

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7-30pm at the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, July 30th 2024.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chair); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chair); Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. M. Porter; Cllr. A. Thomas and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one observer (Left 7-40pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. L. Andrews and Cllr. J. Henson gave their apologies which were accepted by the Councillors.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes and District Cllr. J. Ewart also gave their apologies.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. J. Lewis declared an interest in Suffolk County Council.

Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter declared an interest in the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Association.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

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

The Clerk reported that he had received a report from District Cllr. J. Ewart and County Cllr. S. Burroughes had said that he would be sending a report soon.

5) Public Session:

The observer did not have any questions.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 18th 2024:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 18th 2024 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Lewis:

The Clerk said that the July 2nd 2024 Extra-Ordinary Meeting Minutes would be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Agenda Item No. 11 Planning was discussed at this point in the meeting.

Proposal: *Restoration, conversion and extension of a redundant farm building ("The Granary") for use as a dwelling (self build).*

Address: *Land And Buildings At Hill Farm, Cratfield Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 0LU*

Ref: *DC/24/2126/FUL*

The Observer answered questions from the Councillors who then discussed the planning application.

The Parish Council approved this planning application.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Proposal: *Retrospective Application - Change of use from holiday let to residential annexe, with rear garden room extension.*

Address: *Holiday Let At Keevil, Halesworth Road, Walpole, Suffolk. IP19 9AZ*

Ref: *DC/24/1865/FUL*

Councillors decided not to consider this planning application as the date for a decision from the Parish Council had passed.

7) Highways and B1117 Traffic:

Councillors discussed the forthcoming 'Tour of Britain' Cycle Tour which was coming through Walpole in September. It was agreed that the recent repair of the Church Wall on the B1117 was good but foliage growth was narrowing the B1117 in places.

8) Neave Close:

It was reported that two properties were vacant and contact had been made with the Housing Association. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would meet with Cllr. J. Henson to discuss further contact with the Housing Association.

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that she had attended the East Suffolk Council Planning Forum on July 11th and said that it had been very interesting. She noted the high level of activity taking place in other parishes and towns. Cllr. R. Chase agreed to contact District Cllr. J. Ewart regarding local housing and the use of the Old School Building.

9) Walpole Willows:

Councillors agreed not to fund the upkeep of the Walpole Willows.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

10) Training:

Cllr. Z. Mair further noted that at the East Suffolk Council Planning Forum on July 11th many issues raised did not affect Cookley and Walpole Parishes but she added that there was much expertise in the East Suffolk Council Planning Department. Cllr. Z. Mair commented that the Parish Council could perhaps make use of the East Suffolk Council Planning Department's expertise.

15) To receive reports and to agree matters regarding:

Footpaths:

It was noted that the foliage had been cut back on the footpaths in Cookley.

Trees:

There was nothing to report.

Cemetery:

There was nothing to report.

CEA & Allotments:

It was reported that the Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) had been disbanded and would not now need to be on a future Parish Council Agenda.

It was reported that the Allotments were doing very well.

16) To receive agenda items for the next Parish Council Meeting:

It was agreed to put Neave Close on the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda.

The Meeting ended at 8-41pm.