

WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of Walpole Parish Council held at the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present Chairman – Richard Green,
Councillors – Andy Bliss, William Brooks Adrian Eveleigh, David Lawty, Linda Matthews, Heather Smith
Clerk - Emma Bateman
Three Members of the Public

212/19 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr B Matthews and Borough Cllr J Kirk.

213/19 To remind all councillors of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct
Cllr Green reminded all councillors of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct.

214/19 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
Cllr Matthews declared an interest in Finance 220/19.2.6
Cllr Lawty declared an interest in Community Centre 218/19.3. & 220/19.2.1.

215/19 Public Participation - to allow public participation (3 minutes allowed per speaker, up to a maximum of 15 minutes in total)
No members of the public wished to participate.

216/19 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2019
The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th November 2019 having been previously circulated were proposed as a being a true record of the meeting, the proposal was seconded. Unanimously agreed.

217/19 Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting
Pycroft Lane trees- Cllr Lawty advised that he had tried to contact the landowner but had not been able to speak to them.
Cllr Lawty advised that he will try again.

218/19 To receive a reports:

1. County and Borough Councillors reports – no County or Borough Councillors were in attendance
2. Councillors' reports of villagers' concerns, highway issues and street lighting faults;
 - 2.1 Surface water issues at Chalk Road – o/s Washdyke House & Appleton.
 - 2.2 West Drove North – drainage channels in grass verges need to be cleaned out.
 - 2.3 Pigeon Street – surface water and drainage.
 - 2.4 School Lane – hedge still not cut back yet, refer to NCC.
3. Community Centre report – Quiz night and bingo successful, £350 raised, bookings increasing for 2020.
4. Village Crier, Social Media & Website Editors reports
 - 4.1 Village Crier – December edition delivered.
 - 4.2 Social Media – no report this month, logo next agenda.
 - 4.3 Website – 561 views with the following most popular - Home: 155, Crier: 71, Latest News: 52, Planning Applications: 41, Minutes: 35, Parish Council: 34, Community Centre: 31, Agenda: 28, Contact Us: 24
Walking: 12
5. To receive updates regarding footpaths and circular walks – nothing to update re footpaths, there are problems with 4x4 vehicles on green lanes and farm tracks.
6. To receive a report from the Community Fund Projects Working Group – dog bin installed at Frenchs Rd/Walpole Marsh, considerations to be made re planting a replacement tree on School Lane Triangle.

219/19 Planning

1. Applications for consultation
 - 19/01971/F - Two storey extension to dwelling at 28 Springfield Road, WSA. Proposed, seconded and unanimously supported.
 - 19/02004/FM - Proposed development of a battery storage installation and associated development to allow for the storage, importation and exportation of energy to the National Grid at Flower Farm, The Marsh Walpole St Andrew Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7JG. Proposed, seconded and unanimously supported.
 - 19/02003/F - Proposed development of a battery storage installation and associated development to allow for the storage, importation and exportation of energy to the National Grid at Model Farm Frenchs Road Walpole St Andrew Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7JF. Proposed, seconded and unanimously supported.

19/02071/FM - Proposed development of a below ground connection to the local distribution network and grid compound with associated infrastructure connecting sites at Model Farm, Flower Farm, and Crown Farm at Land At Model Farm, Flower Farm And Crown Farm Walpole St Andrew Norfolk. Proposed, seconded and unanimously supported.

2. Borough Council Decisions

None received.

220/19 Finance - to approve payments and to record receipts

1. A letter of request from WPFRT has been received requesting the balance of Grant from Community Fund.

2. Payments for approval

		<i>Ex VAT</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Inc VAT</i>
2.1 WPFRT	Community Fund	26,500.00		26,500.00
Payment of the above was proposed and seconded, a vote was taken with 6 votes in favour and one abstention – carried.				
2.2 Minuteman Press	Village Crier	405.00		405.00
2.3 K&M Lighting	Streetlight maintenance	22.95	4.59	27.54
2.4 CGM Ltd	Grass cutting Football Pitch	40.00	8.00	48.00
2.5 Frimstone	Gravel - St Andrew's church approach	180.00	36.00	216.00
2.6 Mrs L Matthews	Crier Expenses	67.25		67.25
2.7 FLP	Operational Inspection	100.00	20.00	120.00
2.8 HMRC	PAYE	25.80		25.80
2.9 Mrs E Bateman	Salary and Clerical Expenses	265.69		265.69
2.10 EE	Phone	16.43	3.29	19.72
2.11 E.ON	Energy charge	60.02	3.00	63.02

Payments 2.2 – 2.11 unanimously approved.

3. Receipts

3.1 Village Crier	Adverts	257.00		257.00
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Receipts unanimously accepted.

221/19 Parish Precept – to consider items for inclusion in the Parish Precept and Budget for 2020/21

1. Grass verge cutting – to ask NCC if there can be an extra cut added to next season's program which the Parish Council will be prepared to pay for, cost to be ascertained.
2. Street lighting projects – longer term project/s, to add in a yearly saving of £2K for the future.
3. Councillors discussed a percentage increase to be agreed the January meeting.

222/19 Play Park: to discuss - fencing around play equipment, Grass cutting, Dog fouling.

Fencing – January agenda, CCTV for community centre mentioned as it will cover the play park area, dog fouling is still a constant issue.

223/19 Correspondence – to receive items for information

1. NCC - Drains next to allotments (full of water)
2. Planning Inspectorate Consultation - Medworth Energy, response to Scoping Project – villages around area will be affected, traffic issues will increase.
3. Norfolk Police - New beat manager
4. Boundary Commission Consultation - Norfolk division boundaries
5. Power for the People - Local Electricity Bill

224/19 To receive any update re appointment of a new Clerk

Cllrs Green, Bliss and Matthews interviewed a candidate for the Clerk's post prior to the meeting. The Chairman advised of appointment of a new Clerk, Caroline Boyden, who will start as of 9th January 2020.

225/19 To receive items for the next agenda

Whiteboard to replace projector screen – Cllr Lawty will liaise with WPFRT on this suggestion, grass cutting contract, co-option of new councillor.

226/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew, PE14 7JW.

Meeting closed at 20.45pm.