

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, July 16th 2019 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

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

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk).

1) Apologies:

Cllr. D. Cask; Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. S. Moore; 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 CEA.

Cllr. R. Chase declared a pecuniary interest in DC/19/2481/FUL.

3) Requests for dispensations:

It was agreed that Cllr. R. Chase could give a presentation to Councillors regarding his planning application before leaving the meeting for the councillors' discussion and vote on the planning application.

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

The Clerk distributed the Written District and County Reports from County and District Councillor S. Burroughes.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 25th 2019:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 25th 2019 were agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Seconded: Cllr. M. Porter:

Cllr. Z. Mair noted that when the base of the telephone box was laid, the telephone box had been put back incorrectly with the side with no windows facing down the road so that it needed a 'defibrillator sign'.

7) Flagship Affordable Homes:

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that although she had been in contact with East Suffolk Council, she had not made any progress with Flagship. Cllr. A. Thomas wondered if the ombudsman should be contacted. Councillors agreed to set up a subgroup of Cllr. Z. Mair, Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. A. Thomas to take the matter forward.

Proposed: Cllr. R. Chase:

Seconded: Cllr. C. Northover:

8) War Memorial and the Village Green:

Cllr. C. Northover said that he had received much feedback regarding the Village Green and War Memorial. It was suggested that the stone should be put on a raised plinth on shingle and the stone should be in the sun. Cllr. Z. Mair thought that there should be a rosebush too. It was agreed that Cllr. Z. Mair, Cllr. C. Northover and Cllr. A. Thomas would look into the detail and it was agreed to ask the artist to remove their Art.

9) Highways and Speeding:

Whilst the road closures for the Heveningham Country Fair in June were in operation, some councillors reported that they saw several cars being driven erratically. It was agreed to inform the police of the alleged erratic driving and to put the Sign Indicator Device (SID) on the Peasenhall Road during next year's Heveningham Country Fair.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Thomas:

Seconded: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Cllr. C. Northover volunteered to help Cllr. S. Moore to move the SID. Cllr. A. Thomas asked about the size of the vehicles that now travel through Cookley and Walpole knocking off branches from trees and damaging houses.

10) River Blyth Sign:

Cllr. C. Northover suggested that the council asked if someone locally could submit a design for a new sign. It was agreed to look for a local design.

11) Planning Matters:

Proposal: To add a single storey garden room to the western gable end.

Address: Pear Tree Farmhouse, Cratfield Road, Cookley. IP19 0LP

Ref: DC/19/2481/FUL

The Council approved this planning application.

Proposed: Cllr. M. Porter:

Seconded: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Having given his presentation on the planning application, Cllr. R. Chase left the meeting for the councillors' discussion and vote on this planning application.

Proposal: To add a single storey garden room to the western gable end.

Address: Pear Tree Farmhouse, Cratfield Road, Cookley. IP19 0LP

Ref: DC/19/2482/LBC

The Council approved this planning application.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Thomas:

Seconded: Cllr. C. Northover:

Having given his presentation on the planning application, Cllr. R. Chase left the meeting for the councillors' discussion and vote on this planning application.

Cllr. Z. Mair noted that she had contacted East Suffolk Council again over a dilapidated building in the Parish.

12) Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:

The Clerk reported that Suffolk County Council were no longer going to put Bus Timetables at each bus stop. They would still publish them on the website and they were asking Parish Councils and Bus Companies to update the timetables at the bus stops from now on. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she would take this on for the bus stops in Walpole.

The Clerk said that Sizewell C had begun a fourth consultation and that the Parish Council still needed to be ready for paperless planning applications from next January. Finally the Clerk said that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter' and had set up a new email address for Cookley and Walpole Parish Council correspondence.

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on July 7th 2019:

Business Community Account	£7 915-54
Business Savings Account	£1 099-69

b) Cheques for Payment and Receipts: To approve payments and to review receipts.

Cheques:

Chq 101046	SALC Internal Audit Fee 2019	£174-00
Chq 101047	W & C PFT – Hire of Pavilion for Meetings	£126-00

Receipts:

Cemetery Reservation	£280-00
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Proposer:

Cllr. M. Porter:

Seconded:

Cllr. R. Chase:

14) Acceptance of the Internal Auditors Report and to pay their invoice: Councillors to discuss the Internal Audit Report.

Councillors accepted the Internal Audit Report, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Internal Audit Report 2018-2019 and agreed to pay the invoice to Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) who had completed the Internal Audit.

There was a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the outstanding Internal Audit Report.

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

15) To receive reports on:-

Footpaths:

There was no report.

Trees:

There was no report. It was agreed for Cllr. C. Northover would look at the trees of the parishes.

Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that there had been a burial on the 26th June and a new reservation for a double plot had been made.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. A. Thomas said that the Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) was celebrating its tenth anniversary. She reported that the refurbishment of the allotments continues and that the planting of Fruit Trees was being planned.

External Meetings & Training:

There were no reports on External Meetings or Training.

16) To receive agenda items for the Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on September 17th 2019:

It was agreed to put soil from the digging of graves and tree planting on the September 17th 2019 agenda.

The Meeting ended at 9-42pm.