

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, November 20th 2018 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. D. Cask; Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. N. Jarvis (left 9-40pm); Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and three parishioners. (One parishioner left at 7-50pm and another at 8-15pm).

1) Apologies:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. I. Newton; Cllr. M. Wenham and Cllr. J. Winter:

County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

Cllr. N. Jarvis and S. Moore declared interests in Cookpole.

Cllr. M. Porter declared interests in CEA and Cookpole.

Cllr. A. Thomas declared interests in CEA.

All Councillors living in the two parishes declared an interest in the setting of the Precept.

3) Requests for dispensations:

All councillors have signed a dispensation regarding setting the precept until 2020 in Item 18.

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

There was no report.

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

A parishioner said that he had sent a letter to the council regarding the trees on the Village Green. Another parishioner asked why the trees had been cut down and why they had not been consulted. The parishioner believed that the trees had been cut down for the benefit of one parishioner.

The Tree Warden, Cllr. A. Thomas, said that there were problems with the trees and produced a bottle of tree foliage from the birch trees.

A parishioner said that he would like to stand for the vacant place on the council. It was agreed to put the co-option on the next agenda.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 16th 2018 and for the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on October 29th 2018:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 16th 2018 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. S. Moore: Seconded: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on October 29th 2018 were agreed.

Proposer: Cllr. N. Jarvis: Seconded: Cllr. S. Moore:

7) Emergency Planning:

Cllr. M. Wenham sent a written report saying that he had circulated a short email to the Coastal Ecology Protection Group (CEPG) regarding the Rest Centre Training he attended and he is due to discuss further with the District Emergency Planning officer at the end of the month.

8) War Memorial:

Cllr. M. Wenham sent a written report saying that he is fully in favour of a war memorial on the Village Green to mark the 100 years since the end of the First World War. He said in his report that he did not mind whether it was a tree or something more permanent with space so that it could be added to in 2045.

Cllr. M. Wenham also reported that the Attic in Walpole conducted a splendid Remembrance Service on 8th November at St Mary's Church, Halesworth and he said that the names the Walpole Fallen were read out at the Church Service in Halesworth on Sunday 11th November.

Cllr. S. Moore suggested that a stone with the names of the Fallen on the stone. Cllr. M. Porter said that he had a stone and a plaque could be put on the stone with the names on the plaque. Cllr. D. Cask said that it was very fitting and Cllr. N. Jarvis said that it was part of the history of the village. Cllr. M. Porter said that the stone could sit in a bed of concrete and have the plaque put on the stone. It was agreed to look at having a stone as a memorial and to also consult the War Graves Commission and the families of the Fallen.

9) Village Green:

Cllr. M. Porter asked about the position of the Art on the Green. It was reported that a parishioner had created it for the Attic and was not permanent. Cllr. Z. Mair said that she was wondering when the Art would be removed. However Councillors did think that the Village Green could have an 'Art' section. Cllr. Moore said that a map and history of the Village could also have a section of the Village Green as well. It was agreed that Cllr. A. Thomas would contact local historians and Cllr. Z. Mair would be contacted regarding the Art.

10) Overgrown Hedges:

It was noted that hedges were scraping cars and lorries were being pushed out into the road by the overgrown foliage. Cllr. M. Porter read out several sections of road where there were overgrown hedges and agreed to email Cllr. A. Thomas the details.

11) Disabled Parking Spaces:

Cllr. Porter said that he contacted the contractor who has said that they will do the work in the New Year. The Clerk said that the County Money had arrived on November 15th and Cllr. M. Porter said that a Suffolk Coastal District Council contribution would be paid only after the work had been completed and photos submitted to the Council.

12) River Blyth Sign:

It was reported that Cllr. Z. Mair was leading on this project and as she was not at the meeting, it was agreed to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

13) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

Cllr. S. Moore said that the Sign Indicator Device (SID) would be moved in seven days time and will have its battery recharged then as well. There was some discussion on where to put the Warning Signs.

14) Defibrillator & Telephone Box:

Cllr. R. Chase reported that he had got a pro-forma invoice and had sent it to Cllr. Z. Mair. Cllr. R. Chase said that the cost would be around £3000 and he asked if the Parish Council could afford it.

15) Planning Matters:

Proposal: Single storey rear addition with painted rendered wall, tile pitched roof-tiles to match existing and double glazed bi-fold doors.

Address: 1 Woodland View, Cratfield Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 0LP

Ref: DC/18/4372/PNH

The Clerk said that this was on the Agenda for information.

16) Clerk's Report and Correspondence including Donations:

The Clerk reported that he had received the 'Clerks and Councillors Newsletter, a brochure from HAGS and the Final Recommendations for the Wards for the East Suffolk District Council.

Footpaths:

It was noted that Suffolk County Council had repaired the Cricketer's Meadow Bridge very well indeed.

Trees:

Cllr. M. Porter reported that the Woodland Trust was offering free trees.

Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that he had met with some parishioners regarding their ashes. It was agreed that their ashes could be interred free in the family area that had already been purchased.

The Parishioners also wished to purchase the right to have a Plinth for the family plot which had been brought by the family for their ashes.

It was also agreed for another parishioner to buy a plot at the front of the cemetery.

CEA & Allotments:

It was reported that the Craft Barns Event had been very successful with excellent food. Cllr. R. Chase said that a bigger sign would make the event more inviting.

External Meetings & Training:

It was reported that 'Allotments' were holding their Annual General Meeting but it was noted that they would not be rebuilding the shed. They may buy newer insurance but it was reported that there was small problem with the seats.

20) To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on January 15th 2019:

The councillors asked for the trees, Hedges, Blyth Bridge Sign, Village Green, Halesworth Free Car Parking and co-option of a new councillor.

The Meeting ended at 9-56pm