosa Blunt and Pat Wiseman.

26/15 To receive an overview of the Dong Energy Race Bank Wind Farm project from 7pm to 7.30pm

Brochures were handed out to the meeting and it was explained that Dong Energy have been building off-shore wind farms since the 1990s and took over the Race Bank project from Centrica in 2013. There will be 580 megawatts of power and 91 wind turbines. Implementation for the onshore substation starts on 19 February 2015 with Murphy's. In April/May there will be work to the onshore cable route. Newsletters will be distributed to the community to keep the residents informed and a liaison office will be appointed, contact details will be given in the next newsletter. Dong are currently looking at horizontal operational drilling to minimise impact but this is not part of the current planning consent and will have to be subject to a planning application. Concerns were raised about piping under the sea defences. Dong are considering it in engineering terms and will clearly indicate their solutions. Flood Risk assessments have been carried out. There was a discussion about drilling and piping. Dong are still evaluating which method will be the most suitable. Discussion regarding the water for cooling the drill – preference to extract from the Nene, traffic management is being considered if vehicles have to be used for water transportation. The onshore substation is sited next to the National Grid Sub Station. This Sub Station is particular for Race Bank Wind Farm. Each wind farm has to have its own infrastructure, no sharing of cables. Companies cannot own the generating equipment as well as the transmission assets. Dong will continue to own the Wind Farm but the substation will be sold to another party once completed. Councillors asked if Dong have any community assistance funds. Dong Energy will engage positively with the community but there is no formal community fund. Cllr Richard Blunt asked for the Liaison Officer to attend a parish council meeting every 6 months to keep parish council updated.

L Newman commented that 'Countryfile' (BBC) had reported that there is 15% renewable energy but it costs £1million to turn off the turbines periodically and this does not make sense. P Ford – Dong, advised that Dong is working hard to reach renewable targets.

L Newman – will there be jobs for local people? P Ford – Dong, there will be some jobs but Murphy's are the contractor and they will use local subcontractors. The employees will be spending their money locally too.

Cllr Richard Blunt thanked the representatives from Counter Context, Dong and Murphy's for attending

27/15 To suspend the meeting for Public Participation

1. Gill Henderson – in was recently reported that Parson Drove Parish Council has applied for a Neighbourhood Plan, is this something that Walpole will consider? Cllr Richard Blunt advised that Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council were also in the process of carry out an Neighbourhood Plan and there was a great deal of work involved, it is a similar consultation process to the LDF and if approved it will supersede the LDF.
2. Lynne Newman – Please could Parish Councillors make themselves more visible to the residents i.e. a photo and potted history in the Crier or Website. Cllr Richard Blunt remarked that the idea is good. There was a general discussion regarding the Crier and Website. There are still issues of the Crier not being delivered in some areas. Cllr Patrick will look into this.

28/15 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th January and the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting Thursday 22nd January 2015.

- A. 9th January 2015 – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th January, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Patrick, seconded by Cllr Green. Agreed.
- B. 22nd January 2015 - The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd January, having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Patrick, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.

29/15 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest from members on any item to be discussed

- 1. Cllr Patrick 32/15 Finance II i.
- 2. Cllr Cousins 31/15 Planning B and 34/15 LDF.

30/15 Matters Arising – to record matters dealt with arising from the last meeting

- 1. Chalk Rd Trod – the application has been submitted to NCC.
- 2. Terrington St John Surgery – Mrs Rosie Haycock has volunteered to be the Parish representative and is a voting member of the TSJ committee.
- 3. Councillor Vacancies – there are three vacancies that can be filled by co-option, an advert to go into the Crier and Website to advertise the vacancies and advise residents of the forthcoming election.
- 4. Election Training course – the clerk requested that she is able to attend the Election Training and the cost will be split with West Walton Parish Council. Total cost is £30, so WPC will pay £15. Proposed by Cllr Patrick, seconded by Cllr Bliss. Agreed.
- 5. Cllr Whitaker asked if Ms Lyons had had confirmation of the proposed alternative sites for the LDF from the parish council. This has been done.
- 6. Land at Walnut Road – issues regarding dumping of waste have been looked into by CSNN team at KLWNBC who are satisfied that no further action needs to be taken

31/15 Planning

- A. Applications
 - 15/00102/F – One bed self-contained annex attached to existing bungalow at The Bungalow, Marsh Rd, WSA. Support
 - 15/00118/F – Erection of agricultural barn at Millfield, Mill Rd, WSP. Support
 - 15/00171/F – Extension to bungalow, removal of conservatory at rear, demolish out building, erect new 3 bay carriage barn and minor window and door modifications to existing bungalow at Millfield, Mill Rd, WSP. Support.
 - 15/00181/F – revised design to detached dwelling at site SW of The Willows, Pycroft Lane, WSP. Support.
- B. Decisions
 - 14/01698/RM – Construction of 4 dwellings at Applegate Nurseries, Applegate House, Walnut Road, WSP. Permission granted.
- C. Enforcement
 - Pycroft Lane – Planning Enforcement are aware of the situation and it is ongoing.

32/15 Finance

- I. To consider any request for grants and donations if received
 - Discuss any request at the next meeting.
- II. 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	VAT left off last payment	10.40	10.40
iv.	Minuteman Press	Village Crier Printing	325.00	325.00
v.	Lawn Boy	Church Mower Repairs	66.84	80.21
vi.	Walpole St Peter PCC	Contribution to churchyard maintenance	922.57	922.57
vii.	Mrs E Bateman	Clerks Salary and Expenses	364.59	364.59
viii.	Direct Debits			
ix.	E.ON	Energy Charge Jan	68.53	71.96
x.	E.ON	Energy Charge Feb	68.53	71.96
- III. to record receipts
 - None
- IV. To view the books of Account
 - Cllr Bliss looked at the Books.

33/15 Correspondence – to receive items for information

- 1. War Memorials Trust -Grant for war memorial cleaning and repair has been offered. PC will accept and arrange for work to be done.
- 2. KLWNBC - Community Infrastructure Levy
- 3. Templeman Design - letter regarding potential development of grass paddocks at Pycroft Lane. Invite to June meeting.
- 4. L Newman - letter regarding parish council meetings. Councillors discussed and agreed to try to address the noise issues, all other points noted.

5. L Newman – Allotments behind Townsend Estate, please can the parish council request KLWNBC hand over the allotment land to the parish council as development is now unlikely. Parish Councillors agreed for a letter to be sent reminding KLWNBC that the PC is interested in taking on the allotments.
6. King's Lynn Cruisers – the show is outgrowing the current sports field and would like to ask the parish council to progress with the project to install an access road for the other field. To be discussed at the next meeting.

34/15 LDF – to make arrangements for the Parish Council's response to the LDF Consultation 12th January to 23rd February 2015

Councillors discussed the document prepared by Mary Ralph of Brown and Co and would like an extra paragraph regarding the amount of affordable housing, emphasis on new planning boundary excluding plots with outline planning permission and would like to retain the 1998 development boundary, the parish does not rule out extending the planning boundaries either. Councillors proposed to accept the document with the above amendments, proposed by Cllr Whitaker, seconded by Cllr Patrick. Agreed.

The clerk will submit the response to the LDF team.

35/15 Cllr Richard Blunt drew the meeting to a close as the time had reached 10.05pm and the remaining items will be included in the next agenda - County and Borough Councillors Reports, To receive councillors reports of villagers' concerns, Highways - To receive reports of road and footpath faults, Streetlighting – to receive reports of faulty lighting columns, To receive items for the next agenda.

36/15 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.