

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, February 15th 2022.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. C. Northover and 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 the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Association. 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:

The Clerk distributed the written Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council Reports received from County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

There was some discussion regarding a zoom meeting. It was agreed that at the next meeting, councillors would bring questions for County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes and then to arrange a zoom meeting then.

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 18th 2022 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on February 4th 2022.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 18th 2022 were agreed.

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

The Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on February 4th 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. L. Andrews: Seconder: Cllr. C. Leggett

7) Highways and Road Signs:

Cllr. M. Porter reported that he had found a large pothole but he was talking to Suffolk Highways regarding the pothole. Cllr. M. Porter also wondered about 'Quiet Lanes' and this was put down as a further question for Cllr Burroughes.

It was noted that the Road signs were very dirty and SCC Highways would not be cleaning them so it was decided that this was a further question for Suffolk County Council.

Councillors decided to wipe the sign closest to their home and to cut back any foliage they could do so safely. Cllr. Z. Mair reported that Cllr. C. Northover would now be leaving the Sign Indicator Device longer in each place.

8) Noticeboards Maintenance:

The Clerk gave a report on the condition of each noticeboard and after some discussion, it was agreed to approach a parishioner to refurbish the four noticeboards and locks.

9) Local Governance:

Cllr. M. Porter asked why the two parishes are grouped by East Suffolk Council with Framlingham when the two parishes were closest to Halesworth and saw all their services to be there. It was decided to discuss this with County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

10) Christmas Lights on the Village Green:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that he had received a letter from the parishioners who had supplied electricity for the Christmas Lights on the Village Green.

Councillors discussed asking Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Trust to perhaps purchase more lights for next Christmas which are solar or battery powered.

11) Dog Bins:

It was noted that the price had increased to £252-09 plus VAT.

Councillors agreed to buy a red Glasdon 25 Dog Bin.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter: Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

12) David Cask Plaque:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the family had welcomed the idea to have a plaque on a bench in Walpole celebrating his life and what he gave to the Village. She said that she had earmarked the bench by the telephone box. After some discussion, councillors wondered if a plaque with more information about him could be put up on the outside of the Pavilion. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would return to the next meeting with a further plan.

13) Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that the trees had been delivered to Norse and he would be going to their depot tomorrow to pick up the Council's trees. Councillors agreed to plant the trees as soon as possible but they were to stay in their planting pots until planting plans had been finalised.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the playing field outside the Pavilion should be the location for a community event. She said that there should be a light beacon with games such as a tug of war and a tractor pull and entertainment with a choir and anyone can play an instrument. Cllr. Z. Mair suggested that residents could bring a picnic and it was suggested that a mug celebrating the Platinum Jubilee be presented to all children. Finally a local brewery could be approached to provide free beer.

14) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that there had been two training days and the Updated Emergency Plan was now in draft form.

15) Planning Matters:

The Clerk said that there were no planning applications.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she wanted to ask County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes about dilapidated properties She also wanted the school building to be part of the village The Clerk said that he had asked County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes to investigate dilapidated properties.

16) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had not received any correspondence but he did note that contract with Will Austin needed to be reviewed and that Internal Control also needed review too.

17) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on February 7th 2022:

Business Community Account	£13 239-57
Business Savings Account	£1 101-78

b) Payments and Receipts:

Internet Banking East Suffolk Council – Dog Poo Bin £252-09

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Second: Cllr. Z. Mair:

18) To agree Council Asset Register:

The Council Asset Register for 2021-2022 was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett: Second: Cllr. L. Andrews:

The Clerk was asked to check the insurance was up-to-date with the new additions to the Asset Register.

19) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

Cllr Z. Mair said that she had received a parishioner complaint regarding horses flattening a footpath. Cllr. R. Chase said that he had sorted out the issue. Cllr. M. Porter said that a horse and a car had gone down one footpath. It was noted that horses should only be on bridleways.

Trees:

Cllr. Z. Mair thanked a local landowner for cutting back a hedge and hoped that all landowners would be carrying out the same work.

Cemetery:

The Clerk said that a stonemason had been in touch regarding outing up a memorial. He said that he would be sending them the latest price list.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that visitors to the cemetery had reported that the plants and vases were being scattered about. After some discussion, it was believed that Muntjac Deer were probably the culprits.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the CEA had coppiced some willow trees, planted some new apple trees and had a litter pick. She said that the group were now thinking about how to use the wood.

20) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on March 15th 2022:

The Clerk said that he would put Christmas Lights, Will Austin's Contract, Internal Control and Donations on the next Agenda to be held on March 15th 2022.

The Meeting ended at 9-29pm.