



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2021 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr T Roberts (TR), Cllr G. Coates (GC),
Cllr P Brown (PB), Cllr K. Hughes.
Cllr 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.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Squire, Dobson, G Roberts, R Dyble and Clerk.

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

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 16th of November 2021, proposed ND, seconded GC and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping – ND read out a recent email from Mick Bates who has visited the site and advised it is to be cleared. He has contacted Mr. Stinders who will clear it in due course. Mr. Bates will monitor.

b. Housing situation & Neighbourhood Plan review – the email was chased by ND and a reply received from Stuart Ashworth. It is clear that the Neighbourhood Plan needs to be updated and amended to remove some of the ambiguity within it. ND is making notes to a soft copy and once completed, he will have an online meeting with Stuart who has offered to help with the update.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

a. New applications – received after the agenda was sent out:

21/02356/F Residential Development on the land between Bimbos Ark and 15 Station Road. This was discussed and the revised plans show a length of open ditch to be culverted. This is NOT supported by the Parish Council for the following reason:

The Parish Council considers this to be unnecessary and is prohibited by the Neighbourhood Plan: Policy 6c “proposals that would create new culverts or result in the loss of an open watercourse will **not be permitted** unless the culvert is essential to the provision of an access, and it can be demonstrated that the culvert will have no adverse impact on the ability to manage and maintain surface water drainage in the Neighbourhood Plan Area”.

Proposed ND, seconded by TR and all in favour.

- b. There were some concerns raised that the new industrial building under construction at the West Holme Nursery site is too big. Inspection of the approved plans have shown that this is not the case and the building is correct to the plan. However, work on the site has been going on during the hours of darkness using powerful flood lighting that disturbs the nearby residents and poses a risk of dazzling road users. If it occurs again, the Parish Council may need to inform the site owner of these concerns in writing.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To accept accounts:

- a. November bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation- acceptance proposed by TR, seconded by GC, and unanimously accepted. £27,677.56 in total.
- b. Payments for December - proposed for payment TR, seconded GC, and unanimously accepted.
- c. The draft budget was discussed again, and there will be a shortfall if the precept increase is 5%. Councillors will study the draft budget in detail before the next meeting when a final decision has to be made on the precept.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Report from Cllr Kirk -

No items for update since the November meeting.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. JK was thanked for supplying the trees which will be planted in the Millennium Garden. A small area of the garden needs to be cleared using a mini digger and this is planned to take place in January 2022.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Draft Budget & Precept to finalise – sufficient time to be allocated
- Market Lane update
- Neighbourhood Plan review

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 18th January 2022 from 7.00pm at the Jepson Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.20 pm