

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, September 17th 2019 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. D. Cask; Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. C. Northover; Cllr. M. Porter and Cllr. D. Whitwood:

Cllr. Z. Mair reported that she had received a letter from Nick Jarvis giving his resignation with immediate effect.

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and A. Dunning (left 7-52pm).

1) Apologies:

Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. J. Winter and County and District Cllr. S. Burroughes:

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 CEA.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensations.

4) Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan – Annette Dunning to give a presentation:

Annette dunning said that Suffolk Rural Coffee Caravan was set up in 2003 by some farmers' wives who bought a caravan to visit farmers having a tough time. It grew to providing coffee to those outside farming adding cake to its menu to each village it visited. Soon it brought information like bus times as well and began to transfer information between the villages. It began then to help villages gain facilities such as a village hall. Currently the Coffee Caravan is promoting the Warmer Home Project from money bid for by east Suffolk Council in order to get information regarding making the home warmer and to have a SMART Meter. Annette Dunning said that she was holding an Energy Event Meeting on Wednesday, November 13th 2019 at Holton Village Hall at 10am for Councillors from all the local Parish Councils.

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

The Clerk distributed the Written District and County Reports from County and District Councillor S. Burroughes. Cllr. M. Porter remarked that the report seems to indicate that Felixstowe gets more money than Halesworth. Cllr. Z. Mair felt that the very large lorries were far too big for the local roads and that top person from Suffolk Highways should visit to see the problem and to attend a Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. J. Lewis said that he would see if someone at Suffolk Highways could come to a meeting but he said that he believed

that the biggest problem was that some lorry drivers get issued with Car Satellite Navigation Systems and not lorry ones. There was some discussion over the road surface in the centre of Walpole not being very good. It was agreed for Cllr. M. Porter to write to Suffolk Highways.

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

There were no members of the public at the meeting.

7) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on July 16th 2019 and on August 12th 2019:

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 16th 2019 were agreed with the word 'Annual' removed.

Proposed: Cllr. A. Thomas:

Seconded: Cllr. M. Porter:

The Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on August 12th 2019 were agreed.

Proposed: Cllr. Z. Mair:

Seconded: Cllr. D. Whitwood:

8) Flagship Affordable Homes:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that unfortunately the subgroup had not met yet but would do in the future. Cllr. A. Thomas reported that there had been some progress. She said that Flagship had invited her to a meeting at their offices. It was agreed to pay Cllr. A. Thomas' expenses incurred by going to the meeting.

9) Defibrillator & Telephone Box:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that as Cllr. R. Chase was not at the meeting, she could not report too much. There was a discussion on how to check that the defibrillator is working well. Cllr. S. Moore said that she passes it every morning and a tag on it shows that it is fine.

10) War Memorial and the Village Green:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that with Cllr. C. Northover, they had decided where to settle the 'Stone' on the Village Green. She said that this should be completed by the end of October and then trees and other foliage could be planted with a seat. It was agreed to have a site meeting to make final design decisions.

11) Highways and Speeding:

It was agreed that this topic had been discussed under Item 5 of the agenda.

12) River Blyth Sign:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that no progress had been made with the River Blyth Sign. She said that much more discussion with Cllr. C. Northover was needed and that the 'Stone' on the village Green was taking priority currently.

19) Laptop and Projector:

The Clerk said over the summer he had been thinking how the Council should plan for the East Suffolk Council to go paperless especially in the field of planning. He had concluded that the Parish Council buys with the Clerk's other Parish Councils a laptop and projector which the clerk would look after and use for meetings to project planning applications and other data on the wall instead of paperwork.

Councillors agreed that it was a very good idea but felt that the share each Parish Council had was in relation to their population. It was also felt that that there needed to be a flat screen for the image from the projector. Cllr. J. Lewis suggested that the usual way now of doing what was proposed was done now by a flatscreen television., The Clerk said that he would take the ideas to the other councils so see what their views were.

20) To receive reports on the:

Footpaths:

Cllr. S. Moore said that the foliage on all the footpaths had been cut back. Cllr. A. Thomas said that she believed that Salters Lane had not been cut back and Cllr. D. Cask said that the hedge at a very dilapidated house in Walpole also needed to be cut back.

Trees:

There was no report.

Cemetery:

The Clerk reported that a burial had taken place. He said that as all the soil in a graveyard has been consecrated, surplus soil from new graves should be stored within the graveyard. The clerk was asked to consult the Suffolk Association of Local Councils for advice.

CEA & Allotments:

Cllr. Z. Mair said that Craft Barn Event was being held on 9th and 10th November 2019. She said that the Art Show over the last weekend had been very successful and raised funds for both Cookpole and the allotments. Cllr. A. Thomas said that there were now two vacant allotments.

External Meetings & Training:

There were no External Meetings & Training Reports.

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

There were no Agenda Items.

The Meeting ended at 9-47pm.