

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, November 16th 2021.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chairman); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. C. Northover and Cllr. M. Porter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk); Six Parishioners (One left at 7-47pm and five left at 8-15pm); District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes (left at 8-30pm).

1) Apologies:

Cllr. J. Winter:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter declared an interest in CEA and the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Association. Councillors do not need to declare an interest in setting the Budget or Precept in Item 14.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that Suffolk County Council (SCC) were taking many Covid-19 precautions and there were high levels of Covid-19 in schools. He said that people should go on the website to get their booster vaccination.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that in view of the Climate emergency, SCC was looking to be Carbon Neutral by 2030 with more vehicles moving from petrol to sustainable sources of power. He said that the Covid-19 pandemic had reduced the Council's mileage by 12 000 miles a day and reduced the carbon footprint of the Council by 60% as councillors were able to attend many meetings through Zoom.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the next Joint Parishes Meeting would be in the New Year and the County Boundary Review had been approved.

Cllr. M. Porter said that getting an appointment for a Flu Vaccination at Cutlers Hill was becoming difficult and getting a Booster Covid-19 Vaccination was a little chaotic. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he could write to the Chair of the Local Clinical Commissioning Group.

Cllr. M. Porter asked about the broadband coverage locally. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that East Suffolk Council were looking at broadband needs. Cllr. M. Porter also asked why the two parishes had been allocated to the Community Partnership based in Framlingham when Halesworth was their closest town.

Cllr. C. Northover asked if County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes was still paying for speeding equipment? County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would pay for the battery for the Speed Indicator Device (SID) from his Localities Fund.

Item 11 was discussed at this part of the Meeting.

Planning Matters: To discuss and agree the following planning application:

Proposal: Demolition of existing building and erection of new dwelling.

Address: The Elms Works, Halesworth Road, Walpole, Suffolk. IP19 9AZ

Ref: DC/21/4496/FUL

The Parish Council refuses this planning application.

The Parish Council believes that the neighbours will have a loss of privacy, there will be negative impacts on two listed buildings, the design and appearance is not in keeping with the adjacent neighbourhood, a previous planning application has been refused and there are also issues with nature conservation. Because of all these material issues, the Parish Council believes that it must refuse this planning application.

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage structure and replacement outbuilding constructed forming studio/storage space

Address: 5 Halesworth Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 0LX

Ref: DC/21/4959/FUL

The Clerk said that this Planning Application had arrived too late for his meeting to consider it but it would be discussed at another meeting.

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 19th 2021.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, October 19th 2021 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

7) Highways and Road Signs:

Cllr. M. Porter said that a number of road signs had fallen over. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that they needed to be reported to Suffolk County Council (SCC) Highways. If they would not repair them then he would pay for them to be repaired out of his Locality Budget.

Cllr. R. Chase asked County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes if SCC Highways were asking for a higher budget? County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that they were looking at the issue.

Cllr. M. Porter said that the drains at the side of the road were not being cleared out enough. He said that he tells SCC Highways and they acknowledge his communication but the drains still do not get cleared.

8) River Blyth Vegetation:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that a parishioner was very concerned about flooding. Councillors discussed the issue but believed that the parishioner should contact the Environmental Agency.

9) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the Emergency Plan Group was meeting tomorrow to finish updating the Emergency Plan.

10) Walpole Village Sign:

Cllr. R. Chase asked if the sign's refurbishment had been completed. It was noted that it had been completed.

11) This Agenda Item was discussed before Item 5.

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received 'Thank You' Letters from the Alzheimer's Society and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. He said that he had also received a flyer from Hughes, an East Suffolk Council Consultation on Planning, Housing and Cycling/Walking Poster and a SCC Suffolk Lorry Route Map Review.

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on November 7th 2021:

Business Community Account	£14 333-97
Business Savings Account	£1 101-75

b) Cheques for Payment and Receipts:

Standing Order	Will Austin – November 2021	£150-00
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Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

14) Budget and Precept 2022-2023

The Clerk set out the Budget and after some questions, the councillors agreed the Budget with the additions of the Monitor and a Bench:

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Porter:

The Councillors agreed to set the Precept at £10 000 for the Financial Year 2022–2023:

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconder: Cllr. M. Porter:

15) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths;

Cllr. Z. Mair said that a dog bin was needed in Cookley. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would have a conversation with Cllr. R. Chase regarding its location.

Trees;

Cllr. C. Leggett said that Suffolk Wildlife will plant trees where you ask them to do so. He wondered if some trees should be planted on the playing field.

Cemetery;

The Clerk reported that a burial in the Walpole Cemetery took place on October 29th 2021.

CEA & Allotments;

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the CEA were meeting monthly, the shredder was being used and she said that apple juice was available. She said that the CEA was trying to organise a gathering in the grounds of the Old School, Walpole.

16) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on January 18th 2021:

It was agreed to hold an Extra-Ordinary Meeting on November 23rd 2021.

The Meeting ended at 9-20pm.