



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th AUGUST 2020 FROM 7.30PM ONLINE

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr Hazel Dobson, Cllr Trevor Roberts (TR), Cllr Peter Brown (PB), Cllr Mark Day (MD), Cllr Rosie Dyble (RD), Cllr Gil Coates (GC), and Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.
County Cllr. Sandra Squires.

One member of the public was in attendance.

Open Session for Parishioners Questions – no questions

1. **Welcome** – a formal welcome was given by the Chair, Cllr N Dyble, who stressed that the meeting must be held in the same format as a face to face meeting and follow the agenda.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr. G. Roberts.

3. **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

4. **MINUTES**

The updated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 15th of July 2020, having been previously distributed to all members, they were accepted as correct and signed. Proposed Cllr Dobson Seconded Cllr Brown. Unanimously accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

a. Market Lane Survey – The proposal was discussed along with the additional 40mph requested by Walpole Parish Council on the C22/20 stretch. This was agreed and accepted. Terrington response awaited and will be forwarded by the clerk as soon as received. **ACTION CB**

Cllr Coates raised the question of the additional payment once the project goes ahead and Cllr T Roberts was not aware of any additional payment. Cllr Squires was of the impression that Highways should pay and will discuss further with Highways. Clerk to go back over previous minutes to find any further information. **ACTION SS/CB**

Cllr Dobson advised that the costs to implement the results included changes to the legislation.

b, Stinders update – Cllr T Roberts had forwarded the latest response from Mr. Clarey and his reply regarding “how do you enforce non compliance to planning when people have already moved into the properties? Also, who puts the documents onto the portal which were not passed by planning.

Cllr T Roberts also mentioned the exposed cables which have now been grassed over and Cllr N Dyble mentioned the height of the drainage pipes differs. Cllr T Roberts advised that the checks are privately completed with photographs. There were complaints regarding the drainage smell from the new homes on Sutton Road and the owners had reported this directly. Cllr Day commented that this was caused by the recent heavy rainfall which pushes through the system causing smells.

Cllr N Dyble advised that he was drafting a general letter to the Borough Council listing the excessive new build homes in the village when the development committee stated none were required, yet 42 have been built with permission for a further 19 and applications awaiting decisions on 11 more.

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He will continue with this in an effort to get their attention and will email out his draft letter to the councillors for comments before sending.

With the growth of the village, there could be a call for more councillors and Cllr T Roberts raised the point that the water pressure was dropping. The environmental enquiry regarding buried waste was still under discussion.

c. Street Lighting – due to any costs incurred on the Market Lane Survey, it was decided to review this project at a later date when the funding situation is clear.

d. 50:50 Partnership for 21/22 – Cllr N Dyble raised the receipt of an email from a parishioner regarding extending the footpath at the West end of Sutton Road to the Grange Road junction and this falls into the partnership remit. The boundary requires checking to confirm it is in our parish. It was agreed to wait and see what funds we have available after the Market Lane Survey implementation.

Clerk to write to the parishioner advising of our discussions.

ACTION CB

e. Grounds Maintenance – Cllr N Dyble advised that he had made several attempts to contact the gardener without any success, but the grass has been cut and no invoice sent to the clerk for payment. It was agreed that 2 quotes should be requested in case the gardener cannot continue. **ACTION CB**

6. Planning Matters – One application received for 2 dwellings at land south of Pitchers Transport and West of Sunnyside, Market Lane. This was a reserved matters application and the councillors were of the opinion that there was a limited change to the original application. Support was proposed by Cllr N Dyble, seconded by Cllr R Dyble and accepted by a majority vote.

The 2 outstanding applications for 9 dwellings and retrospective application at Bimbo's Ark are still awaiting a decision.

Cllr Squires advised that planning were getting up to date now with holding all day meetings which are available on line.

7. Financial Matters – to accept accounts:

a. Financial Review for July including payments/receipts and Bank Reconciliation – acceptance proposed by Cllr. R Dyble, seconded by Cllr Brown and unanimously accepted.

b. The August payments for approval are:

Clerk July Salary	£302.50
Clerk July expenses	£ 25.00
HMRC	£ 75.60
Jetpack	£ 33.00 (website viewing app)

These were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Coates and unanimously accepted.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Report from Cllr Squires:

The Norfolk Assistance Scheme recently received £1million worth of funding from Defra to provide crisis support for vulnerable people resulting from Covid-19. Support is available to provide food, cash, household items, assist with household bills etc. To check to see if you are eligible for urgent support and to apply, visit: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/care-support-and-health/support-for-living-independently/money-and-benefits/norfolk-assistance-scheme>

Norfolk will be celebrating Car-Free Day on Sunday 20th September by encouraging residents to not use their cars as part of a global initiative to reduce Carbon emissions. The council will also be waiving fees for residents wishing to apply for a Temporary Street Closure, to enable "street play", to give children the opportunity to play safely right outside their front door. For further information or to apply for a temporary street closure, visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/carfreenorfolk

The Hazardous Waste Days at the King's Lynn Recycling Centre will be on Friday 11th, Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September. Open between 9am - 5pm. Wood preservatives, insect and weed killers, paint, thinners, varnishes and special cleaning products are among the wide range of household chemicals that will be accepted.

