COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7-30pm at the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, October 17th 2023.

<u>Minutes:</u>

Present:

Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chair); Cllr. J. Henson; Cllr. M. Porter, Cllr. A. Thomas and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk);

1) Apologies:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chair); Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. J. Clark; Cllr. J. Lewis and Cllr. Z. Mair all gave their apologies which were accepted.

District Cllr. J. Ewart and County Cllr. S. Burroughes.

2) <u>To receive declarations of interest:</u>

Cllr. M. Porter declared an interest in Community Energy Action (CEA) and the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Association.

Cllr. J. Henson declared an interest in CEA and Allotments.

Cllr. A. Thomas declared an interest in CEA.

3) <u>Requests for dispensations:</u>

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) <u>To receive a report from the County and District Councillors:</u>

District Cllr. J. Ewart and County Cllr. S. Burroughes both sent written reports which were noted by the councillors.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6) <u>To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 19th 2023.</u>

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on September 19th 2023 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett: Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

7) <u>Church Bank:</u>

It was noted that the grass had been cut but not the bushes. Cllr. M. Porter believed that there could be a serious accident unless more was done.

Councillors agreed to request that District Cllr. J. Ewart ask East Suffolk Services to cut back the bushes by at least two metres.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Henson: Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

8) <u>Highways:</u>

There was some discussion on how to warn motorists of the sharp bend by St. Mary's Church in Walpole on the B1117.

Councillors agreed to request that County Cllr. S. Burroughes ask Suffolk Highways to paint on the road approaching the bend and to add another sign warning of the bend to the one already there.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter: Seconder: Cllr. A. Thomas:

9) <u>Criminal Behaviour Order:</u>

Cllr. C. Leggett reported that he had contacted the police for an update and there was nothing to report.

10) <u>Training:</u>

As Cllr. Z. Mair was not at the meeting there was no report on the First Aid Courses. Cllr. J. Henson said that she was attending a training course soon.

11) <u>Planning Matters:</u>

The Clerk said that there no planning applications for the Parish Council to consider at this meeting. However he said that he had received a planning application too late to be considered at this meeting and suggested that it was considered at an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting to be arranged soon. It was agreed that there would be an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday, November 1st 2023 at the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm to consider this planning application.

12) <u>Cemetery Fees Review:</u>

Councillors reviewed the Cemetery Price List and agreed a new Cemetery Price List to begin on November 1st 2023. They also agreed to review the Cemetery Price List annually.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter: Seconder: Cllr. J. Henson:

13) <u>Clerk's Report and Correspondence:</u>

The Clerk said that he had received a Barclays Bank Letter.

14) <u>Financial Report:</u>

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

Business Community Account	£8 407-19
Business Savings Account	£11 133-80

b) Payments and Receipts:

Payments:

SO Internet Banking Internet Banking	Will Austin Contact – October 2023 Clerk's Pay for July until September 2023 SALC Six-Months Payroll	£200-00 £1282-20 £22-80	
Receipts:			
BACS	Second Precept Payment	£5750-00	
The Finance Report was agreed.			

Seconder:

Cllr. A. Thomas:

15) To receive reports and to agree matters regarding:

Footpaths:

Proposer:

Cllr. J. Winter said that there was no report.

Cllr. C. Leggett:

Trees:

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

Cemetery:

The Clerk said that he had an estimate for the numbering of the Cemetery and was arranging a meeting with supplier.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. J. Henson reported that the Allotments who were holding a Willows Workshop on Saturday, October 28th 2023 between 1-30 and 4pm in the gazebo.

16) <u>To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on November</u> <u>21st 2023:</u>

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that former Cllr. N. Jarvis had died. Councillors expressed their sadness at hearing the news.

Cllr. J. Henson noted that District Cllr. J. Ewart was investigating the situation regarding Neave Close Social Housing and Cllr. M. Porter gave an update on a building at risk.

The Clerk said that the Budget and Precept would be on the agenda.

The Meeting ended at 8-25pm.