

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held via online video, on Thursday 23rd April 2020 at from 7.00pm.

Present :

Councillors – Richard Green, Andy Bliss, William Brooks, Heather Smith, Charlene Campion, David Lawty, Richard Blunt, Claire Robinson, Ben Matthews, Linda Matthews, and Adrian Eveleigh.
Clerk – Caroline Boyden
Borough Cllrs Julian Kirk & Richard Blunt
One Member of the Public

Welcome from Chair Cllr. Green to all.

1. Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence:
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Sandra Squire
2. To remind all councillors of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct
The Chair reminded all councillors of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct.
3. Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
None.
4. Public Participation - to allow public participation (3 minutes allowed per speaker, up to a maximum of 15 minutes in total)
None.
5. Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12th March 2020, having been previously circulated were proposed as a being a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Campion and seconded by Cllr Brooks. Unanimously agreed by those present at the meeting.
6. Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting:
 - 6.1 The retrospective grant agreement for the car park with the WPFRT – CB had send out the letter but no response as the WPFRT meetings have been cancelled.
 - 6.2 Neighbourhood Plan – to be discussed at a date when direct meetings are in place again.
 - 6.3 Village Gates – Speedwatch Co-ordinator has contacted NCC Highways and Westcotec for quotations. for further discussion. The Parish Partnership has been contacted for help with funds and there next funding requests are due in June 2020 for the 21/22 year.
 - 6.4 Tree Planting – As advised at the March meeting, Cllr Squires advised that the planting was starting on County owned land and to raise again in the Autumn. Cllr Lawty had identified an area known at the “dog leg” by the Community Centre and Cllrs Bliss and Green to view. Cllr Brooks put forward an area in Swingfields. Cllr Green stated that farmers were planting more trees. The Recreational Trust have an area of land but only own part of the field as the WPFRT own the rest.

7. To receive reports:

7.1 Highways – Cllr Campion stated that the road sign outside Paddocks Lodge on West Drove Road had been damaged when her neighbours cut down some trees. ACITON CB

Cllr Brooks stated that the new house on Walnut Road had some large stones on the verge to protect new turf. These stones could cause damage to vehicles and it is hoped that if these stones cause a problem, they will be moved by the owner.

The road repairs on West Drove Road had been completed.

7.2 County and Borough Councillors reports –

Cllr Blunt reported on the weekly information sent via Stuart Dark and CB advised these were sent to all councillors and added to the website where appropriate. The next Planning Meeting will be held virtually on the 1st of June. The separate food bins are no longer collected and all food waste to be put into the black bins. The Crematorium continues to cope and the grants for businesses applications are on the Borough website.

Cllr Kirk reported that he is doing shopping and collecting prescriptions in the parish. The police are aware of the fly tipping along with the increase in motorbike groups in the parish. Cllr Green advised that diesel thefts on farms were taking place. Any environmental issues should be reported to the Borough website.

7.3 Community Centre – no meetings are taking place at this time.

7.4 CB reported that the website had 562 views during March – 131 Home, 43 Planning, 217 Crier, News 42, Community Centre 14, Parish Council 19, Events 21, Useful Info 15, Contact us 12, Covid-19 8.

7.5 Footpaths – nothing new to discuss.

7.6 Community Fund Group – Cllr Bliss reiterated that the benches would be in situ once the weather improves.

7.7 Cllr B Matthews had received a number of requests via the Facebook page for new allotments. Cllr Lawty stated that this had been discussed last Aug/Sept, and following visits to PC owned areas, and it was suggested that the Allotment Group speak directly with the Borough Council. Cllr Bliss commented that the 2 plots of land offered by the PC were deemed not suitable by the Allotment Group and confirmed that the Borough Council had offered some land but the tenancy agreement offered would not allow enough time to get the land back into condition.

Cllr B Matthews stated that it was a legal responsibility to look into options and he would be happy to go ahead and research available land. Cllr Lawty opposed this as there is no change. A vote therefore took place with Cllr B Matthews offer proposed by Cllr B Matthews and seconded by Cllr Robinson. Cllr Lawty opposition proposed by Cllr Lawty and seconded by Cllr Bliss. The vote was 7 supporting Cllr B Matthews with 4 supporting Cllr Lawty. Motion carried in favour of Cllr B Matthews.

7.8 CB advised that the playground annual RoSPA inspection would take place in June.

7.9 CB has the insurance review to commence, update the planning policy/delegation and the year-end plus internal audit.

8. Planning – No new applications or decision with the application received for a side and rear single storey extension, new garage and summerhouse at 5 Marsh Road, still undecided.

9. Finance

a. To approve payments and record receipts:

Receipts:	AJ Thistleton	Allotment	£1185.42
	D Thistleton	Allotment	£ 367.38
	B Powers	Allotment	£ 359.44
	R Powers	Allotment	£ 751.12
	A Melton	Allotment	£ 284.74
Payments:	EE	Mobile Phone	£ 19.72

Proposed acceptance Cllr Campion, seconded Cllr Brooks, unanimously approved.

The Figures for year end were sent out prior to the meeting as comparison versus last year. Cllr Brooks raised that the figure for St. Andrews Parish Hall should be moved to the Community Centre.

CB TO ACTION

The Bank Reconciliation to the 31st of March 2020 was also produced.

The Unity Bank is working well with authorisations taking place within 48 hours. Cllr Blunt now registered, and Cllr Green requested to be added as signatory.

CB TO ACTION

10. Items for the May agenda:

Allotment update

Insurance update

Next Meeting to take place on the 14th of May at 7.00pm via online video.

Meeting ended at 19.46 pm