



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2021 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr T Roberts (TR), Cllr G. Coates (GC), Cllr G Roberts (GR), Cllr Hazel Dobson (HD) – left at 8.00pm, Cllr P Brown (PB), Cllr Julian Kirk (JK), Cllr Sandra Squire (SS), Cllr Paul Kunes (PK), and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Open Session for Parishioners Questions – none

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

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

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 19th of October 2021, proposed ND, seconded GR and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. Flooding – ND advised that the IDB had started to come back with updates. ND reported one onto the NCC website, obtained a case number and within four hours, received an email response stating that there was no issue and the case had been closed. JK advised ND to send a copy of the email to IDB and he is happy to speak to the IDB again on this. ND also reported that the ditch opposite his home was starting to fill up and TR mentioned that contamination can then take place if flooding does occur.

b. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping – It was reported that there is more waste in the compound and enforcement to be chased.

c. Market Lane update – CB & JK gave the latest update concerning the new Road Safety Community Fund and that Highways had put the three parish councils forward for assistance with funding the project.

d. ND advised that he had followed up the lack of response to the questions raised with an email but no response received to date.

e. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) review – The new local plan was raised by PK but the housing allocation was still below 5 and the NP stated an allocation of 6 but to date 60+ new homes have been built. Review of the original NP to continue.

f. 50:50 partnership – it was decided to go ahead with the white gates and ND is meeting with Andy Wallace when the locations will be discussed. Proposed ND, seconded PB and all in favour. CB had found a cleaner for the gates, twice a year at £20 per gate. Application forms to be completed asap before deadline 10th December.

g. The defibrillator is installed and running. ND has registered this with the British Heart Foundation. it was agreed that an official opening should go ahead and a letter to the garage be sent, thanking them.

h. Queens Jubilee June 2022 – ND to check the land registry re beacon/bonfire and it was agreed that the Jephson Hall, Parish Council and WI should work together and hold one community event. CB to contact all concerned.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

New applications - none

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To accept accounts:

- a. October bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation- acceptance proposed by RD, seconded by GR, and unanimously accepted. £28,319.26 in total.
- b. Payments for November - proposed for payment ND, seconded TR, and unanimously accepted.
- c. The draft budget was discussed in full, and it was decided to set the precept increase at 5% as no increases had been made for 2 years. Proposed by TR, seconded PB and all in favour. Consideration to be given to not renewing membership of NALC and CB to update the budget and sent out for approval at the December meeting.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Report from Cllr Kunes –

PK advised that our request for an additional councillor had been approved and was awaiting full authorisation. Additional funding was being made available for litter picking and fly tipping. The Borough Council will now collect bags collected from litter picking and kits are available on loan. Fly tipping removal will be extended to non-Borough land and PK advised that members of the public should insist on viewing the licence from any private companies offering a rubbish removal service.

A considerable CO2 reduction was taking place in the Borough buildings including heat pumps – ground and air sourced, solar panels etc. BP Pulse electric charging points are replacing current points in the main car parks.

The Borough Councillors new allowance of £1000 can be applied for directly to both PK & SS. This is for individuals, community groups & village halls. PK promoting trees.

Report from Cllr Squire –

As per report from PK, plus the burning of waste needs to be reported as with fly tipping.

Report from Cllr Kirk -

The budget is being discussed at NCC. The stopping of red diesel will make farming, landscaping etc., more expensive as the cost of white diesel can be 50% more.

JK has been co-opted onto the Conservancy Board.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. 40mph speed limit on Sutton Road from the North, change to 30mph – this will be discussed when Andy Wallace from Highways visits the site.
- b. New dog bin to be installed.
- c. Norfolk Lieutenancy Parish & Community Plaque Presentation – CB to discuss with community groups to set a date.

10. **Update on SAM** – ND gave an update on the Sutton Road, opposite the old pub, heading west, from 21.9.21 to 16/11/21. Average daily vehicles – 465, Average speed – 43.8 in a 40mph limit, maximum speed recorded was 85mph. Full details available on the website.

11. **CRIME AND POLICE** – the recent spate of hay/straw stack fires was reported.

12. **HIGHWAYS:** Concern raised that our reports of issues are not being actioned and this to be taken up with Andy Wallace.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: Nothing to report.

14. GARDENS MAINTENANCE: ND reported that his contact with the mini digger was happy to help for a couple of hours free of charge. Once this has been completed, a check for top soil could take place and then the area to be grassed and a wild flower area established. ND & GC to liase on dates etc. ACTION ND/GC

15. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – GC advised that a Power Fund meeting had taken place yesterday with funding requests from 3 organisations and further information had been requested. The fund now has £18k in the current account with £213k in the other account. The clerk advised that the 2022 meeting dates had been sent out.

16. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE – RD advised that despite posters on the noticeboards, website and facebook, no volunteers had come forward despite complaints about speeding on social media. It was decided to shelve this project until Spring 2022.

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

- Jubilee June 22
- Neighbourhood Plan review update
- Draft Budget & Precept to finalise
- Market Lane update

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 21st of December 2021 from 7.00pm at the Jepson Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.56 pm