

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, February 19th 2019 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. C. Northover; Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk).

1) Apologies:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. M. Wenham; Cllr. J. Winter and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

Not Present: Cllr. D. Cask:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. M. Porter declared interests in CEA and Cookpole.
Cllr. N. Jarvis and S. Moore declared interests in Cookpole.
Cllr. A. Thomas declared interests in CEA.
Cllr. M. Porter declared an interest in the stone for the memorial in Item 8.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

The Councillors noted the written reports from Cllr. S. Burroughes.

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 January 15th 2019:

It was noted that Cllr. M. Porter asked if the Darsham Car park and the roundabouts will stay once Sizewell C is built to which the council still had no answer but thought that they would.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 15th 2019 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

7) Emergency Planning:

There was no report.

8) War Memorial:

The Clerk said that he had been contacted regarding a missing name. He said that he sent this email on to Cllr. M. Wenham to investigate. Cllr. M. Porter asked if the 'Proposed War Memorial' could be discussed next month. Cllr. R. Chase said that he had been to see the stone and proposed that it should be put on the Village Green.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. S. Moore:

9) Village Green:

It was reported that a parishioner would be cutting back and tidying up the hedge on the Village Green. Cllr. M. Porter said that he believed that it was time for the artwork currently on the Village Green to be removed. It was noted and as Cllr. Z. Mair was dealing with this issue, it was agreed to ask her to see if the artwork could now be removed.

10) Overgrown Hedges:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that some hedges had been cut back and now looked very good. However he said that others needed doing so it was agreed to contact the owners of these hedges. Cllr. A. Thomas said that the hedges were being left uncut to protect the verges and the loss of land to the road. Cllr. M. Porter said that he thought that Suffolk Highways did not seem to worry about hedges and verges.

11) River Blyth Sign:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that no progress had been made.

12) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

Cllr. S. Moore reported that the Vehicle Activation Sign (VAS) had been moved since the last Parish Council Meeting and that Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. J. Winter are learning how to move the VAS for future movements.

13) Defibrillator & Telephone Box:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that the defibrillator had been ordered and should arrive next week once the cheque was received. It was also reported that Crown Paints were offering their red paint free to paint the old telephone boxes.

14) George Calver Trust:

Cllr. D. Whitwood reported that the Chair and Treasurer were resigning at the end of the Financial Year and it was the Parish Council's responsibility to help find replacements. It was noted that the Trust needed members from a wide area but the Trust did originate in Walpole. Cllr. M. Porter said that there were two crucial posts

needed to keep the Charity going and it was agreed for Cllr. Z. Mair to put the two vacancies on the website.

15)Planning Matters:

Proposal: Non-material Amendment - Placing of an additional roof light in pitched roof on east elevation as shown on drawing.

Address: 1 Woodland View, Cratfield Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 0LP

Ref: DC/19/0465/AME

The Clerk said that this planning application was for the councillors' information.

16)Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk reported that he and the Chair had received an invitation to the Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) 45 Years of Celebration Event on Friday, March 15th 2019 from 6pm until 9-30pm at the Hoffmann Centre, Snape Maltings as SCDC and Waveney District Council merge to become East Suffolk District Council on April 1st 2019.

The Clerk said that Suffolk Age UK had asked for a Donation which was to be looked at in April. He said that he had also received the SCDC Local Plan asking if Cookley and Walpole Parish Council wished to give a response by the 25th February 2019. The council decided that they did not need to give a response.

The Clerk said that the Sizewell C Consultation was ongoing and Cookley and Walpole Parish Council had until March 29th to give a response. Cllr. A. Thomas gave an account of the presentation the previous evening in Bramfield.

The Clerk reported that he had contacted SCDC Electoral Services about Cllr. C. Northover's co-option as a Councillor who should have received the Register of Interests to fill in. The Clerk also said that he had received some packs for those who wish to seek election to the Council in May.

17)Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on February 7th 2019: To receive an update on the current financial status.

Business Community Account	£5 788-63
Business Savings Account	£1 098-59

b) Cheques for Payment and Receipts: To approve payments and to review receipts.

Chq. No. 101125	W & C Playing Fields Trust	£144-00
Chq. No. 101126	W & C Playing Fields Trust	£18-00
Chq. No. 101127	Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd	£1675-00
Chq. No. 101128	Community Heartbeat Trust (Solutions) Ltd	£162-00

Receipts:

Rosedale Funeral Home Ltd

£210-00

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

18)To agree Audit Arrangements:

It was agreed for the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) to be the Parish Council's Internal Auditors for the 2018-2019 Accounts.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

19)To agree Council Risk Assessment Procedures:

The Council Risk Assessment Procedures were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Porter:

20)To agree Council Asset Register:

The Council Asset Register was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Jarvis:

Seconder: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

21)To receive reports on the

Flagship Affordable Homes;

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that a meeting had taken place on January 18th 2019 with Flagship and she said that they did listen to all the problems that were raised. She said that it appears that the buildings in Neave Close did have problems and Cllr. N. Jarvis said that there were several problems that need to be fixed. Cllr. A. Thomas asked that this issue was on the agenda to be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Highways;

There was no report.

Footpaths;

There was no report.

Trees;

There was no report.

Cemetery;

The Clerk reported that Rosedale had contacted him regarding a parishioner who had sadly died recently. He said that Rosedale had asked if the deceased parishioner could

be buried in the Cemetery. Having spoken to the Chair, the parishioner was laid to rest in a double grave so that presumably her husband can also be laid to rest in the same grave. The Family paid £140 for burial and £70 for a memorial to be put on top.

The Clerk noted that the fees being charged by the Council were very low compared to other cemeteries. It was agreed to discuss the fees at the next Parish Council Meeting.

CEA & Allotments and

There was no report.

External Meetings & Training:

There was no report.

22)To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on March 19th 2019:

The Councillors agreed to discuss Flagship Affordable Homes, Cemetery fees and Suffolk highways regarding accidents.

The Meeting ended at 9-47pm.