



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2022 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr T Roberts (TR), Cllr G. Roberts (GR),
Cllr G. Coates (GC), Cllr R. Dyble (RD)
Cllrs Julian Kirk (JK), Sandra Squire (SS)

Four members of the public were in attendance.

Open Session for Parishioners Questions –

Question received regarding when the building rubbish on the site along Station Road North would be cleared. ND explained that this is on the agenda and will be covered later.

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Dobson, Hughes, and clerk

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

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 15th of February 2022, proposed ND, seconded RD and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. Flooding issues update – no updates to report.

b. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping, Station Road North – Email reply from Mick Bates advised that he had contacted the builder again to ask for the site on Station Road North to be cleared and this will be monitored.

c. Market Lane update – JK advised that the complete funding package is now awaiting the final sign off. He was very confident that this will happen by the end of the month. It would seem that the total cost should now be covered with very little or zero contribution from the Parish Council. It was agreed that this was very good news and both JK and SS were thanked for their work on this project.

d. Housing situation & Neighbourhood Plan(NP) review – ND has produced a document containing the policies from the Neighbourhood Plan along with suggested changes to be emailed to all councillors following this meeting. The document will then be sent to Michael Burton at the Borough Council for his comments and advice.

e. Emergency Plan – to be carried forward to the April meeting.

ACTION CB

6. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

a. New applications – None

- b. Bimbos Ark and 15 Station Road ref: 21/02356/F – the Parish Council have removed their objection to the drainage scheme at the development, now that confirmation has been received that the ditch is to be left open.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To accept accounts:

- a. February bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation- acceptance proposed by GC, seconded by TR, and unanimously accepted. £26327.92 in total.
- b. Payments for March - proposed for payment CG, seconded TR, and unanimously accepted.
- c. To approve the internal auditor Jo Raby

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Report from Cllr Squire -

The Borough Council have been concentrating on budgeting issues. Support for the Ukrainian migrants arriving in our area is being funded by the Borough Council until funding is available from Central Government is in place.

Council meetings are still being held in the Corn Exchange to allow for social distancing in light of the increase in Covid cases.

Report from Cllr Kirk -

Norfolk County Council email address julian.kirk.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk

March 2022 newsletter / report.

Dear Constituents,

I hope you are all well. With events in Ukraine, it certainly focuses the mind. War in Europe again is a disaster, the world will suffer for years to come because of the action of Putin. My thoughts are with all those caught up in this power grab from a communist dictator. #StandWithUkraine

From mid-February to the end of March I have and will attend 2 x Council meetings in County Hall Norwich and 2 x Council meetings King's Lynn. Other main meetings include 2 x Environment and Community Panel meetings, King's Lynn, 2 x Corporate Performance Panel Meeting, King's Lynn. Norfolk Health Overview Scrutiny Committee, County Hall, Norwich, People and Communities Select Committee, County Hall, Norwich.

Zoom and Teams meetings include 2 x King's Lynn Conservancy Board and Norfolk and Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Development Oversight Group

I will have attended all seven monthly Parish Council Meetings within my BCKLWN Ward and County Division.

I have also helped with the monthly West Walton Litter Pick.

I continue to report Highway faults, including potholes, hedges, mud on roads etc.

Meetings attended – Mid February to End of March 2022

9th February Norfolk Fire and Rescue Strategic Development Oversight Group Meeting via Teams as your County Councillor

15th February Environment and Community Panel meeting, King's Lynn Town Hall as your Borough Councillor.

15th February Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council meeting as your County Councillor.

17th February King's Lynn Conservancy Board meeting

<https://www.kingslynnport.co.uk/about/about-us/> via Zoom

21st February County Council Meeting, Norwich, as your County Councillor.

23rd February BCKLWN Council meeting, King's Lynn, as your Borough Councillor.

1st March Walsoken Parish Council meeting as your Borough and County Councillor.

3rd March Corporate Performance Panel meeting, King's Lynn, as your Borough Councillor.

3rd March Walpole Parish Council meeting as your Borough and County Councillor, apologies given as held up in previous meeting.

8th March West Walton Parish Council meeting as your Borough and County Councillor.

10th March Norfolk Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Norwich, as your County Councillor.

10th March Tilney All Saints Parish Council meeting as your County Councillor.

15th March Walpole Cross Keys Parish Council meeting as your County Councillor.

- 16th March Terrington St Clement Parish Council meeting as your County Councillor.
- 17th March King's Lynn Conservancy Board meeting via Zoom as your County Councillor.
- 18th March People and Communities Select Committee meeting Norwich, as your County Councillor.
- 22nd March Environment and Community Panel meeting, King's Lynn as your Borough Councillor.
- 23rd March Council meeting, King's Lynn as your Borough Councillor.
- 28th March Council meeting, Norwich as your County Councillor.
- 29th March Walpole Highway Parish Council meeting as your Borough and County Councillor.
- 30th March Corporate Performance Panel meeting, King's Lynn as your Borough Councillor.

I have received phone calls and emails from constituents with concerns on many subjects, which I have dealt with in a timely manner.

Please contact me if I can help you in anyway, either as your Borough or County Councillor.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. ND had checked the defibrillator and it appears to have no faults at the moment but will check again next week.
- b. Queens Jubilee Celebrations – The initial meeting of the working party is on the 17th of March and RD will report back

CG had received a hand delivered letter raising points for the Parish Council to consider. However, as it was anonymous it cannot be discussed, except to state that most of the points raised are already being addressed by the Parish Council.

ND received an email from a parishioner which the raising the following issues:

- * The state of the pothole on Station Road North was getting worse. This will be reported yet again.
- * Parking on or near junctions, especially at school start and end times – Parish Council to ask the police to check.
- * HGVs are using Station Road and Little Holme Road to avoid the queues on the A17 approaching the Cross Keys Bridge works. There is a notice stating “unsuitable for HGV’s” on the A17 junction but this is only visible to HGV drivers once they have committed to turn into Station Road. It was suggested that a temporary sign is placed on the central reservation during the works. Parish Council to request from Highways. ACTION CB

RD has been asked about the situation with the milestone renovation and will contact a specialist who could take on the work involved. ACTION RD

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

11. CRIME & POLICE – none

12. HIGHWAYS –The trees and hedges along Sutton Road at the West end of the village have been severely cut back and this has broken down the Walpole Cross Keys sign which is completely missing. Also, the concrete posts marking the underground high voltage cables under the road have been flattened. ND to take photographs and report to Highways. ACTION ND

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – The ditch along Station Road has a large number of frogs and frog spawn.

14. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE – Confirmation that the “Walpole Mowing Man” has now been employed on a regular basis to maintain the gardens.

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND CLERK REPORTS

GC reported that the Power Fund has donated a small amount to a local club but declined a request for a very large sum to build a new village hall.

The Jephson Hall committee has decided not to install broadband access due to concerns regarding ongoing costs.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Renovation of the sign at the Railway Garden
- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Market Lane project update
- Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Village Roadside entry gates

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 19th April 2022 from 7.00pm at the Jephson Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.57 pm

NOTE. A closed meeting was held after the Parish Council Meeting was held to discuss the public sector pay rise and back dated pay for the Clerk and the interview of Mr. R. White for the vacancy of Parish Councillor. Mr. White was unanimously voted onto the Parish Council