The Borough Council has committed to reinstating food waste collections from April 2021. With a reduction in the number of people in each collection vehicle due to Covid-19, there was not time to deal with food collections and still maintain a good service for black and green bin collections. So please keep hold of your food caddies as they'll be needed again next year.

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The Annual Canvas has begun, if you have not already received it, the form will arrive in the post soon. If you have responded by email, you will not receive a form in the post. Please check your information is correct and follow the instructions provided. You need to be registered to be able to vote in any forthcoming elections.

Tourism, Leisure, Cultural and hospitality businesses are being encouraged to apply for grants to help them fund and implement measures to trade covid safely and to extend their normal operating season. To check eligibility and to make an application, please visit: www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/tourismgrant
In other news, County have decided no meetings are to be held at County Hall until at least February next year, so it's more home working for us.

Things are starting to get back to normal now with services but they are slightly different with things such as day centres etc as there's a limit to the number of people we can take in the minibuses at one time and what can be offered.

All NCC and Borough Council meetings are on their YouTube channels so anyone with nothing better to do, can sit and watch them!

I have recently taken over the chair's position on one of the priority groups for Children in Care. We deal with Care Leavers and trying to create opportunities for them and inspire them to have more confidence and try new things. So, all quite exciting.

We are all waiting for the Government's white paper on Devolution. There are not any concrete plans just yet, but it is likely that next year's County election will be postponed, while some unitary councils are created instead. No doubt big arguments ahead over how big each Unitary will be etc but should hopefully have a better idea next month.

9. CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

Village Sign – The costs have been sent out from the Clerk and to repair the existing sign would be £940 and a new sign would be £5700. The Clerk was asked to obtain another quote for the repairs to ensure due diligence.

ACTION CB

Cllr R Dyble thought it would be good to have it repaired for the remembrance service in November.

Milestone – The clerk had sent out information on registering the stone and will resend the main requirements including exact location, age etc.

ACTION CB

Cllr R Dyble mentioned that the stone had sunk quite a bit.

Cllr T Roberts had been asked, by a parishioner, why all the councillors names were not shown on the minutes. It was explained that the initials were used for action points as in line with good practice, and these were clearly shown at the top of the minutes.

10. SAM Speed activated messaging update

ND advised that data would be available next week.

11. CRIME AND POLICE ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

Cllr T Roberts advised an issue with a dog loose on Lower Road which had tried to bite people. Cllr R Dyble advised to contact Environmental Health and Cllr Dobson stated that if the dog did bite someone, the police had to be called as under the Dangerous Dogs Act.

12. HIGHWAY ISSUES

a. Cllr Brown advised that the footpath on Sutton Road needs refurbishing from the 30mph sign to Jephson Hall – PB to provide exact location Clerk to advise Rangers.

ACTION PB/CB

b. Cllr N Dyble advised that Station Road had been marked up for repairs but still waiting.

c. Cllr R Dyble advised that the no overtaking signs were still awaiting collection from Highways.

Clerk to alert highways and Cllr R Dyble to give location.

ACTION RD/CB

d. Cllr R Dyble mentioned the footpath issues on the Hankinson's Estate.

Clerk to advise Rangers.

ACTION CB

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

ND advised that large moth larvae had been seen in his garden.

14. GARDENS

Cllr R Dyble had sent details to the Clerk for adding to the website and this was now live.
Clerk to send copy to Cllr N Dyble to print for noticeboards.

ACTION CB

Cllr N Dyble raised that there were keys available for the new noticeboard and it would be a good idea to
for other council members to have copies.

ACTION ND

15. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a. The clerk gave the report on viewings from the website using the new app:
 July – (14 days) – 175 views
 August – to 19th – 301 views
 Top 5 pages were: Meetings Minutes, Agendas, News, website links and historical maps.
- b. The Clerk mentioned the Local Council Award Scheme and details have been sent out.
 To be discussed at next meeting.
- c. Cllr Coates advised that the Power Station funds were being emailed and included a number of
 requests for financing social events which is not in line with the current social distancing rules.
 Cllr N Dyble asked how the requests were considered and Cllr Coates advised that an application
 form was required to be completed and there was a £2k maximum grant allowed with no further
 applications in 2 years allowed. A follow up after the grant was given is also required.

17. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

As agreed in these minutes.

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 16th of September at 7.30pm via Zoom

The meeting closed at 9.31pm – start was delayed by 2 minutes.

Signature

Date