

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at 7-30pm at the Pavilion, Walpole on Tuesday, June 18th 2024.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chair); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chair); Cllr. L. Andrews (Arrived 7-35pm); Cllr. J. Henson; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. A. Thomas and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District Cllr. J. Ewart (Left 7-48pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. M. Porter gave his apologies which was accepted by the Councillors.

County Cllr. S. Burroughes also gave his apologies.

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. J. Henson declared an interest in the Allotments, Neave Close and the Pear Tree Centre.

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

Cllr. Z. Mair 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:

Councillors received a written report from County Cllr. S. Burroughes.

District Cllr. J. Ewart had also sent a written report but asked if Councillors had any questions. Councillors asked about the current situation with Sizewell C, social housing and flooding.

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

There were no parishioners at the meeting.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 29th 2024:

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on May 29th 2024 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Lewis:

7) Suffolk Blooms Scheme:

Councillors agreed to accept an offer from the scheme if an offer is available next year.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Henson:

8) Cookley Village Sign:

It was reported that equipment was needed to get the steel base out of the ground.

Councillors agreed to a budget of £80-£90 for a new post for the Village Sign and to approach Cllr. M. Porter to ask if his equipment could be used to get the steel base out of the ground.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconder: Cllr. Z. Mair:

9) Highways:

It was noted that some potholes had been filled in and the Church Wall had been repaired. A councillor noted one road issue.

10) Buildings at Risk and Village School Building:

There was no report.

Cllr. R. Chase and Cllr. Z. Mair agreed to find out the current situation regarding the two issues.

11) Cil Money:

Councillors discussed how to spend the money and looked at how the Pavilion could be protected from future flooding. It was suggested that the Pavilion could be raised higher but it was not known how much this would cost.

12) Collaboration with other Parish Councils:

It was reported that a meeting had been held at the Huntingfield Hub organised by East Suffolk Council.

13) Neave Close:

It was reported that no progress had been made.

14) Training:

Cllr. Z. Mair suggested that the First Aid Course could take place in September and agreed to check availability of a trainer.

15) Planning Matters:

The Clerk said that he had received the following planning application and an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting was needed to discuss it by July 4th. It was agreed to arrange an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on July 2nd at 7-30pm.

Proposal: Conversion of four existing agricultural buildings to general commercial use comprising a mix of Class E(G) and B8 accommodation |

Address: White House Farm, Walpole Road, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 0PH

Ref: DC/24/1993/FUL

16) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that there was an East Suffolk Council Planning Forum on July 11th at Riverside and July 25th in Melton. The Clerk and Cllr. Z. Mair said that they planned to attend. The Clerk said that the Notice of Public Rights had started yesterday and ended on August 2nd and was on the noticeboards and website. The Clerk said that the General Election Official Notices were also on the noticeboards.

17) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on June 7th 2024:

Business Community Account	£7 101-02
Business Savings Account	£11 256-29

b) Payments and Receipts:

Payments:

Internet Banking	Will Austin Contract – July 2024	£220-00
Internet Banking	Suffolk Cloud Website Hosting and Maintenance	£240-00
Internet Banking	Clerk's Salary – April until June 2024	£TBA
Internet Banking	Clerk's Tax – April until June 2024	£TBA
Internet Banking	Clerk's Expenses – April until June 2024	£43-75

Receipts:

BACS	Bank Interest – June 2024	£41-94
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The Financial Report was accepted.

Proposer: Cllr. L. Andrews:

Seconder: Cllr. J. Henson:

18) Loan to Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Trust:

It was noted that the Parish Council still recorded that £110-00 was outstanding from a loan made to the Walpole and Cookley Playing Fields Trust but the Trust believed that it had paid the loan back in full. It was agreed that Cllr. Z. Mair would approach the Trust to discuss a solution.

19) To receive reports and to agree matters regarding:

Footpaths:

It was reported that the footpaths were overgrown again in view of the weather.

Trees:

It was reported that a tree had fallen on the Village Green and Cllr. C. Leggett had dealt with it.

Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that he had been contacted on June 11th regarding deer damaging the Cemetery. It was reported that the damage had been cleared up.

The Clerk also reported that a burial had taken place yesterday and the gravedigger would be numbering the cemetery soon. However there still needed to be some discussion on the layout of the cemetery in view of issues such as trees with shallow roots.

CEA & Allotments:

It was noted that there would no longer be any Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) reports.

Cllr. J. Henson reported that the Allotments Open Day had gone very well and some bees had been put into the beehive.

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

It was agreed to put the mowing of the Walpole Willows on the agenda for the July 16th 2024 Parish Council Meeting.

It was noted that there would be an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 2nd 2024 and a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 16th 2024.

The Meeting ended at 9-12pm.