

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas. Seconder: Cllr. D. Whitwood.

7) Matters arising:

There were no Matters Arising.

8) CEA 'Walpole Willows' Initiative:

Simon Weeks took the Council through a Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) idea for a local project under the working name of 'Walpole Willows'. The main elements of the project are as follows:

- 1) To make use of the currently unused strip of land running down to the stream, adjacent to the children's play area*
- 2) To plant weaving willows and (possibly) hazels on the site*
- 3) To involve the local Mencap group in planting and maintaining the site*
- 4) To engage a local, professional willow weaver to teach the group weaving skills, as an interest in its own right and, potentially, to produce items for them to sell*
- 5) To give the weaver any excess 'wands' in lieu of cash, as payment for teaching services*

As councillors will be aware, we have now had the site substantially cleared, by the local 'Community Payback' team. (There is a bit more work to be done, along the ditch between the site and the children's play area. We hope they will return to complete this in the autumn). Mike Porter has offered to provide interim maintenance until the project gets off the ground.

We have had preliminary discussions with a local willow weaver – Diane Robertson, who is keen to be involved in the project. We have also had discussions with the Manager of the local Mencap group workshop – Jeanette Womack, who is always keen to find outside activities, which the group might enjoy and benefit from.

The site belongs to Flagship Housing. Representatives of CEA met with their Property Intelligence Manager – Andrew Long, last month, to discuss possible community use of the site. He was supportive of the project and confirmed, on the spot, Flagship's willingness to lease the land to the community, subject to agreement over terms. Flagship's preference, as is the case with the allotments site, would be to lease to the Parish Council, who would then sub-lease to CEA.

Simon Weeks asked if the Council could lease the land from Flagship on the same basis as the Allotments were. This would be a peppercorn rent, a 21 year lease and the Council sublease to CEA.

The Council agreed to negotiate a contract and agreed to Simon Weeks proposal subject to terms.

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9) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

The Councillors felt that they could not progress until Cllr. S. Burroughes reported back on his negotiations with the other parishes in the scheme. The Clerk also reported that he had not received the notes of the April 10th Meeting at the Walpole Pavilion and said that he would continue to follow this up.

10) Defibrillator:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that the Heveningham Trust had agreed a grant towards power installation if it was needed for the defibrillator as the location had still not been finalised. He said that there was still a £675 shortfall in funding and the Clerk agreed to email Cllr. S. Burroughes regarding this funding.

11) Planning Matters:

There are no outstanding Planning Applications

12) Clerk's Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that he had received flyers from Aon Insurance and the Merchant Navy Day which is to take place on September 3rd 2017. He said that he had also received the Suffolk Preservation

There was no report.

18) Flagship Affordable Homes;

Cllr. A. Thomas said that there were issues with the houses in Neave Close.

It was agreed to pay the £15 Pavilion Meeting Fee for the Tenants Meeting about the issues.

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19) Highways;

There was nothing to report.

20) Footpaths;

There was nothing to report.

21) Trees;

There was nothing to report.

22) Cemetery;

There was nothing to report.

23) CEA & Allotments;

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that water was being piped to the pears and is working very well indeed. She also said that an event mainly for children was taking place tomorrow and that an Open Day was being planned in August.

24) External Meetings & Training;

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she had gone to the East Suffolk House Opening. She said that the building looked very nice from the outside but did feel that as everything was in grey, there could have been a little more variety in colour. She wondered too in that there was a tiny cafeteria, there was little room for socialising which she felt was important for creating a teamwork ethos. She also noted the 'hot desking' concept and was glad that she had not had to work at a 'hot desk'.

Cllr. S. Moore said that she had attended the Planning Workshop and had found it very useful.

The Meeting ended at 9-30pm.