

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, March 21st 2017 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. David Cask (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Robert Chase; Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. M. Porter; Cllr. J. Winter and Cllr. David Whitwood:

Also Present:

District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes (left 8-05pm); Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one Parishioner (left 8-25pm):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. I. Newton; Cllr. M. Wenham:

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 dispensation.

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

Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he had arranged a meeting for his twelve parishes about speeding on April 10th at the Pavilion, Walpole. He said that several parishes had indicated that they would attend and he said that the local Highways Chief Engineer, David Chenery, and representatives from the North of Halesworth speeding initiative were also coming to talk about their experience. Cllr. Z. Mair, Cllr. S. Moore and Cllr. M. Porter said that they intended to attend the April 10th Meeting.

Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) was looking at yellow line parking as the police no longer look after parking enforcement. He said that SCDC would be using Traffic Regulation Orders to enforcing parking rules. He also said that potholes were being patched pending resurfacing in the summer.

Cllr. M. Porter asked why there were no rural police officers. Cllr. Z. Mair asked if the Broadband network was improving. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that the next priority for the Council was to improve the mobile network with 4G and 5G expanding as the military give up band width. Finally, Cllr. R. Chase said that he would send Cllr. S. Burroughes the cost of the defibrillator in asking for funding.

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

There were no questions from the public.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on February 21st 2017 and January 17th 2017:

The Minutes of January 17th 2017 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Jarvis: Second: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

The Minutes of February 21st 2017 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. J. Winter: Second: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

7) Matters arising: To discuss issues in the Minutes but not on the Agenda.

There were no Matters Arising.

8) Initiatives to cut Speeding: Councillors to continue discussing progress on the initiatives.

Councillors decided that this issue had been covered in the Councillor's report,

9) Defibrillator: To update councillors on the availability of the defibrillator.

Cllr. R. Chase reported that £2500 was needed for the defibrillator and additions. It was agreed to discuss the defibrillator at a future meeting.

10) New Notice Board: Councillors to consider erecting an additional notice board.

Cllr. D. Cask said that he was travelling towards Peasenhall and noted that there was no noticeboard in the area. He asked the Council whether it thought a new noticeboard should be provided. The Council felt that it was a valid view but they believed that there were too few houses in the area to warrant a new noticeboard.

11) Donations: Councillors to decide what donations to make this year:

It was agreed to give the following donations –

- 'Alzheimer's Society' (£50);
- Age UK Suffolk (£25);
- Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk) (£20);
- East Anglia's Children's Hospices (£20);
- East Anglian Air Ambulance (£75);
- Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (£50);
- Halesworth Volunteer Centre (£35) and
- Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund (£100):

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

The Councillors agreed to donate to Cookpole by directly paying for a something.

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair: Second: Cllr. S. Moore:

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

There are no Planning Applications.

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

The Clerk circulated the 'Clerks and Councils Direct' Newsletter to Councillors.

The Clerk said that he had received 'Community Action Suffolk' Membership Renewal which he said was free. The Councillors agreed to continue their membership.

Proposer: Cllr. Z. Mair: Second: Cllr. A. Thomas:

The Clerk reported that Cratfield Parish Council had applied for £3933-74 from the Play Cil Account and £616-76 from the Sport Cil Account. The Clerk said that they wish to remove old equipment and replace with a climbing tower. The Councillors agreed to the use of the money.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Second: Cllr. J. Winter:

14) Financial Report:

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

Business Community Account	£5 329-41
Business Premium Account	£1 096-20

b) Cheques for payment: To approve payments.

Chq. No. 100948	Clerk's Salary – January until March	£538-88
Chq. No. 100949	Clerk's Expenses – January until March	£61-35
Chq. No. 100950	Cllr. M. Wenham	£60-00

Proposer: Cllr. A. Thomas: Second: Cllr. N. Jarvis:

c) Receipts: To review receipts.

There have been no receipts

15) To receive reports on the:

Village Green;

It was noted that all the daffodils planted had grown and now looked very nice.

Flagship Affordable Homes;

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that she met with a Flagship Housing Tenant regarding the insulation of each house in Neave Close as the tenants seemed to having higher heating bills than would be expected. It was believed that more had to be done to help the tenants to reduce their bills.

Highways;

Cllr. Porter reported that he is still trying to get potholes filled in. He said that speeding would be discussed at the Meeting on April 10th.

Footpaths;

Cllr. J. Winter reported that the sign needs replacing in Cookley as it is brittle. He also said that a plank is also brittle on the public footpath through Cricketers Meadow and needs to be replaced.

Trees;

It was noted that a large tree came down during Storm Doris.

Cemetery;

The Clerk said that the Council had received a request for a tablet. The Council agreed to the request.

CEA & Allotments;

Cllr A. Thomas reported that the shed at the allotments had its roof repaired. She also said that the Flower and Produce Show would take place on the Playing Field on September 2nd.

Cllr. A. Thomas also reported that the telephone box on the Walpole Road was now being looked after by local residents and now would like to see the telephone box remain. Cllr. A. Thomas asked the Council if they would purchase it under the 'Adopt a Kiosk' Scheme.

The Council agreed to purchase the telephone box.

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

The Meeting ended at 9-20pm: