

# Cookley & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

**A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, October 20th 2015 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.**

## **Minutes:**

### **Present:**

Cllr. David Cask (Chairman), Cllr. Mike Porter (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. Michael Bygrave; Cllr. Rob Chase; Cllr. Nick Jarvis; Cllr. David Whitwood and Cllr. John Winter:

### **Also Present:**

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and one member of the public.

### **Apologies:**

Cllr. Zoé Mair; Cllr. Ian Newton; Cllr. Anne Thomas; District & County Cllr. Stephen Burroughes and PCSO Jenny Hinton:

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

Cllr. M. Porter declared a personal interest in the Village Green.

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

The Clerk said that Cllr. S. Burroughes had sent his apologies but that he had sent a written report which was in the correspondence envelope.

### **Public Session:**

The Clerk said that he had not received a Police Report.

A member of the public thanked the Clerk for putting up the Ramblers Poster on the noticeboards.

There was also a suggestion that there should be a speed reduction put in place on roads that have no path for pedestrians.

### **To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on September 15th 2015:**

The Clerk said that there was one amendment is that there was one member of the public present at the meeting who had asked for the Ramblers Association Poster to be put on the noticeboards.

The Minutes were approved with the one amendment above.

### **Matters arising:**

The Clerk reported that the Ramblers Association Poster had been displayed on all the Noticeboards.

**Planning Matters:**

DC/15/3686/FUL: Extension to Studio to provide further pottery studio and storage space.

Address: Walnut Tree Farm, Halesworth Road, Cookley.

Applicant: Mrs Deborah Golden, C/O Brooks Architects Ltd.

This Planning Application was approved.

DC/15/3637/VOC: Variation of Conditions 4 & 6 of the Planning Consent C/13/0861 (Erection of 3 No new dwellings and garages and alterations to existing access).

Address: The Old Orchard, Church Hill, Walpole.

Applicant: M/s Fay Sweet, Curlew Suffolk, Wyncroft Farm, Bramfield Road, Wenhaston, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9HD

The Council could not make a decision. The Council supported a resident's view that the marshes would be spoilt by the new alignment which had been maintained in the original planning application. The Council also had severe reservations because the new alignment will lead to poor visibility to the east for the three new properties.

The Clerk reported the following planning application for Information:

DC/15/4061/DRC: Details as required by Condition 3 of Planning Permission Consent DC/14/1968/FUL.

Address: Bucks Farmhouse, Halesworth Road, Cookley, Suffolk. IP19 0LX

Applicant: Mr. I. Newton

**Clerk's Report and Correspondence:**

The Clerk handed out an envelope with all the paper communications however the Clerk said that many communications come by email now. He also brought to the Councillor's attention the Suffolk Coastal District Council Site Allocations and Area Specific Policies Development Plan Document.

**Financial Report:**

Community Account as at October 7th	£6 839-79_
Business Account as at October 7 <sup>th</sup>	£1 095-50

**Invoices for Payment:**

100900	Will's – Strim and cut grass at Walpole Cemetery and Village Green for July – December 2015	£650-00
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This payment was approved.

**Receipts:**

SCDC Precept 2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	£2 822-49
Cemetery Interment	£60-00
Headstone Addition	£25-00

### **Information:**

The Clerk said that he had not received the Community Action Suffolk Insurance quote but that there did need to be some additions to the items needing cover. It was agreed to add two telephone boxes valued at £1000 and £200, a Picnic Table at £400 and a Seat valued at £840.

The Clerk said that the Council has a Pensions Staging Date of July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. The Clerk said that the Council must plan what it has to do.

### **Grants:**

The Clerk said that Walpole and Cookley Playing Field Trust had asked if the Council would approve its Annual Grant of £500

This was approved to pay once it is due.

### **Initiatives to cut Speeding:**

Councillors agreed that something had to be done. Cllr. M. Porter suggested speed bumps. It was agreed to research having Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). Cllr. M. Bygrave agreed to research prices, models and the rules in regard to the Police and Highways.

### **Red Telephone Box:**

Cllr. D. Cask said that the red paint is at his home. It was agreed to use 'Community Payback'. It was agreed for the Clerk to ask about a defibrillator and how to put it in a telephone box.

### **Village Green:**

Cllr. M. Porter said that there were branches overhanging the road which were hitting cars. The Council agreed to Cllr. M. Porter asking Will to cut this foliage back.

There was some discussion whether to plant a 5' large Christmas Tree on the Village Green. It was agreed that a tree should be planted there with a view for it to be there for years to come and to put Christmas lights on it annually. Cllr. M. Winter agreed to look into a 5' tree to be planted in early spring.

### **Flagship Affordable Homes:**

The Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the Flagship Community Manager for Neave Close. The Clerk said that the view is that until the Government firms up its policy proposals they cannot comment but they told him to email the Marketing and Assets Section to see if there are any special conditions on the Neave Close houses and to get their view on the government's policy as well. The Clerk said that he also

asked if the Community Manager would like to come and speak to the Council at a future Parish Meeting. She is considering it and will speak to her Manager.

Councillors said that they were under the impression that the houses in Neave Close were built five years ago in perpetuity to be rented out only to residents in the local area. It was agreed that Cllr. D. Cask and Cllr. Z. Mair would approach the tenants in Neave Close and ask if they have any problems to report to Flagship.

### **Highways:**

The Clerk said that he had been asked if the Council would like more signs for the Clink and other Roads as it was difficult for the many delivery people to find abodes without numbers and addresses. Councillors heard that the 'Clink' is a Private Road so there was no decision to make. Councillors however decided not to put up any further signs as one reason was that they saw putting signs up as urbanisation.

It was also noted that there was damage to Gillett's Road and that it had been reported to SCC.

### **Footpaths:**

Cllr. N. Jarvis had no formal report but it was reported that a resident had said Cookley footpaths were very good. It was also noted that Norse did cut down all the foliage but then did not clear it up.

### **Trees:**

There was no formal report but it was reported that the UK Energy Network are cutting back trees. Cllr. M. Porter said that farmers can only cut back trees between March and September.

### **Cemetery:**

The Clerk reported that Ashes were to be interred into the Cemetery.

### **CEA & Allotments:**

It was reported that the Red Telephone Box should be painted before the end of the month.

It was noted that Walpole Allotments Annual General Meeting would take place on Thursday October 29th in the Pavilion where all were welcome.

It was also reported that Cookpole Energy Action Craft Barn Event will take place on November 14th and 15<sup>th</sup> where there would be some new sellers and an even bigger range of good quality crafts on sale. There would also be the usual home made soup and cakes and some displays of basket and willow weaving. Cllr. M. Porter was thanked for the use of his barn and yard and he asked for volunteers to help with the car parking.

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

The Clerk said that there was an invitation for Councillors to attend 'World of Planning Sessions'. It was agreed that Cllr. M. Bygrave and Cllr. R. Chase would attend the November 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm session at the Riverside Centre.

**Matters of Information from Members:**

Cllr. D. Cask reported that the one hour free parking was proposed to go at the Halesworth Thoroughfare Car Park in the New Year. It was agreed that the Parish Council would express concern at the proposal.

**To receive agenda items for the Parish Council Meeting to be held on November 17th 2015:**

It was agreed to discuss having an Emergency Officer at the next meeting.

**The Meeting ended at 9-35pm**