

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, September 15th 2020 at 7pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. C. Northover; Cllr. M. Porter (arrived 7-10pm) and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) Apologies:

Apologies from Cllr. D. Cask and Cllr. D. Whitwood were accepted. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes sent his apologies.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

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

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 County and District 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 July 21st 2020:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 21stth 2020 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

7) Sizewell C:

Councillors discussed the issue and decided not to submit a Council View but to leave each Councillor to submit their own view if they so wished.

21) Council Papers from Past Years:

The Clerk explained that he was storing papers from past years and wondered if a Councillor with more space could store the boxes instead. Cllr. J. Winter said that he would take the boxes.

22) Review of Financial Standing Orders:

The Council reviewed the Financial Regulations and agreed to continue to adopt the National Association of Local Council's Template 2019 for England with the added amendments in 2020 for the year 2020 - 2021. The 2020 amendment is as follows:-

Contracts - The footnotes should now read

For public supply and public service contracts £189,330

For public works contracts £4,733,252

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

23) To receive reports on the

Footpaths:

Cllr J. Winter reported that the bridge from Walpole Old Hall to Cookley New Road had been replaced. Cllr. R. Chase said that some footpaths near him were difficult to walk along because the foliage had not been cut back. Cllr. J. Lewis said that a permissive footpath near him was very good. Cllr. M. Porter said that each footpath is numbered on a map. It was agreed that Cllr. M. Porter would send the map to all councillors and Cllr. R. Chase would find the path on the map and its number. Cllr. M. Porter would then report it to Suffolk County Council.

Trees:

There was no report.

Cemetery:

The Cemetery had been discussed earlier in the meeting but the Clerk reported that a new headstone had been added to a grave.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) had held no meetings recently but they had held a site meeting at the Allotments on Saturday 5th September regarding the laying of the overgrown hedge at the side adjacent to Porter's Farm. She added that a grant was being sought from the County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes' Locality Budget to assist with the cost of this work.

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the Allotment Society has ordered a skip in order to dispose of accumulated rubbish. The skip is currently being sourced and will be made available to the residents of Cookley and Walpole once the allotment holders have made use of

it. The cost will be shared between the Allotment Society and CEA.”

Finally, Cllr. Z. Mair said that she has contacted Ken Wilson about painting the Cookley sign.

24) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on October 20th 2020:

It was agreed to put on the agenda for October - a brass plaque on the bench.

The Meeting ended at 9-24pm.