

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, July 17th 2018 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman) Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. I. Newton and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner (left 7-55pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. M. Wenham; Cllr. M. Porter; County and District Cllr. S. Burroughs:

Also Not Present: Cllr. D. Cask and Cllr. J. Winter:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. S. Moore declared interests in Cookpole.
Cllr. Z. Mair declared interests in CEA and Cookpole.
Cllr. A. Thomas declared interests in CEA.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

The written report was circulated and the Chair specifically noted the death of the former Clerk, Raymond Catchpole. The Chair said that she would write a handwritten letter to Mrs. Catchpole expressing the council's condolences and sadness at his passing.

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

A parishioner asked about the light in the telephone box returning with the defibrillator. It was accepted that a light was needed when working with the defibrillator but it was asked whether the light could be activated by the door opening so that there is no light most of the time. Cllr. Z. Mair said that no-one wanted bright street lights coming to Walpole but she said that there was a need for a dim light to shine so that people could find their way to the telephone box as there was when there was a telephone in it. The Council believed that a 3-5 Watt LED light would be sufficient and would not unduly affect parishioners who lived around the telephone box.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 19th 2018:

The Parish Council Meeting Minutes held on June 19th 2018 were agreed.

It was noted that Councillors would proof read the Draft Minutes and send any corrections back to the Clerk before the next Parish Council Meeting.

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair: Second: Cllr. R. Chase:

7) Emergency Planning:

Cllr. M. Wenham was not present at the meeting but had sent a message to say that he would give a report when he was at a future Parish Council Meeting.

8) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

Cllr. S. Moore reported that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) had been moved again and that she felt that it is having an effect. It was noted though that speeding increased markedly on 'event' days. It was also reported that a new post for a SID had not been put in place yet and that a manual had arrived on how to use the SID. Cllr. R. Chase asked for Councillors to come forward to move the SID so as to cover for Cllr. R. Chase and Cllr. S. Moore if they were not available.

9) Defibrillator & Telephone Box:

Cllr. R. Chase said that he had seen Pearce and Kemp working at the telephone box in Walpole earlier today. The Clerk said that UK Networks had been paid so seeing Pearce and Kemp working there was very likely.

10) War Memorial and Other Church Matters:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that she had received the following email from Cllr. M. Wenham with his proposals and for discussion.

Walpole War Memorial and Remembrance Day 2018 – Discussion note from Cllr. M. Wenham

Background

You will be aware that at present the Walpole war memorial is located in the parish church at St Mary's. The future of the church is currently uncertain and it is officially "at ease" with only one service being conducted a year at Christmas. This year is also the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.

Last year a very good Remembrance Day service was put together by the Attic on the village green.

This year the Walpole Old Chapel had a midsummer service in June and the theme was the commemoration of the end of WW1 - as part of the Act of Remembrance I read out the names of the fallen (WW1) from our parish.

Issue

As an ex-military man and having lived in Walpole for four years now a couple of points come to mind that revolve around remembering the fallen of our parish:

- 1. Should we have a Remembrance Day service in Walpole? Particularly this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1.*
- 2. Is the war memorial in the most appropriate place in the village given the lack of use of St Mary's?*

Research

I have spoken to the local British Legion representative for Halesworth who has informed me that in principle he would be happy to include the names of the Walpole fallen to be read out at the Remembrance Day service in Halesworth this year and in subsequent years. The British Legion also try to hold a service in one of the neighbouring villages each year – not sure when it will be our turn.

I have also spoken to the Blyth Valley ministry team about a remembrance service this year at St Mary's - this may be possible but we would need to ensure that there were enough people to attend.

As regards the war memorial I have contacted the War Memorials Trust to establish if any funding may be available to move the existing memorial to a more prominent location in the village. This is purely a preliminary enquiry in advance of establishing what the village wants to do – in particular the relations of the fallen some of whom are still in the parish. If there was a desire to move the memorial there would need to be considerable discussion/negotiation with the Blyth Valley Ministry, who I have not approached on this matter as yet.

Discussion

There are a couple of questions that may warrant discussion by the Parish Council and more widely within the parish.

- 1. Does the parish wish to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1?*
 - a. Should we have a service in St Mary's*
 - b. Should we be included in the Halesworth service?*
 - c. Will the Attic be holding a similar service as last year?*
 - d. Is there another option?*
 - e. Do nothing?*
- 2. What would the parish like to do about the war memorial?*
 - a. Explore the idea of moving it to a more prominent location? Village green?*
 - b. Leave it as it is in St Mary's.*

There was some discussion and it was decided for councillors to think about these proposals and to make decisions at the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. A. Thomas said that there is a Memorial at the Chapel and Cllr. Z. Mair noted that the Craft barn Fayre was also scheduled for November 11th so there could be a problem in holding a Memorial Service.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the Community warden has reported that the church Wall needs attention as the trees are pushing the Wall into the road. The Diocese were being contacted as Suffolk Norse and Suffolk highways were beginning to become involved.

11) Fly-Tipping:

As Cllr. N. Jarvis was not at the meeting, this issue was not discussed. However Cllr. S. Moore said that there was a bag of rubbish regularly being left by a footpath sign.

12) Planning Matters:

There were no planning applications.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that the Electoral Review of East Suffolk: Draft Recommendations – Local Government Boundary Commission and the Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Plan had been published and Councillors may like to look at them and make any comments. He also said that he had received notifications from HAGS and UK Power Networks.

14) Financial Report:

a) **Balances at the Bank on July 7th 2018:**

Business Community Account	£6493-51
Business Savings Account	£1097-49

b) **Cheques for Payment:**

Chq. No. 101009 UK Power Networks	£565-20
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c) **Receipts:**

BACS Payment	HMRC VAT Repayment	£273-64
No. 200077	Reservation of Grave in Cemetery	£120-00
BACS Interest	Bank Interest	£0-55

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas:

Seconder: Cllr. I. Newton:

15) To receive reports:

Village Green:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the foliage near the river needed clearing and a Christmas tree needed moving too as it was dead. It was agreed to contact Will Austin.

Flagship Affordable Homes:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she was organising a meeting with County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes as three tenants in Neave Close want their heating changed.

