

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, March 20th 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. M. Porter and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. M. Wenham and Cllr. J. Winter:

District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. S. Moore declared interests in Cookpole.

Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter declared interests in CEA and Cookpole.

Cllr. A. Thomas declared an interest in the CEA.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes was not at the meeting and there was no report.

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 at the Meeting.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 17th 2018:

The Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 20th 2018 were agreed with the following amendments. In Item 9, it was clarified that the telephone box being mentioned is on the Halesworth side of Walpole. In Item 15, the shed was blown down.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Seconded: Cllr. R. Chase:

7) Emergency Planning:

There was no report as Cllr. M. Wenham was not present at the meeting.

8) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) was now up and working advising motorists on their speed. Cllr. R. Chase said that there had been a little problem putting the SID up. It was agreed to move the SID every three weeks on a rota with Cllr. R. Chase to be the first to move it. It was also agreed to store the spare kit in the Pavilion Shed so all could get to it if necessary. The Clerk was asked to check that the SID was insured. He also reported that he had an email exchange with Ubbeston Parish Council over the SID.

9) Defibrillator & Telephone Box:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that 'Cookpole' felt that the defibrillator would be best kept in the telephone box at Walpole Green rather than at the Pavilion. However councillors said that there did need to be an electricity supply and if the cost of restoring electricity to the telephone box was very costly, then it was not a good use of money. Councillors identified a parishioner who may be able to help get the electricity restored to the telephone box. It was agreed to ask them if they could help.

10) Donations:

The following Donations were agreed by the Councillors:

'Alzheimer's Society' (£50);
Age UK Suffolk (£25);
Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) (£25);
East Anglia's Children's Hospices (£20);
East Anglian Air Ambulance (£75);
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (£50);
Halesworth Volunteer Centre (£35);
Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund (£100):

Seafarers UK asked for a donation but the Councillors decided not to donate.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Second: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

11) General Data Protection Requirements:

The Clerk reported that he now had a toolkit from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The Clerk advised that quotes should be sought to be the Council's 'Data Protection Officer'. The Clerk said that the Local Council Public Advisory Service (LCPAS) in Bury St. Edmunds was offering the service whilst the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) recommended the DPO in London. The Councillors agreed for the Clerk to gain quotes from the Local Council Public Advisory Service (LCPAS) in Bury St. Edmunds and the DPO in London.

12) Planning Matters:

*Single storey rear extensions, altering kitchen floor, other minor alterations.
Bush Hill Farm, Cratfield Road, Cookley. IP19 0LN
DC/18/0907/FUL*

The Council had no objection to this planning application.

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13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter', a brochure from HAGS and a booklet detailing the 'Suffolk Walking Festival 2018'. Finally, the Clerk said that a Joint Meeting in Huntingfield over a Sign Indicator Device was being arranged. Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter said that they would go to the meeting.

14) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on March 7th 2018:

Business Community Account	£8 936-55
Business Premium Account	£1 096-94

b) Cheques for payment:

Chq. No. 100987	Clerk's Salary – January until March	£558-43
Chq. No. 100988	Clerk's Expenses – January until March	£68-79
Chq. No. 100989	Wills Invoice	£235-00
Chq. No. 100990	Cllr. S. Moore – Reimbursement for Padlock	£31-14

c) To review receipts.

Cemetery Memorial	£25-00
Business Premium Account Interest	£0-55

15) To receive reports on the:

Village Green;

It was reported that the daffodils were growing and the Village Green looks very nice.

Flagship Affordable Homes;

Cllr. A. Thomas said that there had been a meeting on February 23rd between Flagship and the Council/Tenants which she felt had been very successful. Cllr. A. Thomas reported that there was to be a further meeting tomorrow (March 21st) and she felt that flagship did know that changes did have to be made now.

Highways;

Cllr. M. Porter said that he was reporting many potholes to Suffolk County Council as well as a handrail and bridge. It was noted that the Ladies International Cycle event would be going through Walpole on Wednesday, June 13th for which it was believed that all the potholes would have to be filled in. It was noted that the hedges impeding walking along footways had also not been cut.

Footpaths;

There was no report.

Trees;

There was no report.

Cemetery;

The Clerk said that the Council had received £25 for a Memorial to be put up for a parishioner.

The Clerk said that he was still working on which plots could be available to the parishioner who wishes to inter some ashes and buy some plots. He said that perhaps the Clerk and a Councillor who knows the cemetery very well should meet with the parishioner so that their wishes can be met precisely.

CEA & Allotments

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that the shed had blown down again. She said that the flower and Produce show would be held this year on Saturday, August 4th 2018. Cllr. A. Thomas also reported that progress was being made with 'Walpole Willows' and she said that students from the Attic would be involved. Cllr. A. Thomas said that a bid had been made to the Heveningham Hall Trust to go 50/50 on the materials and plants for the project to be planted in April.

External Meetings & Training;

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would be attending a meeting on March 28th.

The Meeting ended at 9-02pm.