

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17th 2020 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chairman) (Left 9pm); Cllr. L. Andrews (Left 8-50pm); Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. C. Northover, Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes (Arrived 8-50pm):

1) Apologies:

District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter declared an interest in CEA and Cookpole. Cllr. J. Lewis declared an interest as an employee of Suffolk County Council. Councillors do not need to declare an interest in setting the Budget or Precept in Item 17.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

There was no report from District and County 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 October 20th 2020:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, October 20th 2020 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Lewis: Seconded: Cllr. C. Leggett:

7) Village Green:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had approached Cllr. S. Burroughes regarding providing some money for a second bench for the Village Green. She reported that Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would get back to her to discuss it further. Cllr. J. Lewis and Cllr. J. Winter would put up the Christmas Lights on the Village Green. Cllr. C. Leggett showed his plan for where the new trees should be planted. He said that the Bird Cherry, Oak, Lime, White Beam, Oak and Wild Pear Trees would give a lovely entry to the Green and he believed that it would not cost more than £150. Cllr. M. Porter thought that the White Beam should be replaced by a Liquid Amber whilst Cllr. R. Chase asked if the Wild Pear would attract wasps.

It was agreed to plant Oak, Lime and Amber Trees around the Green and Cllr. C. Leggett would order the trees with a view to plant them by January and would get the invoice to the Parish Council for payment.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett: Seconder: Cllr. C. Northover:

Cllr. J. Lewis asked if Will Austin could strim the nettles on the southern boundary of the Village Green.

8) Highways and Speeding:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that a parishioner had spoken to her regarding mud on the road. Cllr. M. Porter advised that a farmer had been held liable for a motorist who had a fatal road accident because of mud left on the road. It was noted that rain washed the mud off the road since the parishioner had spoken to Cllr. Z. Mair. Cllr. J. Lewis said that mud on the road was bad.

It was agreed that Cllr. Z. Mair would reply to the parishioner noting the issue, with the landowner's apologies and to ask that they report any further issues so that the landowner can be contacted.

Cllr. Chase reported that a footpath in Cookley was blocked and he would contact Highways as would Cllr. M. Porter in pinpointing potholes.

Cllr. R. Chase said that Suffolk County Council offered £235 000 to create quiet lanes. It was agreed to contact County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes over the clarification of a quiet lane as Cookley Road seemed to be a good candidate.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter: Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

9) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that she, a parishioner and Cllr. L. Andrews had a very good meeting regarding updating the Emergency Plan. She said that all three were now editing their section of the Emergency Plan via dropbox.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that hedges had been laid next to the allotments and Cllr. M Porter said that there were some vacant allotments. Cllr. Z. Mair said that a bid for money to buy a shredder had been unsuccessful and there would be no Craft Barn owing to Coronavirus.

19) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on January 19th 2021:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would be resigning as the Chairman of the Parish Council at the next Parish Council Meeting. She said that a new chairman would need to be elected at the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 9-24pm.