

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, September 21st 2021.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chairman); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. C. Northover and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. M. Porter and District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. Z. Mair declared an interest in CEA and the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Association. She did not vote in Item 11.

Cllr. J. Lewis declared an interest as an employee of Suffolk County Council.

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 the 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 July 20th 2021.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 20th 2021 were agreed.

The Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on August 9th 2021 was inquorate:

7) Highways and Road Signs:

Cllr. M. Porter was not at the meeting to give a report. However Councillors expressed concern that so many signs seemed to be falling over and needed replacing.

8) Police Meeting:

Cllr. C. Leggett reported that the police had advised that local security needed to be looked at around open spaces. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Cllr. C. Leggett said that the police will train people to catch speeding cars if certain criteria is met.

9) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would meet with Cllr L. Andrews and a parishioner to finalise the plan.

10) Planning Matters:

There were no planning applications.

11) TV Monitor:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Trust (W & C PFT) were happy to pay one off-costs but ongoing costs and their risk of it rising in price should go to the Parish Council. She said that the W & C PFT does not have a regular income and so did not wish to commit to an ongoing cost.

After some discussion, it was agreed that W & C PFT paid for the hardware and software and the Parish Council would fund through a donation annually the ongoing costs. It was

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

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received a poster from Community Action Suffolk and a brochure from Elan City.

13) Insurance Renewal 2021-2022:

The Insurance Renewal was agreed for 2021-2022 as the Parish Council had a Three-Year 'Long Term Understanding' at £222-38.

However the Clerk explained that the Parish Council's current Insurance Policy ended at the end of September 2022 and that the Parish Council's Provider would probably not offer any renewal.

The Clerk said that he had been given a list of alternative providers and he would be contacting them for quotes possibly for quotes next year.

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair: Seconder: Cllr. C. Leggett:

14) Data Protection Fee 2021-2022:

It was agreed to pay the Data Protection Fee of £40 for 2021-2022.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett: Second: Cllr. C. Chase:

15) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account	£16 538-87
Business Savings Account	£1 101-75

b) Cheques for Payment and Receipts:

Standing Order	Will Austin – September 2021	£150-00
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Internet Banking	SALC Annual Internal Audit	£189-60
Internet Banking	Walpole & Cookley Playing Field Trust	£350-00
Internet Banking	Waveney Food Bank	£200-00
Internet Banking	Pear Tree Fund	£100-00
Internet Banking	Halesworth Volunteer Centre	£85-00
Internet Banking	East Anglian Air Ambulance	£75-00
Internet Banking	‘Alzheimer’s Society’	£50-00
Internet Banking	Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk)	£25-00
Internet Banking	East Anglia’s Children’s Hospices	£20-00
Internet Banking	Clerk’s Salary – July until September 2021	£576-00
Internet Banking	Clerk’s Tax – July until September 2021	£144-00
Internet Banking	Clerk’s Expenses – July until September 2021	£49-15
Internet Banking	Clerk’s Zoom Reimbursement 2021-2022	£35-97
Internet Banking	CAS Insurance 2021-2022	£222-38
Internet Banking	Data Protection Fee	£40-00

Receipts:

BACS	Bank Interest	£0-03
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Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Second: Cllr. C. Leggett:

16) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that the footpaths have had their foliage cut back. Cllr. Z. Mair asked about the bridge and Cllr. R. Chase said that the handrail was in hand.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she believed that another red bin for dog owners was needed. It was agreed that Cllr. Z. Mair would contact East Suffolk Council to put up a red bin in Cookley and that the Parish Council would pay for it.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Winter: Second: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Trees:

Cllr. C. Leggett reported that the tree next to the bench on the Village Green was dead. It was agreed to ask Will Austin to fell the tree.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett: Second: Cllr. C. Northover:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that some parishioners had asked for the new benches to be moved away from the stone. After some discussion where it was believed that this would stop families being able to sit together, it was agreed to discuss this issue further at the next meeting.

Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that there has been a burial and another was to take place next week. He said that the Price List had been requested by some funeral directors recently and the Clerk advised that it did need reviewing. It was agreed to discuss the price list at the next meeting.

CEA

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the CEA was meeting again and had appointed a new Treasurer. She said that the Craft Barn was not happening this year as the school was not available but the CEA was looking at combining it with a marquee event next year.

Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that there were two spare allotment plots and the petrol driven community shredder was awaiting its home.

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

It was agreed to put Open Spaces Security, the TV Monitor, Village Green Benches and the Cemetery Price List on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, October 19th 2021 at 7-30pm at the Pavilion.

The Meeting ended at 8-46pm.