

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, February 14th 2023.

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:

Councillors accepted the apologies from Cllr. J. Clark; Cllr. C. Northover and 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 in that he worked at Suffolk County Council.

Cllr. M. Porter declared a personal interest in the Planning Application DC/23/0164/OUT in that his land abuts the planning application.

3) Requests for dispensations:

The Parish Council gave a dispensation to Cllr. M. Porter regarding Planning Application DC/23/0164/OUT.

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

There was no report.

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 17th 2023.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on January 17th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Winter:

7) Highways:

Cllr. R. Chase said that Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. R. Chase had met with the Highways Officer and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes. He said that it had been a very good meeting lasting for one and half hours. He said that all communication with the Highways Officer had to go through County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes. Cllr. R. Chase said that the meeting had discussed potholes, drains, signs and the T-Junction Road surface.

Cllr. Z. Mair asked if the Cil money could be used for road repairs. The Clerk believed that it could not be used for such a purpose but he would check with East Suffolk Council.

8) Village Green:

Cllr. J. Winter said that he would purchase some solar powered Christmas Lights.

It was also noted that some bulbs were being offered by East Suffolk Council for free and councillors agreed to ask for some of these bulbs to plant around the village. It was agreed that Cllr. M. Porter or Cllr. R. Chase would collect the bulbs.

9) David Cask Commemoration:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that she had emailed a parishioner who is a calligrapher to meet with her. She said that they would agree the words to be used to commemorate David Cask's life and the parishioner would write them and put them in a Commemoration Frame for display in the Pavilion, Walpole.

10) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that a meeting was needed to streamline and finalise the Emergency Plan. Cllr. L. Andrews reported that a new resilience plan needed to be added to the Emergency Plan. Cllr. J. Lewis said that the Air Ambulance had visited Walpole recently landing on the Playing Field.

11) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) 1no. dwelling including means of access and scale

Address: Dormer Cottage, The Street, Walpole, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9AS

Ref: DC/23/0164/OUT

The Parish Council supports this Planning Application. However the Parish Council believes that the recommendations of the Archaeology Officer should be acted upon.

The Parish Council also recommends that there is a Tree and Nature Conservation Report and the Flooding Report is acted upon in accordance with the conclusions of the AEGAEA Flood Risk Assessment so that there is no additional risk of local flooding.

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that the Parish Council's Website Supplier had emailed to inform the Parish Council that the Google Analytics were changing. The Parish Council decided to stay on the old website as the Parish Council does not use the data. The Clerk said that there was Cil Training at East Suffolk Council and the Clerk went through the introductory information regarding the Parish Elections on May 4th 2023.

The Clerk said that he had updated the Council Information on the noticeboards, informed East Suffolk Council of the Parish Council Precept for 2023-2024 and re-enrolled the Parish Council with the Pensions Regulator.

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on February 7th 2023:

Business Community Account	£16 482-88
Business Savings Account	£1 102-84

b) Payments and Receipts:

SO	Will Austin – January 2023	£200-00
SO	Will Austin – February 2023	£200-00
SO	Will Austin – March 2023	£200-00
BACS	ESC Cil Money - April 2022	£2310-86
BACS	ESC Precept Payment	£10 000
BACS	Bank Interest	£0-08
BACS	HMRC VAT Repayment	£200-00
100093	Cemetery Memorial - April 2022	£120-00
200094	Two Headstones	£240-00
BACS	Royal Sun Alliance Insurance - Damaged SID	£2419-00
BACS	Bank Interest – December 2022	£0-61
200095	Rosedale Ashes Interment & Headstone	£240-00
200096	Co-op Funerals Burial	£235-00

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

14) Policies:

The Clerk presented a list of policies recommended by Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The Parish Council decided to look at the policies useful to the Parish Council.

15) To agree Council Asset Register:

The Asset Register 2023-2024 was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. C. Leggett:

16) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

There was no report.

Trees:

There was no report.

Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that there had been a burial at the Cemetery.

Cllr. M. Porter said that he had been told that flowers were being eaten. After some discussion, Councillors agreed that they were not sure what they could do.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) was doing very well. Coppicing had started and the electric bikes had been relaunched with new batteries and chargers funded by a grant.

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the allotments were currently pruning and getting external help with the pond.

17) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on March 21st 2023:

There were no Agenda Items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on March 21st 2023.

The Meeting ended at 9-24pm.