



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY THE 18TH OF OCTOBER 2022 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr T Roberts (TR), Cllr G. Coates (GC),
Cllr G Roberts (GR), Cllr H Dobson (HD), Cllr R. Dyble (RD), Cllr R White (RW).
Cllr Paul Kunes and the Clerk.

Three members of the public were in attendance.

NOTE: the co-option for the vacancy of parish councillor took place and Anna Sylvester was unanimously voted onto the Parish Council.

Open Session for Parishioners Questions – none

1. **WELCOME** – a formal welcome was given by the Chair, Cllr N Dyble.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Squires and Kirk

3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none**

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 19th of July 2022, proposed TR, seconded GC and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping, Station Road North – ND advised that some clearance has taken place. An increase in rats was noticed.

b. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) review – ND and the Clerk advised that they had attended a number of zoom meetings and the next step is a village walk around to review the housing needs, infrastructure, and facilities.

Updated information has been received from Katie and discussed including to review policies and to set up a steering group. Cllrs T Roberts, Sylvester and a member of the public were interested in joining. GC mentioned that Pingle Lane and Fence Bank were missing from the footpath listing.

c. Owl Boxes – TR has met up with Julian who identified locations for the owls and also discussed a local bird box scheme for all the residents to be involved in. It was decided that a donation to the cost of the bird boxes would be made. Details from Julian to be made available for the website and Facebook pages.

d. Bus Shelter Repairs – as structurally fine, the damaged panel and roofing to be replaced and quotes required. RD & GC recommended local companies and Cllr Kunes might be able to arrange a quote. Full details and location required.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

a. New applications:

22/01651/F– Crown Cottage VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION

19/00750/F: Demolition and reconstruction of end of terrace domestic dwelling following severe fire damage at Crown Cottage 116 Sutton Road Walpole Cross Keys KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE34 4HE – the original application was supported by the parish council, and it was agreed that we support this amendment – Proposed RD, seconded TR and all in favour.

22/01691/F - Retrospective Calor gas tank at the front of house. at 14 Market Lane Walpole St Andrew Wisbech Norfolk PE14 7LT – support for this as proposed ND, seconded TR and all in favour.

- b. Decisions – None
- c. A member of the public raised the car sales closed down at Walkers Garage. ND advised that the car sales were a separate business and had moved on but the garage was continuing with MOT work etc.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a. July, August and September bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation were accepted and proposed by HD, seconded by RD, and unanimously accepted. £46,371.72 as at the 30.9.22 – This figure includes £8550.00 funding for the NDP and interest of £49.91
- b. Payments for October - proposed for payment ND, seconded GC, and unanimously accepted.
- c. Review the Qtr. 2 Financial report. We are in an acceptable position and keeping within the precept budget. Acceptance proposed by GC, seconded HD and all in favour.
- d. Reserves for the 23/24 budget to include election costs, 33% of present revenue and increase in councillor training following the election in May 23. Clerk to start the draft budget. Cllr Kunes gave an explanation to members of the public regarding CIL payments.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Kunes:

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COUNCILLOR - PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Repairs to the Hunstanton Sea Defence:

These have been programmed for next week.

Contractors will be on site re-pointing the section of blockwork sea wall (in front of Oasis and Blackbeard's Golf) and some other minor works. This will take place from Monday to Friday.

We also have a separate contractor booked in on the 17th October to carry out inspection and preventive maintenance to all the metal flood gates.

Refit WORK

Work on the re-fit program continues. Commercial solar power options are being considered and will be presented along with the Refit HLA work.

Further meetings have taken place with the Energy Saving Trust, who are conducting a review of the Council Vehicle fleet, with a view to moving over to Electrically powered vehicles where possible. This will take place over several years as older vehicles become due for renewal.

EV CHARGING

-Work is continuing on the BP Pulse installing the 26 Fast EV charging points.

-Contracts are being agreed with BP Pulse to replace the 4 Rapid EV charging points at Hunstanton and King's Lynn.

SOLAR TOGETHER

In terms of next steps, we will shortly be entering the acceptance phase.

All registrants will be sent their personal recommendation on the 17th October and they will have until 25th November to decide if they wish to accept their offer.

I am delighted to say that across the county, King's Lynn & West Norfolk recorded by far the largest number of registrations for the scheme.

ADDITIONAL

-Work has started on drawing together the data for the next BCKLWN Carbon Audit. This will be completed by early Autumn.

-BEIS have released the 2020 district CO2 emission data. An update report will be completed by early Autumn.

2. Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance Team Fly-tipping

As I reported last Month a major illegal tipping and burning operation has at last been closed down.

EA. Officers are continuing to monitor and investigate these sites.

3. Refuse.

I am VERY disappointed to report that negotiations are STILL continuing between the 3 districts and Serco re the additional services to be provided under the contract.

4.Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Recycling and Refuse collection and Licensing.

Flood and Coastal erosion matters.

Cabinet Briefings

Budget briefings

CPP

E&C

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG)

Friends of the Earth, Klimate Concern

QEH Board of Governors

Kings Lynn Conservancy Board.

Most of the above meetings held online, although there is a gradual return to face-to-face meetings were it is felt necessary.

Cllrs Kirk & Squires - No reports – No update on Market Lane.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Policies & Procedures – the new code of conduct, civility & respect pledge and all policies and procedures were approved proposed by HD, seconded by ND and all in favour.
- b. SAAA 2022 – it was decided to stay in the scheme for external auditing, proposed by ND & seconded by TR with all in favour.

10. SAM UPDATES – ND reported figures from Sutton Road incoming from 1.9.22 to date was 565 with an average speed of 37.1mph (85%) = 45% were over the limit. Maximum speed was 70mph. ND to call Westcotec re the defective battery. Full report on the website.

11. CRIME & POLICE – speeding as above.

12. HIGHWAYS – Horse warning sign by Samuels is covered with overgrown tree branches.

Some potholes have now been repaired.

HD to give actual location for signage could be added to Market Lane advising vehicles to beware of horses.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – Dyke next to number 17 Station Rd North should have the fencing panel removed.

Access to the field on Station Road North had been widened and ND advised this was to allow access to harvest sugar beet and the culvert had been correctly undertaken.

The damaged concrete pipe at the Bimbo’s Ark site was raised and ND to follow up.

The underpass dyke by the greenhouses to be checked with IDB.

TR raised the Hedgehog Hotel at Tilney St John needs support and Cllr Kunes will contact.

14. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE – RD advised that the wildflower seeding has now been completed and she will contact Chris regarding the railway garden tidy.

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND CLERK REPORTS

None – clerk update already discussed.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Owl boxes
- Bus Shelters repair
- Waste Disposal

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th of November 2022 from 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 21.00 pm