



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20th MAY 2020 FROM 7.30PM ONLINE

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **WELCOME** A formal welcome was given by the Chair, ND

2. **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS**

None

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Borough Cllr. Paul Kunes and Cllr. G. Roberts

4. **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

5. **MINUTES**

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

MATTERS ARISING

a. TR reported that he had received an email from Jessica Nobbs which will be sent out to all councillors under separate cover. A key paragraph is:

Regarding your question of right in the discharging of water into a piped system, it is consistent with riparian rights & responsibilities. The pipe in question whilst it crosses the applicants land places the same responsibility to maintain this culverted frontage as outlined in your email below, and the right to connect into it. Further general advice on riparian issues can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse> .

TR stated that there was no legal right to say that the waste can go through the privately owned pipes and the next stage would be a judicial review.

ND advised that he had had a long conversation with Cllr P. Kunes following our last meeting and PK had gone straight back to the IDB where a conversation was held, and a statement is awaited.

TR reported that the bungalow owners were asked to sign a forming giving Stinders the rights to use their pipes for waste but the owners had refused to sign.

RD raised the question of who would be responsible for any damage to the pipes?

GC advised that from the bungalows, the pipe in the field runs from into the dyke on Station Road North and the owner of the field would be responsible for any damage etc. Stinders had stated that the pipe was fine but a camera could not get through it. East Law are the legal services to Borough but we will wait to hear back from Cllr Kunes.

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b. Replacement Noticeboard. ND has researched the web to find an alternative and has found one from The Noticeboard Company which is the same height but wider at 4' to enable the map and council information to be added. Cost is £529 + VAT and it will fit on the existing posts. CB to resend the Insurance company requirements and there is a £250 excess. **ACTION ND/CB**

6. PLANNING MATTERS

No new applications or decisions to date.
Bimbos Ark and the garage still no decision.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Statement of Account:

Current balance was £33,985.90 as at 30th April 2020 – confirmed to the Chair by sight of the bank statements.

Payments for authorisation:

31.3.20	NALC	Annual Subscription & Website	173.36
3.4.20	Opus Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	28.46
15.4.20	Parish Online	Mapping Service	60
		TOTAL for April 20	261.82

To make these payments proposed by PB seconded by HD , unanimously agreed.
We had the 3 accounts now set up with Unity Banking and HD is to be a signatory.
NOTE it is a legal requirement for all signatories to sign / approve any changes,
The Rapport free download via Unity is advised as it offers the highest security.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

SS advised that the first Borough online meeting took place today and the planning meetings commence on the 1st of June with 2 further dates in June to catch up. County were providing PPE to schools and Borough and County are working well together. The budget deficit has led to County applying to the Government for additional financial support.

The Tree Project was discussed, and SS advised that all Parish Councils' can ask County for advice and trees. Planting will commence in the autumn and noted that the Woodland Trust will provide trees free of charge.

Areas that are suitable to be advised at the next meeting. GB mentioned the area near to RD could be considered.

TR raised the lack of social housing and SS will raise this with the Cabinet member.

9. MARKET LANE SPEED SURVEY

The box has now been removed from the roadside, so we await the results. Due to the lockdown we could insist on another survey to take place when schools and businesses are back at work free of charge.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

CB continues to send out all Covid19 information and update the website. The free exercise packs for housebound parishioners to be updated by CB and then added to website, noticeboard and Facebook page. **ACTION CB**

11. UPDATE ON POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

NOTE GR to sign Code of Conduct. The new Standing Orders are just amended for the online meetings. The Online Banking Policy to be updated by CB and for approval at the June meeting.

ACTION CB

Signature

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12. SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING (SAM2) SIGN

The sign is still in the same location and will be moved during the next 7 days to Station Road North, coming off the bypass end. The current location is covered by an overgrown tree. RD advised 2 vehicles seen excessively speeding. TR advised that the traffic police had been out on the Sutton Road last Monday. HD has had camera footage she has taken, passed onto the police for action.

13. CRIME AND POLICE ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

An intruder had been reported to the police at Bonnets Farm 2-3 weeks ago.

14. HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Give Way sign that is on the ground has been re-reported. RD advised that Highways had worked on the area outside Fenland Windows and placed timber bollards with reflectors. It was commented that the work looks great and the issue should now be sorted. The Sutton Road is due for resurfacing soon as cats eyes have been removed. TR reported that the pot holes on Low Road had been filled in but just driven over to flatten. MD had send photographs of more pot holes on Low Road to the Highways but had been advised that “they could not find them”

15. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

ND has completed a test for asbestos on the rubble left on Fence Bank, but the results were negative. ND has checked the land registry and some of the area belongs to Delamore Farms but not Fence Bank. The area on the other side belongs to the old onion factory with a small piece registered to Barton’s. If the road is privately owned, then it has some right of access for vehicles. The rubble might be placed by the owners as it was noted that another load had recently turned up. It was decided to not spend any further time on this matter unless advised of any threats to the environment.

RD advised of the giant hogweed on the Fenland side of the road by the pavement – MD stated that he would remove the seed heads tomorrow morning.

PB advised that Japanese knotweed had appeared in a field off Market Lane, opposite Watsons Barn. NOTE MD had advised Highways and they will deal with it in the autumn.

16 GARDENS

ND had contacted Lee who had been off sick. CB requires an invoice for the work in April and RD advised he had cut the grass opposite her today. The Millennium Garden desperately requires weeding and ND to check on this re the original quotation. **ACTION ND**

MD mentioned that the hedges were not trimmed, or grass cut.

GC raised the question of planting ground over in the autumn.

ND requested everyone look for suitable replacement bins.

17. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Footway lighting update - more information on the quote from RJF required re the manufacturer. **ACTION CB**

The burying of rubble at the Stinders site was raised by GC and TR advised it had now been grassed over.

The BT poles were still on the Browne’s site and the footpath had not been repaired/ completed.

TR advised that it was the Borough’s responsibility to check on this and once the houses are all sold, it is hoped that the site is clear and complete.

18. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed plus approval of the AGAR

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th June 2020 at 7.30pm via online video/conference call.

The meeting closed at 9.24pm

Signature

Date