

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 14th November 2019 at 7.00pm.

Present Chairman - Richard Green
 Vice Chairman – Andy Bliss
 Councillors – Richard Blunt, William Brooks, Adrian Eveleigh, David Lawty, Linda Matthews, Ben Matthews, Heather Smith
 Borough Councillor – Cllr Julian Kirk
 Clerk - Emma Bateman
 Representatives from Alpaca Communications (1), Aardvark Planning (1) and Enso (1)
 Six Members of the Public

195/19 Apologies – to accept apologies and reasons for absence
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Campion and County Cllr Squire.

196/19 To remind all councillors of their duty to abide by the Code of Conduct
Cllr Green reminded all councillors to abide by the Code of Conduct.

197/19 Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations.
Declarations were received from:

1. Cllr B Matthews – Finance 204/19
2. Cllr Bliss – Finance 204/19
3. Cllr Eveleigh – WPFRT 202/19.3
4. Cllr Lawty – WPFRT 202/19.3
5. Cllr Green – Alpaca Communications presentation 198/19. Cllr Green offered to step aside as chairman for the presentation. Councillors agreed for Cllr Green to remain as chairman as item is a presentation only.

198/19 To receive a presentation from Alpaca Communications regarding a proposed Planning Application for Solar Energy
Representatives from Alpaca Communications (Peter Elms), Aardvark Planning (Rachael) and Enso Energy (Simon Wheeler) gave a presentation on proposals for a solar farm in Walpole area. A site is yet to be selected. The presentation is to start a process of engagement with the local community as the project progresses and in advance of a planning application being submitted. The proposed project is for approximately 200 acres with a 50mw connection to the national grid. Cllr Blunt declared an interest as a Borough Councillor.

Questions were raised regarding: possibility of a community contribution/benefit? There will be a process of deciding how this will happen (financial and/or benefits on site); traffic impact during construction?; landscaping/screening of the site?; will contracts for construction etc be local/national/international? There will be a process at looking for opportunities for local contracts. The slides from the presentation will be added to the website.

199/19 Public Participation

1. to allow public participation (3 minutes allowed per speaker, up to a maximum of 15 minutes in total)
 - 1.1 Church Road – pothole opp Berkeley bungalow on edge of road.
2. to discuss the placement of this item on future agendas – Councillors discussed and agreed for this item to remain at the start of meetings.

200/19 Minutes – to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th October 2019
The minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th October 2019 having been previously circulated were proposed as a being a true record of the meeting, the proposal was seconded. 7 votes in favour and two abstentions due to absence from the October meeting. Agreed.

201/19 Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting

1. Play Park weeding – quote ongoing.
2. Pycroft Lane trees – Cllr Lawty will speak with the landowner.

202/19 To receive a reports:

1. Councillors' reports of villagers' concerns, highway issues and street lighting faults
 - 1.1 West Drove North – road repairs agreed, councillors requested a timescale.
 - 1.2 Chalk Rd – o/s Washdyke House, surface water drainage issues
 - 1.3 Chalk Rd – o/s Appleton, surface water drainage issues
 - 1.4 Wisbech Rd /Kirk Rd junction – opp The Lees, surface water drainage issues
 - 1.5 Wisbech Rd/Chalk Rd junction – Park House, surface water drainage issues

- 1.6 Streetlights 25&39 LED bulbs replaced, Frenchs Rd o/s 12-13 reported
- 1.7 Concerns raised re speed of traffic access building site on Church Rd, Cllr Eveleigh will ask Speedwatch to monitor.
- 2. County and Borough Councillors reports
 - 2.1 County Councillor – no report sent
 - 2.2 Borough Councillor – environmental groups are looking for an environmental package and road map for the future, Election – 4 candidates in North West Norfolk (Conservative, Green, Labour and Liberal Democrat), new Conservative candidate to visit Walpole area.
- 3. Community Centre report – bookings increasing, nearly all funding received for car park project & to possibly start Feb/March, Chairman will send a letter when funding is required to be released from Community Fund.
- 4. Village Crier – December edition nearly completed, two winners and two runners up of picture competition; Social Media – reached 1066, engagements 422, likes 4, Logo is ongoing; Website Editor – a list of hits was read out.
- 5. To receive updates regarding footpaths and circular walks – no update on signage, Cllrs Bliss and Eveleigh attended a Parish Paths Seminar.
- 6. To receive a report from the Community Fund Projects Working Group – two Christmas Trees have been planted in Swingfield and St Peter’s churchyard. St Peter’s PCC thanked the Parish Council for organising the trees. There is a spare dog waste bin, it was proposed and seconded that this bin is installed at Frenchs Road next to the grit bin as there have been complaints about dog fouling. An application for a street furniture licence will be made

203/19 Planning

- 1. Applications for consultation
 - 19/01690/BT – removal of 21 payphone services in the KLWNBC area. Parish Councillors discussed and no objections were raised against the proposed removal of the payphone kiosk at Walnut Road, Walpole St Andrew.
- 2. Borough Council Decisions
 - 19/01518/O - Land between The Beeches and Homeleigh, south of The Lane, Market Lane, Walpole St Andrew. Outline Application (all matters Reserved): construction of 5 dwellings. Application Refused, 7th November 2019, Delegated Decision.

204/19 Finance

- 1. Walpole Football Club – grant for goals £999.00 was proposed and seconded for approval. Unanimously agreed.

		<i>Ex VAT</i>	<i>VAT</i>	<i>Inc VAT</i>
2. Payments				
2.1 WPFRT	Hall Hire October & Welfare/Carpark fee	140.50		140.50
2.2 K&M Lighting	Streetlight maintenance	22.95	4.59	27.54
2.3 CGM Ltd	Grass cutting 13th Aug, 1st & 16th Oct	426.09	85.22	511.31
2.4 Command	Pest Control Mole treatment Swingfield	90.00	18.00	108.00
2.5 Mr B Matthews	Playpark Matting reimbursement	111.93	22.39	134.32
2.6 RB Legion	Poppy Appeal wreaths	50.00		50.00
2.7 Networld Sports	Foldable Mobile Goals	832.50	166.50	999.00
2.8 HMRC	PAYE	56.60		56.60
2.9 Mrs E Bateman	Salary and Clerical Expenses	413.19		413.19
2.10 Mr A Bliss	Christmas Tree reimbursement	200.00		200.00
2.11 EE	Phone	16.43	3.29	19.72
2.12 E.ON	Energy charge	62.02	3.10	65.12
3. Receipts				
3.1 Crier	Adverts	257.00		257.00
3.2 Tenant	Allotment Rent	284.74		284.74

205/19 Play Park

- 1. Cllr Bliss is arranging to meet CGM on site to discuss the requirements for the next seasons cut so a formal quote for next season’s contract can be submitted. Two further quotes will be required from other providers.
- 2. Cllr Matthews has installed the grass matting for the new piece of play equipment and will complete the remainder shortly.
- 3. A dog fouling sign has been ordered for the fenced area.
- 4. Fencing feasibility study ongoing.

206/19 To receive any information from NCC Highways regarding

- 1. Project under the Parish Partnership Scheme – information received from Westcotec for part-time 20mph signage on Springfield Rd at a cost of £4,872. An application under the PPS scheme for 50% funding will be submitted to NCC. Proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed.
- 2. Update from issues raised at the June meeting with the Highway Engineer – nothing received.

207/19 To discuss maintenance and repairs to the approach road to St Andrew’s Churchyard and alms-houses.

Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quote and will pay 50% of the cost (£180) with the Dole Charity paying the remainder.

Cllr Kirk left the meeting at 20.43

208/19 Correspondence – to receive items for information

1. NCC Budget Consultation
2. NCC Draft integrated risk management plan
3. Norfolk Police Newsletter
4. Dalcour McLaren Race Bank Offshore Wind Farm Transfer of ownership
5. Diamond Transmission Deed of Grant ref Race Bank notification of change of ownership of cabling from Offshore Windfarm to Onshore Substation. Ask Diamond re solicitors fee for overseeing document (if required)
6. KLWNBC Council tax support scheme consultation
7. Power of the People National community energy campaign
8. Clerks and Councils direct Newsletter
9. Bulletin War memorials newsletter

209/19 To agree a committee for the interviewing and appointment of a new clerk

It was agreed for Cllrs Green, Bliss and Matthews to form the interview panel for the clerks post. Unanimously agreed.

210/19 To receive items for the next agenda

As per agenda

211/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting – Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7.00pm in the Community Centre, Summer Close, Walpole St Andrew, PE14 7JW.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm