

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, September 18th 2018 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman) (left 9-10pm); Cllr. D. Cask; Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. S. Moore and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and Rachel Rowe (left 8-05pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. I. Newton; Cllr. M. Wenham; Cllr. M. Porter; County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

Also Not Present: Cllr. N. Jarvis 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) Rural Coffee Caravan: Information from Megan Ablard.

As Megan Ablard could not attend, Rachel Rowe from Suffolk County and Suffolk Coastal District Councils who deals with local community organisations in trying to bring them to communities where they complement local events, gave the Parish Councillors information on several initiatives.

She said that there was now a Rural Coffee Caravan and Camper Van. Rachel Rowe asked which day of the week was the best day to come to Walpole and suggested the second Friday of the month. The Council agreed to look at the proposal.

Rachel Rowe said that there was also the Community connector Scheme which tries to combat loneliness. She said that Doctors, Charities and Care Homes all refer people to this scheme. People who feel low and anxious, young mothers or anyone else who feels isolated are reasons to be referred. The scheme puts on activities and those who take part meet people from a wide area. Rachel Rowe said that funding comes from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Suffolk County Council and a Five-Year European Union Funding bid which would continue after Brexit. She said that a Link Worker comes with the Coffee Caravan/Camper Van whilst Cllr. Z. Mair said that the local community

would be able to deliver the Community Connect Leaflet to everyone across the Cookley and Walpole Parishes.

Finally Rachel Rowe said that there was to be a new structure of areas for Communities Officers to lead on helping people with transport difficulties in rural villages and how to help over 70's stay healthy. She said that there was a poster which was given out to councillors stating how they can help and the area that they cover.

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

There was no report.

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

There were no parishioners at the meeting.

7) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 17th 2018:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 17th 2018 were agreed:

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

The Clerk said that he would bring the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meetings held on August 2nd and August 22nd would be presented at the next Parish Council Meeting

8) Emergency Planning:

The Clerk said that whilst Cllr. M. Wenham was not at the meeting he had told the Clerk that there was nothing significant to report.

It was noted that the Head of the Emergency Planning Emergency Day is proposing a date for people to practise the emergency routines through scenarios. It was confirmed that no date had been set as yet.

9) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that grey posts had appeared across the village and she was not sure what they were for. It was noted that they were for the Sign indicator Devices (SID) to catch speeding drivers. Councillors said that the posts were already there. Cllr. S. Moore said that two signs had arrived with all the associated brackets to go with the SID. She said that they were to be put up on the grey poles and to complement the SID.

Cllr. S. Moore said that she had been contacted by the Bramfield and Thorington Parish Cllr. A. Niven regarding the speedwatch scheme for Walpole. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had not had much response from villagers but she was willing to ask villagers again.

10) Defibrillator & Telephone Box:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the hole had been filled and there were now two tubes in the telephone box. The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr. M. Porter to see if the telephone box was ready for the defibrillator.

11) War Memorial and Other Church Matters:

As Cllr. M. Wenham was not at the meeting he left the following report:

War memorial:

He fully supported the idea of planting a tree to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. He believed that the most appropriate place to plant these trees was on the Village Green as this is where it would have most prominence.

Armistice 100:

Cllr. M. Wenham said that this is a project being run by the British Legion in Suffolk which is planning to place a British Legion cross on every Commonwealth War Grave in Suffolk on the 8th November. He said that Cookley and Walpole have two War Graves in the cemetery and he had asked the local British Legion what arrangements have been made. He also thought that the Attic might be interested in being involved in this project.

Cllr. M. Wenham also said that while it would be great to have children laying poppies/crosses on the graves, he would wish to have those with a military connection to be on hand as well

Cllr. A. Thomas suggested that the five silver birch trees and the dead hawthorn trees could be felled creating space for a new memorial.

It was agreed to ask Rob Lawrence to do the work required.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Second: Cllr. Z. Mair:

The Council also discussed the church wall.

12) Fly-Tipping:

There was no report and it was agreed to take it off the agenda.

13) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) - Erection of Existing Dwellings and associated condition discharge.

Address: Land Rear of 1-12 Peasehall Road, Neave Close, Walpole, Suffolk.

Ref: DC/18/2804/CLE

The Council approved the planning application.

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

The Council hoped that this would now bring this issue to a conclusion.

14) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received the Community Action Suffolk (CAS) Insurance Invoice for the 2018-2019 Year. He said that this would be Year 4 of a Five Year agreement with the fee continuing at £249-85. The Clerk said that the agreement would run out on September 30th 2020. It was agreed to pay the invoice.

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

The Clerk reported that the Information Commissioner Subscription had arrived with the fee being £40. It was agreed to pay the subscription.

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

The Clerk said that he had received from the Walpole and Cookley Playing Field Trust their reminder that the annual £500 Donation had not been paid. It was agreed to make the donation.

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

The Clerk said that he had reported to Halesworth Town Council, the view of the Parish Council regarding the Local Government Boundary Commission. He also said that he received the 'Clerks and Councils Newsletter', a letter from St. Elizabeth's Hospice regarding their Open Gardens initiative and a Royal Mail 'Scam' Poster which the Clerk said that he would put on the Parish Council's noticeboards.

15) Financial Report:

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

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

b) Cheques for Payment and Receipts:

Chq. No. 101012 CAS Insurance for 2018-2019	£249-85
Chq. No. 101013 Information Commissioner	£40-00
Chq. No. 101014 W & C PFT – Annual Donation	£500-00
Chq. No. 101015 Clerk's Salary for July until September 2018	£744-80
Chq. No. 101016 Clerk's Expenses for July until Sept 2018	£62-25

Proposer: Cllr. D Cask: Second: Cllr. S. Moore:

16) To receive reports on the:

Village Green:

It was agreed that this had already been discussed earlier in Item 11.

Flagship Affordable Homes:

Cllr. Thomas said that she was working on the issues parishioners have with Flagship and hoped to arrange a meeting with Cllr. S. Burroughes soon.

Highways:

It was noted that to get potholes filled in by Suffolk Highways, they must be reported through their website unless a road issue is urgent and potentially could be a danger for which there is a telephone number. It was also noted that potholes with a white circle round them are known about by Suffolk Highways and were on their list to be repaired. Cllr. R. Chase said that he wished the Suffolk Highways would also repair potholes that they see but are not circled in white as they only fill in those they have circled in white and then have to come back for the others in due course when they are reported. Councillors said that they were very concerned that the roads and white lines were not very robust noting that on the corner out of Walpole the white lines have almost disappeared. Cllr. R. Chase agreed to notify Suffolk Highways about potholes and to ring them regarding the white lines at the T-Junction in Walpole.

Footpaths:

Cllr. S. Moore reported that the Cricketers Meadow foot Bridge had not been repaired yet.

Trees:

It was noted that the Village Green Trees had already been discussed.

Cemetery:

The Clerk said that he had been asked if a tablet could be put on a gravestone for which permission was given.

CEA & Allotments:

It was reported that nearly all the stalls had been booked at the Craft Barn Event in November however it was believed that there were not enough spinners and weavers coming to the event.

External Meetings & Training:

It was noted that if anyone wishes to do any training then see the Suffolk Association of Local Councils' Website.

17) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on October 16th 2018:

It was agreed to take fly tipping off the agenda and to put 'Broadband' on it.

The Meeting ended at 9-30pm.