

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and four parishioners (left 8-07pm):

1) Apologies:

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:

Councillors received two written reports from the County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

Item No. 13 was taken at this point of the meeting.

Planning Matters:

Proposal: Demolition of existing building and erection of new dwelling

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

Ref: DC/22/0728/FUL

Councillors agreed that Cookley & Walpole Parish Council would refuse this Planning Application DC/22/0728/FUL on the basis of the following material reasons:

- Loss of privacy and natural light to neighbours;
- Visual: layout and density make it far too tall and too big for the site;
- Proposed loss of trees:

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Winter:

5) **Public Session: Members of the public have fifteen minutes to ask questions on topics on the agenda.**

There was no public session as all the members of the public had left.

6) **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 15th 2022.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 15th 2022 were agreed with three amendments.

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair: Second: Cllr. L. Andrews:

7) **Highways and Road Signs:**

Cllr. M. Porter said that those potholes that are reported to East Suffolk Council had not been repaired whilst those not reported had been infilled. It was agreed to have an informal meeting between councillors and then to meet with County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

8) **Noticeboards Maintenance:**

Cllr. M. Porter said that a parishioner is willing to refurbish the noticeboards but he was not sure when they could do the refurbishment.

9) **Christmas Lights on the Village Green:**

Cllr. M. Chase suggested that more lights were needed and that they should be LED lights.

10) **David Cask Plaque:**

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that a parishioner would write by hand the tribute on paper and this would be framed and put on the wall inside the Village Hall as a tribute to David Cask.

Councillors agreed to decide the wording of the tribute.

11) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee:**

Cllr. R. Chase reported that he had collected the Jubilee Tree and it still needed to be planted. He showed councillors the plaque to go with the tree. Cllr. Z. Mair suggested that people had a picnic on the field outside the Pavilion as it has facilities. However it was also suggested that people had their picnic on the Village Green as the tree would be planted there. Cllr. M. Porter said that the beacon would be bought to the Village Green.

It was agreed to have the event on the Village Green, plant the tree and move between there and the Pavilion. It was noted that £500 was available to be spent on the day and the Clerk was asked to put this Agenda Item on the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

12) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that there was a Training Day on Emergency Planning planned by Suffolk County Council and that the revised Parish Emergency Plan was nearly completed. She suggested that the Parish Emergency Plan should be finalised after the County's Training Day.

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

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This Item was discussed after Item 4.

14) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had received the Clerk and Councillor's Newsletter and that the Local Government Pay Agreement for 2021-2022 had been agreed. He said that a rise of 1.75% in wages had been agreed.

15) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account	£12 750-77
Business Savings Account	£1 101-81

b) Payments and Receipts: To approve payments and to review receipts

Internet Banking	Suffolk Coastal Norse – Dog Poo Bin	£302-51
Internet Banking	Community Heartbeat Trust – Year 4	£162-00
Internet Banking	SALC Payroll Service	£22-80
Internet Banking	Will Austin – Removing Tree	£200-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay – January until March 2022	£627-80
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – January until March 2022	£157-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses – January until March 2022	£59-85
Internet Banking	Ken Wilson – Sign	£350-00

Proposer: Cllr. J. Winter:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Lewis:

16) Donations:

The Councillors agreed the following donations to be made by the Parish Council.

Walpole & Cookley Playing Field Trust	£350-00
Waveney Food Bank	£250-00
Pear Tree Fund	£100-00
Halesworth Volunteer Centre	£100-00
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£100-00
'Alzheimer's Society'	£50-00
Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk)	£25-00

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the CEA had set up a litter pick and the coppicing was going well. She said that the CEA was exploring whether to buy 'Hot Bins' where food is put in at the top and compost comes out of the bottom.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the allotments were doing well and the new shredder was being well used.

21) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on April 26th 2022:

The Clerk was asked to put the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the next Parish Council Agenda.

The Meeting ended at 9-59pm.