

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the extra Ordinary Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.00pm.

Present – Chairman - Cllr Richard Broden
Councillors – Andy Bliss, Richard Green, David Lawty, Janet Luck, Linda Matthews, Lynne Newman, James Whitaker. Clerk - Emma Bateman. Members of the Public – Mr Harry Lessman

41/16 To accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Richard Blunt and Pat Wiseman

42/16 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.

Cllr Bliss declared an interest in Planning 44/16 B. & C.

43/16 Play Park

a) To consider the quotations from contractors to supply new play equipment.

Cllr Whitaker led a presentation for all options, giving a history of the project beginnings to date. All quotes have been provided on a like for (very similar) like basis. Creative Play and Fenland Leisure Products have offered more timber based options, Sovereign and Wicksteed have offered more metal bases options. All the quotes are in a similar cost range. The existing area is to have a rotanet climber with safety flooring underneath, a single toddler rocker and a multi toddler rocker. The proposed older age group area will be unfenced and contain a 25m Zip Wire, 2.4m swings, 3m high climber and a teen shelter. It was felt that the teen shelter should be metal and other equipment could be either timber or metal. Timber has a 15 year guarantee but with care can last longer and the metal has a 20 year guarantee, again with care can last longer. There was a discussion regarding the merits of timber and metal, types of safety surfacing. It was felt that Fenland Leisure Products would be the preferred contractor and contact would be made with them to detail the quote in respect of safety surfacing, material of the equipment and to look at site where they have recently installed similar equipment, Cllr Lawty proposed to opt for Fenland Leisure Products, seconded by Cllr Luck, vote taken all Agreed.

Cllr Whitaker will contact FLP and also requested that all councillors look at funding opportunities. There was a discussion about types of funding. There was further discussion regarding vehicles on the playing field and there will need to be some discussion with WPFRT about some form of bollards to discourage vehicles unless permitted for an event.

b) To consider replacing the play area sign

The Clerk will arrange for quotes for a replacement sign for the younger children's play area, advising of age range etc. Proposed by Cllr Lawty, seconded by Cllr Luck. Vote taken All Agreed.

44/16 Planning

Councillors were reminded that there had been a request at the February meeting to host a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans in April and the Clerk advised that the presentation would be approximately 1 hour. Councillors agreed to arrange this presentation at a separate meeting on Thursday 28th April at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Applications for Consultation with Parish

A. 15/01534/O site for construction of 4 dwellings after demolition of agricultural buildings at land north of Churchfield House, Eastlands Bank. An amendment to the original application from 3 houses to 4 houses. Parish Council objects to the increased number of houses proposed for the site as it will be too intensive development for the character of the area and the plot size. Eastlands Bank is still a single track road with a 60 mph speed limit in this area. 1 abstention
Vote taken – 7 votes to object to the application

Cllr Bliss left the meeting at 8.20pm

B.

15/01724/O - proposed 2 in number new dwellings at land at Hundred Acre Wood, Wisbech Rd. Amendment reducing the amount of houses from the original application. Object - Gooses Lane is a very narrow single track lane with poor visibility and a poor junction with Eastlands Bank. The access to the properties is directly on to this road. Gooses Lane also has a 60 mph speed limit. There is no proposed pedestrian refuge from traffic or footpath access to the site and this was noted by Norfolk County Council in the previous version of this application. Vote taken – 2 abstentions (Cllrs Broden and Green). 5 votes to object to the application. Agreed.

C. Tree Preservation Order Ref 2/TPO/00540 land at Hundred Acre Wood, Wisbech Rd
The Parish Council has no objections or comments to return on this consultation.

45/16 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 10th March 2016, both at 7.00pm in the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew, PE14 7JW.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm