

# Cookley & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

## **A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, June 16th 2015 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.**

### **Minutes:**

#### **Present:**

Cllr. David Cask (Chairman), Cllr. Rob Chase, Cllr. Nick Jarvis, Cllr. Ian Newton, Cllr. Anne Thomas, Cllr. John Winter and Cllr. David Whitwood:

#### **Also Present:**

District & County Cllr Stephen Burroughes:

#### **Apologies:**

Cllr. Mike Porter (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. Michael Bygrave, Cllr. Zoé Mair:

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

Cllr. A. Thomas declared personal interests in Cookpole Energy Action and the Allotments.

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

Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that Cllr. Colin Noble has taken over as Leader of Suffolk County Council and this has led to cabinet changes. Cllr. S. Burroughes suggested that the council pushes forward its transport issues as there was a new Cabinet Member for Transport. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he had a new job being in charge of all children in foster homes. He said that there are not enough foster parents and perhaps the council would allow someone to come along to future meeting to talk about fostering

In his District Councillor role, Cllr. S. Burroughes said that there are major changes being made to the Planning Department. He said that currently there is an overall Planning Committee and a North and a South Development Committee. There is to be just one Planning Committee now. Cllr, S. Burroughes noted that the former clerk, Cllr. R. Catchpole was the Vice-Chair.

Cllr. D. Cask said that he had written to Therese Coffey MP regarding the Patrick Stead Hospital. He said that a meeting at 11-30am on a Friday Morning was not conducive to those at work being able to attend. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would speak to the Cabinet Member in charge of Health.

Cllr. D. Cask reported that he had also written to Therese Coffey MP regarding the 'Right to Buy' policy of the Government. He said that he noted that Suffolk Coastal District Council do not manage the public housing stock and wondered how they would be able to build replacement houses for those that are sold by the Housing Associations. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would pass on these concerns.

Cllr. S. Burroughes also said that he could fund some speed signs and perhaps this issue could be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr. D. Cask said that he had attended the Police Commissioner's Meeting at the Rifle Hall where he had been informed that there was no problem with police morale. Cllr. D. Cask questioned this as he did over speeding especially on the A12 and on the local knowledge of the Police who seemed to rely on Satellite Navigational Aids to reach where they were called to

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Cllr. S. Burroughes noted this and agreed to take back these concerns to the Council and the Police.

**Public Session:**

There were no Parishioners present.

**To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on May 19th 2015:**

The Minutes were agreed.

**Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising.

**Planning Matters:**

There were no Planning Applications this month.

**Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk reported that Suffolk Coastal District Council had adopted a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule.

**Financial Report:**

The Clerk reported that the accounts had the following amounts:

Community Account at May 7th	£6 959-16
Business Account as at May 7 <sup>th</sup>	£1 095-21

The Clerk reported that the following receipts and payments had been made:

Receipts:

SCDC 1 <sup>st</sup> Precept Payment	£2822-51
UK Power Networks	£53-63

Payments:

Chq. 100881	Clerk's Salary	£405-00
Chq. 100882	HMRC	
£105-00		
Chq. 100883	Clerk's Expenses	£76-
91		
Chq. 100884	Community Action Suffolk	£30-
00		
Chq. 100885	Mrs. L.J. Sutton (Internal Audit)	£75-
00		

**Village Green:**

It was reported that a new mower is to be demonstrated and if successful will be purchased to cut the grass.

**Flagship Affordable Homes (Cllr. Zoe Mair):**

As Cllr. Mair was not at the meeting and as the issue of no houses can be built in Walpole to replace the possible sale of Housing Association houses was seen as so important, this was agreed to be put on the next agenda for a full discussion then.

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### **Highways:**

It was noted that Cllr. M. Porter, the Clerk and Bob Clench from Highways would be making a tour of Cookley and Walpole Parishes at 9-30pm on Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to identify road problems.

### **Road Name Plate (Cllr. N. Jarvis):**

Cllr. N. Jarvis said that people making deliveries found it difficult on the Halesworth Road in Cookley as there was no road sign and he thought that there should be one. Cllr. R. Chase said that the road was also called the Cratfield Road and the solution was that all the houses in the road should put at their entrance their number and/or name so those delivering could easily see where to go.

### **Footpaths (Cllr. N. Jarvis):**

There was nothing to report although there was a discussion on the local 'rights of way'. It was agreed that there was a need for a 'Footpath Map' and that Cllr. N. Jarvis would ring Highways at Suffolk County Council.

### **Trees:**

There was nothing to report.

### **Cemetery:**

The Clerk reported that he had had an e-mail requesting that a father's ashes to be interred with his parents. He has also been asked for the exact position of another grave in the cemetery and he is also to be contacted by a stonemason.

### **Cookpole Energy Action & Allotments:**

Cllr. Z. Mair's report on the Cookpole Energy Action was read to the Council by Cllr. A. Thomas. Cllr. Z. Mair said that the main focus currently is the launch of two community electric bicycles at the Open Villages Event on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It was reported that County Councillor Jessica Fleming would be performing the ceremony around 11am on the Saturday and visitors were being invited to have a go as well as enter a 'Name the Bikes' competition. It was also noted that a secure shed is in place together with additional equipment, insurance and an almost finalised booking system.

Cllr. A. Thomas said that the Allotment Holders were taking part in the Open Village Days with guided tours of the allotments, strawberries and cream for sale and elderberry cordial available to buy. She also reported that plans are proceeding at great pace for the second Flower and Produce Show in September and information would be available by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Clerk reported that three Councillors will be attending a Suffolk Association of Local Council's training course this Thursday.

### **Matters of Information from Members:**

The Council was informed that 'Speedwatch' had been implemented in Yoxford and was about to be in Bramfield. It was further informed that Yoxford Parish Cllr. McIntyre was available to come to a future meeting to speak about the 'Speedwatch' scheme in Yoxford. It was agreed to invite her to the next meeting.

### **To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on July 21st 2015:**

It was agreed to discuss the amalgamation of the Parish Council AGM and its Parish Meeting next May.

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It was also agreed to have a full discussion of Highways Matters.

**The Meeting ended at 9-20pm**