

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, February 21st 2017 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. David Cask (Chairman); Cllr. Robert Chase; Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. Ian Newton; Cllr. Mark Wenham and Cllr. David Whitwood:

Also Present:

District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes and Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. J. Winter:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

None:

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillor:

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that GCSE Results had risen in Suffolk and that the County Council was giving some help to Norfolk County Council in Children's Services. He said that he believed devolution was not going to happen as Suffolk County Council had asked the government to continue with devolution for Suffolk only and had received no reply. Cllr. S. Burroughes concluded his County Report by saying that the Home-School Consultation had ended and that the County Council was increasing investment in Mental Health Services.

Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils Merger had been agreed by both councils and only needed the Secretary of State's support to go ahead. He said that there would be a reduction in the number of Councillors and the main aim of the new East Suffolk Council would be to build new houses. Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that local government finance was changing in that they would now be retaining all the revenue from their local business rates. He said that the change in rateable values had led to many questions from small businesses who were now seeing in some cases large increases. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that both Suffolk Coastal District and Suffolk County Councils had backed Sizewell C in principle but wanted much more information such as on transport before they could give it their full backing.

Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would like to agree a meeting date with the Parish Council for a Speeding Meeting at the Pavilion with neighbouring Parish Councils in attendance and he wondered if Cllr. A. Thomas had approached Flagship. Cllr. M. Wenham said that he would see if Cllr. A. Thomas had any news.

5) Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda.

There were no members of the public present.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 17th 2017:

As only two members were present who had been at the previous meeting, it was decided to confirm the Minutes at the next Parish Council Meeting.

7) Matters arising:

There were no matters arising.

8) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

Councillors believed that this had been covered in the County and District Cllr's Report.

9) Defibrillator:

Cllr. R. Chase said that he had approached and had submitted a bid for £2000 from the Heveningham Hall Countryside Trust. He said that they were meeting this weekend and he hoped that they would be considering his bid at the meeting. He reported that he had spoken to Bramfield and Thorington Parish Councillor W. Shoote and seen the defibrillator in Bramfield from the Community Heartbeat Trust. Cllr. R. Chase said that he had been contact with Community Heartbeat Trust and had been quoted £2350 plus VAT. Finally he said that Community Heartbeat Trust were offering training to Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council and its community in the use of the defibrillator on March 16th at Bramfield Village Hall and Cookley and Walpole Parish Councillors were invited to the training.

10) Planning Matters:

There were no Planning Applications.

11) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had received a communication from the East Anglian Air Ambulance regarding their Spring Draw, a Glasdon Brochure, two donation requests from the Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) and the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service. Finally, the Clerk said that there was a Consultation regarding Public Space Protection Orders.

12) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on February 7th 2017:

Business Community Account	£5 370-41
Business Premium Account	£1 096-20

b) Cheques for payment: To review receipts and approve payments.

There were no payments to be made.

c) Payments Received:

Funeral Directors – Ashes Interment and Tablet	£85-00
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To receive reports on the:

13) Village Green:

There was no report.

14) Flagship Affordable Homes:

There was no report.

15) Highways:

There was no report.

16) Footpaths:

There was no report.

17) Trees:

There was no report.

18) Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that there had been an interment and a tablet was to be added to. He also said that he had received an inquiry regarding a tablet.

19) CEA & Allotments and

There was no report.

20) External Meetings & Training:

There was no report.

The meeting ended at 8-25pm