

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, July 19th 2022.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and two parishioners (Left 7-45pm):

1) Apologies:

Councillors accepted the apologies from Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. C. Northover and Cllr. J. Winter.

County and District 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:

Councillors received two written reports from the 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 questions from the one member of the public at the meeting.

Item 12: Planning Matters was discussed at this point in the meeting

Proposal: Single storey extension to existing dwelling and rebuilding of outbuilding to similar footprint to provide ancillary accommodation.

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

Ref: DC/22/2439/FUL

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application as long as the ancillary accommodation is only used as an annex to Elms Cottage.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 14th 2022 and the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on June 23rd 2022.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 14th 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase

Seconder: Cllr. C. Leggett:

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7) Highways:

Cllr. M. Porter reported that a drain had not been looked at and would like to discuss this with County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes. He said that he would send more photographs of the drain to Suffolk County Council.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the Sign Indicator Device had been damaged and is facing the cemetery.

8) Walpole School:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that he had heard nothing so he said that he would now email the owners to see if any decisions have been taken. Cllr. R. Chase said that he hoped that fayres and other events could then be held at the Walpole School.

Cllr. M. Porter said that he had sent a letter to the local MP and the reply had been to discuss this issue with the County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes and Suffolk County Council.

9) Noticeboards:

The Clerk reported that he had contacted East Suffolk council as to whether Cil Money could be used to refurbish the noticeboards. He said that the answer was that Cil Money could not be used for this purpose.

Councillors agreed to refurbish the noticeboards using Parish Council Funds.

10) David Cask Plaque:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had been very busy recently and therefore had not completed organising the plaque being put up in the Pavilion.

It was also agreed to put this item on the Parish Council Meeting Agenda in September.

17) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

Cllr. R. Chase said that some footpaths in Cookley needed cutting back. It was agreed to contact East Suffolk Council regarding these footpaths.

Trees:

Cllr. R. Chase said that July 17th 2022 had been a very hot day and two trees had fallen down. He said that this was when there was no wind.

Cemetery:

Cllr. M. Porter said that some parishioners were concerned at the number of rabbit burrows going into burial sites and they wondered if anything could be done about the rabbits. After some discussion, councillors believed that there was little that they could do but Cllr. R. Chase said that he would consult with Cllr. J. Winter who may be able to help.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that there had been a meeting last night and reported that the Craft Fayre combined with the Dog and Music Show had been very successful earning the most money for the CEA outside grants.

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the Allotments had problems with the Solar Pump. However she said that they had a party recently to celebrate their tenth birthday and it was going very well. She said that apples are being produced and being turned into juice very successfully.

Cllr. R. Chase asked about electric bicycles and asked if there should be a charge for the use of the bicycles. Cllr. Z. Mair said that the CEA believed that the bicycles were available for the parishioners to borrow and they should not have to pay to borrow them.

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

The Clerk was asked to put the David Cask Plaque, Emergency Plan, Health and Safety Policy and Walpole School on the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Meeting ended at 8-57pm.