

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, October 18th 2022.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one parishioner.

1) Apologies:

Councillors accepted the apologies from Cllr. M. Porter.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes was not present.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. Z. Mair 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:

There was no report from County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

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

The Parishioner said that they were very worried about a dilapidated house and said that they had been in touch with East Suffolk Council. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would write to East Suffolk Council and to County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes.

The Parishioner also suggested that a cycle/footpath from Walpole to Halesworth should be created away from the road as they believed that it was too dangerous to cycle/walk along the main road to Halesworth.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 27th 2022.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 27th 2022 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. L. Andrews:

7) Highways:

As Cllr. M. Porter nor County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes, there was no report from either of them. Cllr. M. Mair reported that there had been a water leak near where Cllr. C. Northover lives. Cllr. C. Northover said that he had investigated and there was no leak. He said that it seems that there is a natural spring which seems to appear four or five days after rain.

Cllr. R. Chase said that there was still no payment from the insurance regarding the damaged Speed Indicator Device.

8) Walpole School:

Cllr. R. Chase said that he would email County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes with a copy to Lord Huntingfield asking for an update.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

9) Noticeboards:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had contacted parishioners but had received no response. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would approach the parishioners personally.

10) David Cask Commemoration:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she was still working on this and was ongoing.

11) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. L. Andrews said that a meeting still had to be convened and was ongoing.

12) Planning Matters:

There were no planning matters.

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received letters from St. Elizabeth Hospice and East Anglian Children's Hospices. The Clerk clarified that Councillors were aware that with a reduction in one of the Insurance clauses, the Insurance fee would fall from £460-61 to £410-21. Councillors confirmed the latter figure.

14) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account	£18 466-53
Business Savings Account	£1 102-23

b) Payments and Receipts:

Internet Banking	SALC – Six Months Payroll Service	£22-80
Standing Order	Will Austin – October 2022	£200-00

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

15) Policies:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that he had made a start and hoped to bring a Draft Health and Safety Policy to the next Parish Council Meeting based on a template supplied by Cllr. J. Lewis.

16) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

Cllr. C. Leggett said that a parishioner had reported to him that a footpath was blocked by an electric sheep fence and he had taken a photograph. Cllr. J. Winter said that he spoken to the parishioner. Cllr. R. Chase said that the Cookley footpaths had been mown last month.

Trees:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported no problems in Walpole but Cllr. R. Chase said that a huge bough had fallen off a tree in a storm in Cookley and the tree would now be felled.

Cemetery:

The Clerk said that there would be an ashes interment on November 25th 2022. He said that the Chairman and the Clerk needed to decide the location in the cemetery for the Ashes Interment.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that there had been a bumper apple crop this year and therefore there would be much apple juice available this winter. She said that the allotments seemed to all be happy and doing well.

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

There were no agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting on November 15th 2022.

The Meeting ended at 8-40pm.