

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, January 21st 2020 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. D. Cask; Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. C. Northover; Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and six parishioners. One parishioner was co-opted on to the Parish Council at 7-55pm, one parishioner left at 8-36pm and four left at 9-54pm.

1) Apologies:

Cllr. J. Winter and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter declared interests in CEA and Cookpole.
Cllr. A. Thomas declared an interest in the CEA.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) Co-option of one Councillor:

a) To consider the applicant that has applied for the vacancy on the Council:

The Council considered and through a secret ballot decided to co-opt Christopher Leggett as a councillor to fill the vacancy for Walpole on the Parish Council.

a) To receive the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and to note any declarations of interest if co-opted:

Christopher Leggett signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

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

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes was not at the meeting but his written report was distributed.

The Chairman said that County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes had contacted her asking if the time and date of the Parish Meeting could be changed. Councillors agreed to investigate if they could move the meeting to another date.

It was also reported that the road outside the Bell in Walpole is very rough and Cllr. M. Porter said that he had reported it to Highways. It was agreed to add it to the Letter to Highways that had been agreed in Item 9.

11) River Blyth Sign:

It was agreed to defer discussing this item to the next meeting.

12) Planning Matters:

Proposal: *The conversion and addition to an existing outbuilding, currently in use as general storage, into use as holiday let accommodation.*

Address: *The Old Manse, Halesworth Road, Walpole, Suffolk. IP19 9AZ*

Ref: *DC/20/0004/FUL*

The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Thomas:

Seconded: Cllr. R. Chase:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had emailed East Suffolk Council regarding a local derelict house.

13) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter', he had received a letter from East Suffolk Council stating that the Parish Council could now co-opt a new councillor to replace the former Cllr. S. Moore and a Letter had been sent to Mrs. P. Neil at George Calver Charity. The Clerk said that a stonemason is asking if a memorial and inscription can be put on a grave in the cemetery which was agreed and there was a request for a donation to the Suffolk Neighbourhood Watch Association which was refused.

Finally the Clerk reported that a new planning application had come in yesterday and had to be replied to by February 10th 2020. It was agreed to schedule an Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting for February 6th 2020 at 7pm.

14) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on January 7th 2020:

Business Community Account	£7 944-87
Business Savings Account	£1 100-79

b) Cheques for Payment and Receipts:

Chq 101160 Walpole and Cookley PFT – Pavilion Use £144-00

Proposed: Cllr. M. Porter:

Seconded: Cllr. D. Cask:

Agenda Item 10: This Agenda Item was returned to as a parishioner explained that Cookley had suffered much flooding because a calvert had been overwhelmed with water. It was agreed that the parishioner and Cllr. R. Chase would work with the landowner to get a ditch dug in the meadow so that the road is no longer flooded.

Proposed: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconded: Cllr. M. Porter:

15) General Privacy Notice and Privacy Notices for Staff and Councillors:

The General Privacy Notice, a Privacy Notice for Staff and Councillors and a Privacy Notice for Councillors were agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconded: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

16) Laptop and Projector:

The Clerk said that a monitor may be better to be installed into the Pavilion instead of a projector. Cllr. C. Northover said that he would look at the options at Hughes in Halesworth.

17) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

There was no report.

Trees:

It was agreed that this had already been discussed in Item 9.

Cemetery:

The Clerk said that it had already been reported and agreed that a new gravestone and inscription could be put in the cemetery. It was also noted that the trees had already been agreed to be cut back too.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that there had been a meeting to discuss strategic direction. Electric cars were discussed and the need for many more electric power points. There was no allotments report.

External Meetings & Training:

The Clerk reported that the Chairman and Clerk would be going to the Riverside for training in the new paperless planning method of notification and reporting.

18) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on February 18th 2020:

Cllr. C. Northover suggested that meetings became bi-monthly. After some discussion, it was agreed to continue monthly meetings.

The Meeting ended at 10-12pm.