



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 19TH OF APRIL 2022 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr T Roberts (TR), Cllr G. Coates (GC),
Cllr R. Dyble (RD), Cllr K. Hughes (KH), Cllr R White (RW).
Cllrs Julian Kirk (JK),

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 and our new Cllr Bob White was warmly welcomed.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Cllrs Dobson, G Roberts, and Sandra Squire
3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none**
4. **MINUTES**
To approve the meeting minutes from the 15th of March 2022, proposed GC, seconded TR and unanimously accepted by all present.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping, Station Road North – ND has received several emails from the Builder who has agreed to clear the site.
 - b. Market Lane update – the clerk confirmed that this was now going ahead with no further payments required and it is hoped that the signage will be in place early summer.
 - c. Housing situation & Neighbourhood Plan(NP) review – ND has emailed Michael Burton but no response to date. ND to contact Stuart Ashworth on this matter. The NP was explained to Cllr RW.
 - d. IDB update – A meeting has been arranged with the IDP on the 9th of May at 9.30am. ND & TR will attend on behalf of the parish council.
6. **PLANNING MATTERS:**
 - a. New applications – None
7. **FINANCAL MATTERS:**

To accept accounts:

 - a. March bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation- acceptance proposed by TR, seconded by ND, and unanimously accepted. £25049.08 in total.
 - b. Payments for April - proposed for payment KH, seconded RD, and unanimously accepted.

- c. Discuss the Blackamore invoice – the clerk has requested a breakdown of the work and dates but no response to date.
- d. Review and approve the 21/22 Annual Financial Review – This was discussed, and acceptance proposed by TR, seconded CG and all in favour.
- e. Sign the certificate of exemption for the 21/22 AGAR – proposed GC, seconded ND and all in favour.
- f. Review and approve the AGAR including Accounting & Governance Statements and the internal auditors report, proposed GC, seconded ND and all in favour.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Kirk advised nothing much to report at County Council level and the walk out last week was very embarrassing. Considerations are being made to put a weight limit on the A47 bridge between the Hardwick and Pullover roundabouts due to continual and poor maintenance. The Litter pick in the village went very well and around 20 bags were collected. The Borough Councillors £1k member grant is now available again. Cllr Kirk's County allowance of £10k is also now available and any requests can now be made. It was noted that the trees donated last year were growing well and checks to be made on the stakes.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Rangers May visit – The footpath on Sutton Road requires clearing and the potholes outside 15-17 Station Road North to be reported. RD has reported the school sign.
- b. Queens Jubilee Celebrations – RD advised that funding was being requested from the power fund. Suggestions for the 2nd include the lighting of the beacon and a BBQ or hog roast but numbers of attendees are required. On the 3rd a Royal themed quiz to be held at the Jephson hall and on the 5th an afternoon tea dance and children's craft table at the Jephson Hall, with a 1950's theme. Discussions on how to get parishioners to attend came up with a leaflet drop and RD will update at the next meeting.
- c. RD asked if the milestone had been registered and advised not yet.

10. SAM UPDATES – ND gave an overview of the latest reports, and these are on the website.

- 1. Station Road North – 286 av.daily vehicles with average speed of 32.1mph. 45 mph highest speed.
- 2. Sutton Road junction with Low Road – 672 average daily vehicles with average speed of 37.9mph with highest speed of 70pmh.

11. CRIME & POLICE – fire at the pallet yard mentioned.

12. HIGHWAYS – the village sign coming into the village from the hall side has been smashed and the 40mph sign near no 67H is rusting away at the bottom.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – TR advised that there are now resident Barn and Little Owls and he will contact the RSPB regarding setting up nesting boxes. Cllr Kirk advised that the IDB has an environmental person who could also be of help.

14. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE – ND advised that he has a contact who will look at the sign at the Railway Garden along with the benches.

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND CLERK REPORTS

GC reported that the Power Fund has not met lately. The clerk gave a report including the AGAR and year end reports now completed, with Scribe & CILCA updates being undertaken this month.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Renovation of the sign at the Railway Garden
- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Owl boxes

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 17th April 2022 with the Annual Parish Meeting from 7.00pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at the Jephson Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.56 pm

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Signature

Date