

# Cookley & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, July 18th 2017 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Robert Chase; Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. I. Newton; Cllr. M. Wenham and Cllr. David Whitwood:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk)

#### **1) Apologies:**

Cllr. M. Porter and District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes:

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

Cllr. Z. Mair declared interests in CEA and Cookpole.

Cllr. A. Thomas declared an interest in the CEA.

#### **3) Requests for dispensations:**

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There were no requests for dispensation.

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

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Cllr. Stephen Burroughes could not attend the meeting but he sent his reports to be distributed to the Councillors.

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

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There were no members of the public at the Meeting.

#### **6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on June 20<sup>th</sup> 2017:**

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The Minutes of the Meeting held on June 20th 2017 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas:                      Second: Cllr. M. Wenham:

#### **7) Initiatives to cut Speeding: Councillors to continue discussing progress on the initiatives.**

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Councillors discussed at length methods to remind motorists to keep to the speed limit. Councillors particularly liked the idea of wheelie bins having 30mph. The Clerk was asked to contact David Chenery at Suffolk County Council's Highways Department to ask for advice on the Parish Council putting up speed signs to ask motorists to slow down. The Clerk was also asked to email all the neighbouring Parish Councils on their progress regarding speeding.

#### **8) Defibrillator: To update councillors on the availability of the defibrillator.**

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Cllr. Z. Mair reported that she had spoken to the parishioner who owns the wall within the arch where the Parish Council are looking to affix the new defibrillator. She said that the parishioner was very happy for the defibrillator to be affixed to his wall. Councillors agreed to affix the defibrillator to the wall.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Jarvis: Seconded: Cllr. Z. Mair:

**9) Planning Matters: To agree and discuss the following planning applications:**

There are no planning applications.

**10) Clerk's Report and Correspondence: The Clerk to update the council on correspondence received and the administration of the council.**

The Clerk reported that Will Austin had signed a new contract and his invoice had been paid. The Clerk also said that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter' and the New Anglia Hub leaflet. Finally the Clerk said that he had sent the BT Kiosk Contract to BT.

**11) Financial Report:**

**a) Balances at the Bank on July 7th 2017: To receive an update on the current financial status.**

Business Community Account	£8 649.39
Business Savings Account	£1 096.20

**b) Cheques for payment: To approve payments.**

None

**c) Receipts: To review receipts.**

UK Power Networks	£58-37
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**12) To receive reports on the:**

**Village Green;**

There was no report but Cllr. Z. Mair noted that the grass was a little shaggy by the river.

**Flagship Affordable Homes;**

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that in response to a number of complaints from tenants about water and space heating problems which do not seem to get fixed, she had invited tenants to a meeting in the Walpole Pavilion on June 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss these issues. Cllr. A. Thomas said that it seems these problems may have existed since the properties were built and it is felt that they have not been adequately addressed.

Cllr. A. Thomas said that she is working with Jane Henson, a Neave Close Tenant, who together are working on a report to go to Flagship and to the District Councillor.

**Highways;**

Cllr. Z. Mair said that Cllr. M. Porter was working very hard to get the verges along the roads cut back. She said that he had sent three complaints of the lack of verge cutting to Suffolk County Council Highways.

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There was no report although Cllr. R. Chase asked when Suffolk County Council Highways were next looking at footpaths. It was thought they would during July and August.

**Trees;**

There was no report.

**Cemetery;**

There was no report.

**CEA & Allotments;**

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that the Flower and Produce show would take place on Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. She said that the Walpole willows would be cleared for Autumn Planting and the Winter Craft Barns would take place on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that it was Allotments Week in August and the Allotment Open day was on Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

**External Meetings & Training;**

There was no report.

**The Meeting ended at 8-55pm.**