

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, September 27th 2022.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes (Left 8-36pm).

1) Apologies:

Councillors accepted the apologies from Cllr. C. Northover and Cllr. M. Porter.

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.

Cllr. J. Winter declared a personal interest in the planning application DC/22/3290/FUL. It was agreed that he would not vote.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) To receive a report from the County and District Councillor:

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that Suffolk County Council had set up the Welfare Assistance Scheme to help those in Suffolk suffering from the current Cost of Living Crisis. He said that East Suffolk Council had established its 'Ease the Squeeze Scheme' where help could be delivered and 'Warm Rooms' provided.

Cllr. R. Chase asked how these schemes were being advertised? County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the schemes would be advertised in the local Press and social media whilst libraries and surgeries would be asked to inform those who visit.

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that much investment was being put into Lowestoft and Suffolk County Council were looking at how to get more buses to rural areas. He said that energy prices rising was causing issues for facilities provided by the two local authorities such as leisure centres.

Cllr. R. Chase asked how many Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council employees were working from home. County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes said that

11) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. L. Andrews reported that this was ready to be put together with all the amendments needing to be put on the document. Cllr. Z. Mair said that the Local Emergency Plan and those involved play a very important supportive role in the event of an emergency as their knowledge of the locality is very important.

12) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Change of use from B2 to Class E

Address: The Marybelle Dairy, Walpole Old Hall Farm, The Clink, Walpole, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9AU

Ref: DC/22/3290/FUL

The Parish Council approves this planning application.

However the Parish Council would like to clarify that the access is via the main entrance opposite the cemetery as shown on the application map and not the 'Clink' off Church Lane.

The Parish Council would also like to underline its previous comment in response to the planning application DC 22 1898 VOC that all vehicles over seven and a half tonnes were restricted to the times of 4am until 5pm Monday to Saturday.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

13) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had received a letter from St. Elizabeth Hospice.

The Clerk reported that the 'Notification of Exempt status for External Auditor' had arrived and on what the Parish Council had done in response to the Queen's Passing. He recommended that the Parish Council adopt an appropriate protocol for 'Marking the Death of a Prominent Figure'. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chair of the Council would bring a draft to a future Parish Council Meeting.

14) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account	£20 156-44
Business Savings Account	£1 102-23

b) Payments and Receipts:

Standing Order	Will Austin – July 2022	£200-00
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Standing Order	Will Austin – September 2022	£200-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay for July until September 2022	£597-60
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax for July until September 2022	£149-40
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses for April until June 2022	£59-50
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses for July until Sept. 2022	£53-20
Internet Banking	Business at CAS – Insurance	£410-21

Trees:

There was no report.

Cemetery:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that there had been a number of complaints at the Cemetery where flowers had been eaten and strewn around by the wildlife.

Cllr. C. Leggett said that he had made four visits to the cemetery and had noticed that one bunch of flowers had been moved and one had been scattered.

It was agreed to continue to monitor the cemetery.

The Clerk reported that there would be an ashes interment in November.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that there would be a meeting soon as the Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) had not met recently. She said that apple juice was now being produced and that all seemed to be going well at the Allotments.

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

Cllr. J. Winter asked about a local dilapidated property. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had no report but knew about it and would find out more about the property by the next meeting.

The Meeting ended at 9-09pm.