

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday, September 19th 2017 in the Pavilion, Walpole at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. Z. Mair (Chairman); Cllr. D. Cask; Cllr. R. Chase; Cllr. N. Jarvis; Cllr. S. Moore; Cllr. M. Porter; Cllr. David Whitwood and Cllr. J. Winter:

Also Present:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District and County Cllr. S. Burroughes:

1) Apologies:

Cllr. A. Thomas (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. I. Newton and Cllr. M. Wenham:

2) To receive declarations of interest:

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

Cllr. N. Jarvis and Cllr. S. Moore declared an interest in the Cookpole.

3) Requests for dispensations:

There were no requests for dispensation.

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

Cllr. Stephen Burroughes sent his report which Councillors read. Cllr. S. Burroughes added that dog fouling was an issue and Suffolk Coastal District Council was asking for the public's views on how to restrict dogs on play areas and fields. He said that crime was rising and was becoming a bigger problem. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he hoped that councillors would attend the Safer Neighbourhood Meetings and would look to enhance local Crime Prevention Strategies. Finally, Cllr. S. Burroughes hoped that councillors would look at the Suffolk Coastal District Council Local Plan and would give their views. Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that at the County Council the latest GCSE results data seem to indicate that they have risen.

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 at the Meeting.

6) To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on July 18th 2017:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on July 18th 2017 were agreed.

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

7) Initiatives to cut Speeding:

This was discussed with Cllr. S. Burroughes. The Councillors agreed that they did want to have a 'Speedwatch' scheme. The Clerk read out the replies he had received from the surrounding councils. Councillors agreed that they were happy to have a speeding scheme in partnership with other councils but they did not want to wait much longer. Cllr. S. Burroughes said that he would ask the surrounding councils and councillors agreed to further discuss this topic and to make a decision at the October Meeting. Councillors also agreed for Cllr. Z. Mair, Cllr. R. Chase and Cllr. S. Moore to meet informally on Monday, September 25th to gain advice from Bramfield and Thorington Parish Council in order to discuss purchasing a Speed Indicator Device (SID) either alone or with other councils.

Cllr. M. Porter said that the verges were not being cut back and despite repeated emails to Suffolk County council Highways Department, he did not get any answers. Cllr. S. Burroughes reported that Kier had the contract for maintaining the roads in Suffolk but he said that he thought that Parish Councils would have to do more in future to cut back verges etc.

8) Defibrillator:

Cllr. R. Chase said that he hoped that the locality budget will contribute to the defibrillator costs. He said that Heartbeat would make a site visit to the parishioner to discuss putting it on their wall. Finally, Cllr. R. Chase asked the question on how to remunerate the parishioner.

9) Suffolk Coastal Local Plan:

It was agreed for all the Councillors to look at the local plan and to discuss it at the next Parish Council Meeting in October.

10) Planning Matters:

Single Storey Rear Extension
Address: Bush Hill Farm, Cratfield Road, Cookley.
DC/17/3101/FUL

The Planning Application was approved.

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

Listed Building Consent - Single Storey Rear Extension
Address: Bush Hill Farm, Cratfield Road, Cookley.
DC/17/3102/FUL

The Planning Application was approved.

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

Non-material Amendment of DC/16/3576/FUL - Single storey extension to rear. - 1. Traditional lime render finish to external walls; 2. Addition of 2 no. roof lights to extension roof; 3. Bi-fold aluminium doors with 3 large panels to be clearly distinctive from existing windows (see example photograph provided)

*Address: The Bell Cottage, Walpole Lane, Walpole, Suffolk. IP19 9AP.
DC/17/3774/AME*

The Clerk informed councillors of this Amendment,

11) Clerk’s Report and Correspondence:

The Clerk said that he had received the ‘Clerks and Councils Direct’ Newsletter and a letter from the East Anglian Air Ambulance Roadshows. Finally, the Clerk reported that the BT Telephone Box Contract had been completed and it was now owned by the Council.

12) Financial Report:

a) Balances at the Bank on September 7th 2017:

Business Community Account	£8 614.76
Business Savings Account	£1 096.20

b) Cheques for payment: To approve payments.

Chq. No. 100963	Will Austin 1st Payment Contract	£700-00
Chq. No. 100964	SALC Subscription 2017-2018	£174-27
Chq. No. 100965	Clerk’s Salary for July – Sept. 2017	£558.43
Chq. No. 100966	Clerk’s Expenses - April to June 2017	£50-10
Chq. No. 100967	Ladywell Accountancy Services	£30-00
Chq. No. 100968	Walpole and Cookley PFT Donation	£500-00
Chq. No. 100969	Walpole and Cookley PFT – Use of Pavilion	£162-00
Chq. No. 100970	Information Commissioner Registration	£35-00
Chq. No. 100971	Business Services for CAS - Insurance	£225-59
Chq. No. 100972	Will Austin 2nd Payment Contract	£700-00
Chq. No. 100973	Will Austin – Extra Clearing	£40-00

Proposer: Cllr. M. Porter: Seconder: Cllr. N. Jarvis:

It was agreed by Councillors for the Cheque No. 100950 to Cllr. Wenham to be stopped as it seems that it has been lost in the post.

c) Receipts:

Walpole and Cookley Playing Field Trust Loan Repayment	£70-00
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13) BDO External Audit Certificate and Report:

The Councillors reviewed and agreed the recommendations in the report.

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Seconder: Cllr. J. Winter:

14) To receive reports on the:

Village Green;

It was noted that the river is full of plant life which is slowing the flow and it was believed could make the river more liable to flood.

Flagship Affordable Homes;

There was no report as Cllr. A. Thomas was not at the meeting however it was noted that she was making progress in meeting with Flagship.

Highways;

There was no report.

Footpaths;

Cllr. J. Winter reported that he had asked Suffolk County Council for new signs and to repair the bridge. They had replied that there is not enough in the budget. Cllr. D. Cask said that the footpath from the Attic needed trimming and he would send a photograph to Highways at Suffolk County Council.

Trees;

There was no report.

Cemetery;

There was no report.

CEA & Allotments;

Cllr. Z. Mair said that Flower and Produce Show went very well as did the Allotments Open Day. She said that much work was now going into the Craft Barns Event on November 11th and 12th.

Councillors discussed how to clear beyond the playground and it was suggested that Community Payback could be asked to do this. It was agreed to ask Cllr. A. Thomas if she could contact Community Payback.

External Meetings & Training;

Cllr. S. Moore said that she was waiting for confirmation to be on the course on October 14th.

The Meeting ended at 9-30pm.