

Cookley & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, November 22nd 2016 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. David Cask (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Robert Chase; Cllr. Zoé Mair; Cllr. Ian Newton; Cllr. Mike Porter; Cllr. Mark Wenham and Cllr. David Whitwood::

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk):

1) Apologies:

Cllr. Nick Jarvis and District & County Cllr. Stephen Burroughes:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. Z. Mair and Cllr. M. Porter – Cookpole, CEA and George Calver:

Cllr. A. Thomas – CEA: Cllr. D. Whitwood – George Calver:

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

As County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes had sent his apologies, his written reports were read by councillors. As Cllr. S. Burroughes had offered to meet councillors in an informal meeting, councillors spent some time discussing which date to meet.

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 in attendance.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 18th 2016:

The Minutes were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Wenham: Secondar: Cllr. M. Porter:

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

After some discussion, it was agreed that speeding should be on the next agenda. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she would think about being nominated to lead on this role following former Cllr. M. Bygrave's resignation from the council.

It was reported that a councillor had been approached regarding problems with the

the Clerks/Councillors Newsletter and a letter allowing the Council to co-opt a new councillor. Finally, the Clerk said that he had received a letter from Community Payback asking for tasks for those doing community service to complete. The Councillors agreed to think about this offer and asked the Clerk to circulate for the letter to Councillors.

The Chair reported that the Council needed to appoint a new Trustee to the George Calver Charity. It was agreed to appoint Mr. Michael Reidy.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Wenham: **Seconder:** Cllr. R. Chase:

13) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on November 7th 2016: To receive an update on the current financial status.

Business Community Account	£6 401-19
Business Premium Account	£1 096-06

b) Cheques for payment: To review receipts and approve payments.

00	Chq. No. 100939	Halesworth Town Council – Free Parking	£100-
00	Chq. No. 100940	Community Action Suffolk – Website Fee	£36-
£60-00	Chq. No. 100941	Cllr. Z. Mair – Stationery	
£28-00	Chq. No. 100942	Ladywell Accountancy Services	
£538-88	Chq. No. 100943	Clerk Salary	
30	Chq. No. 100944	Clerk Expenses	£56-
60	Chq. No. 100945	Cllr. M. Wenham – Stationery	£21-

c) Payments Received:

Funeral Directors – Burial	£120-00
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Proposer: Cllr. I. Newton: **Seconder:** Cllr. A. Thomas:

14) Budget and Precept: Councillors to discuss and to set the Budget and Precept for 2017-2018:

The Clerk went through the Budget and after some discussion, the Councillors agreed the budget and to set a precept for 2017-2018 of £8000.

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter: **Seconder:** Cllr. R. Chase:

15) To receive reports on the:

a) Village Green;

The Clerk reported that Will Austin would deal with the green near the river but he would have to charge more if he was to look after it in the next contract.

b) Flagship Affordable Homes;

There was no report.

c) Highways;

There was no report.

d) Footpaths;

There was no report.

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There was no report.

e) **Trees;**

There was no report.

f) **Cemetery;**

The Clerk reported that there was to be a Burial at the Cemetery

16) CEA & Allotments and External Meetings & Training:

Cllr. A. Thomas reported that the CEA Craft Barn was very successful. She thanked everyone for their support and that it had raised slightly more than last year. She said that there was nothing to report regarding the allotments.

The Meeting ended at 10-33pm.