

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm on Tuesday, March 21st 2023.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and Jules Ewart (Candidate in forthcoming District Council Elections):

1) Apologies:

Councillors accepted the apologies from Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. C. Northover and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

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. J. Clark declared an interest in Item 13 Community Larder.

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 sent two written reports.

Councillors formally thanked County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes for his time, grants and reports to the Parish Council as District Councillor.

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

Jules Ewart introduced herself as a candidate in the forthcoming District Council Elections. She said that she wanted to get to know each Parish Council and if elected, wanted to work closely with all the Parish Councils. She also gave some policies that she wished to pursue as a Councillor.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 14th 2023.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 14th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. L. Andrews:

7) Highways:

Cllr. M. Porter said that there were new potholes daily and he believed that the website was a waste of time. He said that the roads were in a bad state. The Clerk said that he had received an email from Suffolk County Council Highways for a walkabout to look at the state of the roads on Monday 27th or Tuesday 28th March. After some discussion, Cllr. R. Chase said that he would email Suffolk County Council Highways for a time on Monday, 27th March. It was also decided to approach the new District Councillor after the District Council Elections.

8) Village Green:

Cllr. J. Winter said that he had purchased the solar-powered lights for the Christmas Tree on the Village Green. Cllr. M. Porter asked if the old lights could be stored.

9) David Cask Commemoration:

As Cllr. Z. Mair was not at the meeting, it was decided to discuss this issue at the next Parish Council Meeting.

10) Emergency Plan:

Cllr. L. Andrews reported that the Emergency Plan was completed. He said that it should now be sent to all Councillors but he said the file was too big and needed to be sent by Dropbox. Cllr. L. Andrews said that the Confidential Details would be taken out for sharing outside the Parish Council.

11) Planning Matters:

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from East Suffolk Council stating that a planning application permission had not been breached.

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received a leaflet from Zurich Insurance, the Clerks and Councillors Newsletter, SALC Training Bulletin and SALC Weekly News. He said that he had received an email from Cllr. S. Burroughes regarding a visit by SCC Highways Liaison Engineer to the Parish council which he said had been dealt with in Item 7.

The Clerk said that Suffolk Cloud was offering mailboxes with gov.uk which the Councillors decided not to accept. Finally, the Clerk said that he had received emails regarding the booking of Walpole Pavilion and from the Rural Services Network.

13) Donations:

Councillors decided to make the following donations to the following organisations. It was agreed that the donations would be made by Bank Transfer and to be made in the next Financial Year.

Walpole & Cookley Playing Field Trust	£350-00
Halesworth Community Larder	£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
East Anglia's Children's Hospices	£50-00
St. Elizabeth's Hospice	£50-00

It was also agreed to make a donation to the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Trust so that they can buy a Coronation Mug to be given to all the children in Cookley and Walpole Parish Council Area.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Winter: Second: Cllr. J. Lewis:

14) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account	£16 282-88
Business Savings Account	£1 104-21

b) Payments and Receipts:

Payments:

SO	Will Austin Contact – March 2023	£200-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Pay for January until March 2023	£837-60
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax for January until March 2023	£209-40
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses for January until March 2023	£53-20
Internet Banking	SALC Six-Months Payroll to March 2023	£22-80
Internet Banking	Community Heartbeat Trust – Year 4	£162-00

Receipts:

200096	Cemetery Burial	£235-00
	Pre-2011 Credit for an Uncashed Unknown	£35-00

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Second: Cllr. C. Leggett:

15) To agree Internal Control Statement and Report:

The Internal Control Statement and Report was agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Second: Cllr. J. Clark:

16) To receive reports on the

Footpaths:

There was a discussion over the footpaths in Walpole and it was noted that a ditch was blocked. Cllr. J. Winter said that he would speak to the appropriate people to get the ditch unblocked.

Trees:

Cllr. C. Leggett said that there was no report.

Cemetery:

Cllr. M. Porter said that there were still complaints regarding flowers being eaten or pushed over.

It was agreed to review the Cemetery Charges at a future Parish Council Meeting.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. M. Porter reported that the allotments were doing well and building a pergola for the plants to grow over. He also said that he had secured several daffodil bulbs.

17) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on April 18th 2023:

There were no agenda items.

The Meeting ended at 9-05pm.