

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, on Thursday 8th July 2021 from 7.00pm

Present :

Councillors –Andy Bliss (AB), Adrian Eveleigh (AE), David Lawty (DL), Charles Boston(CB) and Claire Robinson (CR)

County Councillor - Julian Kirk (20.10)

Clerk – Caroline Boyden

5 members of the Public

Welcome from Andy Bliss, Vice Chairman to everyone.

1. Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence:

Cllr Campion & Cllr Brookes due to illness. Cllr Blunt due to work commitments and Cllr Green on holiday. The clerk informed all present that a resignation letter had been received from Cllr Roper.

2. To remind all councillors of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct.

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3. Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.

Cllr Lawty – Community Centre

4. Public Participation - to allow public participation (3 minutes allowed per speaker, up to a maximum of 15 minutes in total).

Solar Farm - Concerns were raised by a member of the public regarding the additional lorries using King John Bank which could be 650 lorries over 5 months, 6 days a week. Additional lorries are expected at the EDF windfarm at Sutton Bridge and the amount who will be crossing the A17 and hanging over the crossing, could cause accidents. The width of part of the route is 4.7m and the lorries are 2.9m, and a full load could lead to road damage. AB stated that the whole parish was concerned and that lorries are already using this route from other businesses.

The Clerk confirmed that a request had been made to hold a public meeting and this was set for 19th of July from 14.00 to 19.00 at the Community Centre. Letters had been sent out from ENSO to parishioners without the full address of the Community Centre and also stating planning applications had been submitted. However, there is nothing on the planning portal.

5. Approval of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th of June 2021 were proposed by AE, seconded by CB and approved.

6. Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting:

6.1 Willow Trees update – Clerk had obtained a quote which came to £2,480.00 It was agreed that we need to have a minimum of 2 quotes. Clerk to involve R. Fisher at Borough. proposed DL, seconded AE.

6.2 Flooding update – see Cllr Kirk’s report.

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- 6.3 Churchyard wall repairs – a quote has now been received for both of the walls and the clerk to check with Conversation at Borough – Steven King. ACTION CB
- 6.4 The litter pick was discussed and CR and Cllr Campion looking to set this up. ACTION CR/CC
AB mentioned that Mick Patrick Skips might assist. Cllr Kirk keen to get involved and will supply some equipment as discussed at the June meeting.

7. To receive reports:

- 7.1 Councillors’ reports of villagers’ concerns, highway issues, allotments, and street lighting.
DL advised that the drain on Chalk Road by Bangla was collapsing and will report.
Some concerns have been raised regarding alleged drug use and it was reported that 7 dogs have been ill. No evidence has been received to date and to add to next agenda.
CR reported that the Woodland Trust would have trees available in November and it was thought that a mix of 30 would meet our requirements. DL to contact Community Centre. ACTION DL
- 7.2 County and Borough Councillors reports:
Cllr Kirk gave the following report:
Highways are now involved in the flooding on Chalk Road and will be investigating the blocked pipe. Letters to be written to the residents where the blocked dyke is full of garden rubbish. Cllr Kirk to ask IDB. ACTION JK
No report was received from Cllr Blunt.
- 7.3 Play Area – The annual inspection has taken place and raised the issues already aware of. CB reported that parents were concerned with the older timber equipment especially the monkey bars which have movement. The clerk will sent out the check list which needs completing every week and CR offered to take this on. ACTION CB/CR
The CIL funding application to make the repairs is still awaited and clerk to ask Cllr Blunt for an update. ACTION CB/RB
- 7.4 Community Centre –The audio equipment is still being looked into and the CCTV installer is only offering a 3 month warranty which is being discussed. Bookings have increased.
- 7.5 Village Crier – now has delivery volunteers set up for all but one area. Next issue due in August and discussion held on the copies left at Samuels and the post office. It was decided to order additional copies on the print run.
Website views: 681in June with Home 304, Planning 96, Crier 32, Parish Council 52, Latest News 22, Minutes 43, Agendas 25, Walking 31, Contact us 23.
- 7.6 Footpaths and Circular Walks – Mr Powers had started cutting back and details of the walks to be sent to the clerk. ACTION AE
- 7.7 The Community Fund Projects Working Group – no change from last month
- 7.8 SAM 2 report – AE reported that the unit has been turned around Frenchs Road and a report will be available at the next meeting. AE to provide details of repairs on posts for Highways to the clerk. ACTION AE
- 7.9 Communications/Correspondence:
 - a. Market Lane Survey – Cllr Kirk reported that the funding available has to be clarified along with the final amount and it did not look good. Final amount is between £16.5k and £18.5k. ACTION JK
 - b. Solar Farm update – as discussed under public participation.
 - c. New Co-option policy was proposed by DL, seconded by CR and accepted.
 - d. Councillors Responsibilities updated and full listing to be added to website. ACTION CB

- e. Medworth CHP letter re the Waste combined Heat and Power Facility in Wisbech, discussed, and a lot of disruption initially could affect a small part of our parish but again, more traffic would be on the roads whilst the work takes place. Clerk to arrange for information to be put on the website. ACTION CB
- f. Royal Mail amendments to changes to Walpole St Peter section of Mill Road was discussed and agreement to be sent to RM and Borough. ACTION CB

8. Planning

- 8.1 New properties address to Walpole St. Peter ref: SNN3-4683 agreed.
- 8.2 21/01228 – Single storey flat roof extension at Threeways, Chalk Road support proposed DL, seconded AE and all in favour.
- 8.3 21/01031/CU -proposed change of use of outbuilding, Kizzbo House, Chalk Road – support proposed DL, seconded AB and all in favour.
- 8.4 21/01295/F – Construction of 2 storey dwelling at 4 Lucky Lane, support proposed by AB, seconded DL and all in favour.

9. Finance

- 9.1 To approve payments, record receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for June. Proposed DL, seconded CR and unanimously agreed. Bank reconciliation to the end of June is £65,068.81.
- 9.2 To propose payments for July 21 – proposed DL, seconded CR, unanimously agreed.

- 10. Items for next agenda – Solar Farm/Willow Trees, Flooding/Drainage, Market Lane Survey, and Church Wall.
- 11. The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th of September 2021 from 19.00 hrs at the Community Centre.

Meeting ended at 20.50

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