

# Cookley & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

**A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, July 21st 2015 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

Cllr. David Cask (Chairman), Cllr. Rob Chase, Cllr. Zoé Mair; Cllr. Ian Newton, Cllr. Anne Thomas, and Cllr. David Whitwood:

### **Also Present:**

J. McIntyre (Speaker); Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

### **Apologies:**

Cllr. Mike Porter (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Michael Bygrave; Cllr. Nick Jarvis; Cllr. John Winter and District & County Cllr Stephen Burroughes:

### **To receive declarations of interest:**

Cllr. A. Thomas declared personal interests in Cookpole Energy Action and the Allotments. Cllr. Z. Mair declared a personal interest in Cookpole Energy Action.

### **To receive a talk on 'Speedwatch' from J. McIntyre:**

M/s McIntyre said that six years ago, Yoxford had a problem with speeding. The Parish Council set up a Traffic Task Group and from a Public Meeting, the Parish council eventually supported setting up a 'Speedwatch' scheme. A co-ordinator and six volunteers came forward and funding was secured of around £1200. Signs, Hi-Vis jackets and a speed gun were bought. Sites were identified in the village to 'Speedwatch' and the police agreed to five of them. The Safer Neighbourhood Team always supported the initiative and they did the initial and refresher training.

M/s McIntyre said that there were now fifty schemes across Suffolk and a three minute film had been made on Yoxford's 'Speedwatch' Scheme. She said that Suffolk Police were very helpful and she recommended asking the County Councillor for funding as Rae Leighton had been very helpful to them in the initial setting up of the scheme. She said that the local residents are very grateful and in five years, only two motorists have been very confrontational. M/s McIntyre said that she does a rota six weeks ahead for anytime when it is light and not raining or snowing. She said that there have to be a minimum of three volunteers who take notes of the make, model and colour of offending cars and give them to the Police who send out a warning letter. If an offender gets three letters for excess speed, then the police contact them.

Currently Yoxford are sharing a Vehicle Activation System with Lowestoft but they hope to purchase one and have it rotate around three locations in Yoxford.

### **To receive a report from the County and District Cllr. Stephen Burroughes:**

The Clerk reported that he had emailed the two reports from Cllr. Burroughes to Councillors.

### **Public Session:**

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There were no parishioners present.

## **To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on June 16th 2015 and July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015:**

The Minutes of the Council Meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 were approved with one amendment.

As the Council Meeting on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015 was inquorate there were no minutes to approve.

## **Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

## **Planning Matters:**

The following Planning Applications were considered:

### **DC/15/2123/FUL: Single storey extension to grade II listed building**

Address: Walnut Tree Farm, Mells Road, Walpole.

Applicant: Mrs Angela Dennison, Walnut Tree Farm, Mells Road, Walpole, Suffolk. IP19 OPL

*The Planning Application was refused. Councillors believe that the size of the single storey extension proposed has a floor area nearly 75% larger than the existing building which they believe is too much. This is especially in view that they believe that it is not in keeping with the existing building being a Grade II listed building and that it is in the Special Landscape Area of the River Blyth.*

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DC/15/2191/FUL: Single-storey extension to form new garden room and ground floor cloaks. The existing sub-standard construction garden room is to be demolished. Address: Church View, Cratfield Road, Cookley.

Applicant: Mr M Stephen, Church View, Cratfield Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 OLW

*The Planning Application was approved.*

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Applicant: Mr M Stephen, Church View, Cratfield Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 OLW

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## **Donations:**

The Clerk said that he had received a request from Home-Start Suffolk asking for a donation. Councillors decided to look at this request next February/March 2016.



It was reported that the Green is being kept very nice. A new Broadband Box has been added to the Green.

### **Flagship Affordable Homes:**

It was agreed to discuss this when the County Councillor was present.

### **Highways:**

The corner where the Church is situated in Walpole was discussed. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she had met with John Parocki to discuss what needed to be done. It has led to the grass being cut, steps to be looked at for safety and the hedge to be cut.

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr. M. Porter had met with Bob Clench from Suffolk County Council Highways and this had led to many highway concerns being addressed across the Parishes.

The Clerk was asked to write to Robert Scrimgeour at Suffolk County Council regarding West House as it looked derelict, has a wall falling down and plants growing inside the windows.

### **Footpaths:**

Although Cllr. N. Jarvis was not at the meeting he reported via an email to the Clerk that he is waiting for an appointment with the Footpath Officer to discuss all the bad points with the paths in the two Parishes. Cllr. N. Jarvis asked that if there were any more matters arising regarding problems on the paths could he please be informed so that these could be addressed as well.

### **Trees:**

There was no report.

### **Cemetery:**

The Clerk reported that there had recently been an interment.

### **Cookpole Energy Action (CEA) & Allotments:**

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that a few days after the June meeting, the Open Villages weekend saw the successful launch of two solar charged electric bikes. Following a competition at the event they have duly been named Dina and Mo. As each battery pack is bike specific, it was felt names were more user friendly than numbers.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that the bikes have already been hired out for leisure and also to replace car use. She said that they are monitoring the usage to assess the resulting carbon reduction. The final step now is to complete the electrical connection. She reported that the CEA are justly proud of this innovative project.

Cllr. Z. Mair said that efforts are now focused on creating a fundraising Cook Book with contributions from local residents which will be for sale at the Winter Craft Barns on November 14 & 15. This would be supporting the allotment group's Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 12 September.

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that there would be a Flower and Produce Show at the end of September.

### **External Meetings & Training:**

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**Matters of Information from Members:**

It was noted that there would be a concert in Walpole Old Chapel at 3pm on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> and at the beginning of August as well.

**To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on September 15th 2015:**

There were no agenda items submitted.

**The Meeting ended at 9-50pm**