



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 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 Gil Coates (GC), Borough Cllr Paul Kunes (PK) and Mrs Caroline Boyden (CB) Clerk.

One member of the public was in attendance.

1. **WELCOME** A formal welcome was given by the Chair, ND
2. **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS**
None
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Borough Cllr. Hazel Dobson and Cllr. G. Roberts.
4. **COUNCILLORS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
None
5. **MINUTES**
The updated minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday 20th of May 2020, having been previously distributed to all members, they were accepted as correct and signed. Proposed RD Seconded TR. Unanimously accepted.

MATTERS ARISING

a. Nothing new to report but TR mentioned that Jessica Nobbs had given the nod for Stinders re DIB which raised concerns to look into legal rights and solicitors had been contacted who thought there was a good case to take to court. PK stated that it was not illegal practice to access the pipes and TR raised that the planning document has not be adhered to as no consent from the homeowners has been given. PK raised the fact that water could not be separated, TR stated the need for legal consent and PK responded to go legal then.

ND stated that the legal aspect was something which the Parish Council could not take up but the relevant homeowners affected should. PK has discussed with the drainage board who confirmed that in their opinion, everything was okay and see no problem. GC stated that the original plans were to have a new pipe and PK said that there were rights to use the pipes as the go through their gardens. ND agreed with GC regarding piped should go under the road. PK raised the point that the sewage units were to be in the front gardens originally and then pipes were found going through the properties and they can use these.

TR raised the question of who would be liable if the pipes get blocked as no permission was granted by the homeowners for use? TR will talk to the owners concerned and advise them if they want to take it further. GC mentioned that all of Sutton Road would be affected if any blockage occurred and ND advised that Station Road and Sutton Road all go through small pipes. PK advised that the drainage board were happy with this.

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MD advised that the 26 new homes along Station Road with junction of Little Holme Road had no water coming out of the drainage pipe. ND has seen water there during the winter and TR mentioned that when the ditch level comes to the top and goes through the pipe, all the silt etc., will go through and cause a serious blockage.

RD stated that the Agenda from Borough Planning, 15th June, re agricultural land to gardens, stated "may adopt" the pipes. ND advised that the long ditch was very deep and owned by the landowner along with the pipe. GC advised that the dyke and pipe were approved by the landowner but not the bungalow owners had not given their permission.

TR to contact the bungalow owners and see if they wish to take the issue further. **ACTION TR**
ND mentioned that the last phase of the build now had a portaloo on site.

b. Replacement Noticeboard – CB advised that the insurance company were in the process of making the claim payment and it was decided to go ahead and order the replacement from the Noticeboard Company. Cost is £529 + VAT & magnets. Proposed TR and seconded RD. All in favour. CB to raise the order for delivery asap. **ACTION CB**

c. Waste Bins review – ND thanked all councillors for their input and had researched suggestions, getting down to 2 potential versions which were shown via screens share:

Broxap @ £189 + VAT and the Topsy Jubilee @ £294 + VAT.

After some discussion, it was decided to order 1 of the Topsy Jubilee – proposed by PB, seconded GC and all were in favour. PK mentioned that it would be a good idea to just check with Borough on the product chosen. **ACTION CB**

6. PLANNING MATTERS

No new applications or decisions to date, however the planning meeting on the 15th included the change of use from agricultural to garden proposal and it looked like being approved.

GC mentioned the 2 houses in front of TR's home regarding the reinstatement of the dykes. RD advised work took place today with a digger involved and Cllr Paul Kunes mentioned that a ditch must be installed along the front of the properties before occupation as it is still part of the latest approved plan. The front of the new homes had been tidied up.

Bimbos Ark and the garage still no decision. CB to chase. **ACTION CB**

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Statement of Account:

Current balance was £33,068.73 as at 31st May 2020 – confirmed to the Chair by sight of the bank statements.

a. Payments for authorisation:

- £ 14.39 Zoom May
- £ 60.40 HMRC May
- £241.72 Clerk May Salary
- £ 25.00 Clerk May expenses
- £ 96.00 Ewing Internal Audit

To make these payments proposed by ND seconded by RD , unanimously agreed.

b. Copy invoices had been sent out to all Councillors.

c. Internet Banking Policy was approved, proposed ND, seconded MD and unanimously agreed.

d. Completed AGAR forms discussed following the internal audit. proposed by ND and seconded by GC. Unanimously agreed.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

PK reported that nothing new locally. The crematorium reported an increase of 25% in May but had plenty of capacity and things now returning to normal along with cemeteries. The Borough had suffered an £800k loss of income from lack of parking monies which has given a very serious hit on the budget. There is some Government assistance but not enough and a new budget will be drawn up. "Spit guards" were being installed in taxi cabs via licensing department. The barriers in town to assist social distancing were working but difficult to maintain.

TR asked if there were local contamination rates, but they are only available as a Borough. PK advised he had been aware of 1 death locally.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

CB continues to send out all Covid19 information and update the website.

Councillors were asked to put ideas forward for the NCC partnership programme 21/22 and to be discussed at the July meeting. **ACTION ALL**

10. SPEED ACTIVATED MESSAGING (SAM2) SIGN

ND advised the unit has been moved last week to Station Road North and the following data was from 1-14 June: Average speed 32mph. Daily vehicles were 284 with a max speed of 50mph on the 1.6.20 at 05.50am. The previous 2 weeks in May has mph of 33.2, 314 daily traffic with max

speed of 60mph at 11.20am ! ND ran a site comparison from Dec 19 and average speed was 46mph, 469 daily traffic and max speed of 65mph on the 17.12.19 at 04.30am.

11. CRIME AND POLICE ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

TR reported that a person was taken away by the police 2-3 weeks ago. ND reported a police car chase last Sunday coming off the A17.

12. HIGHWAY ISSUES

The Give Way sign that is on the ground has been repaired. ND advised that Sutton Road had been resurfaced and the pothole has been reported again but requested that all councillors report it.

TR asked about the Market Lane survey and CB advised that nothing had been received as yet.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The free tree planting project was discussed, and possible sites included opposite the school, a hawthorn hedgerow on Station Road North, the Millennium Garden and to check on the highways agreement for trees on the gardens.

CB to obtain a list of available trees from County Councillor Squires.

ACTION CB

14. GARDENS

ND had again contacted Lee who is still unwell, and it was decided to give him further time to get well. GC mentioned that the Millennium Garden still desperately requires weeding and ND to obtain costs on this.

ACTION ND

PB raised the idea of putting some exercise equipment on the gardens for adults and children and will send information to all councillors.

ACTION PB

GC raised the question of the bench replacement on the railway garden. ND advised the quote by Lee was still current and will wait for further updates on his return to work.

15. REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Footway lighting update - the manufacturer information had been sent out by CB and CG thought this could be put forward for the Partnership project and our CIL monies.

The burying of rubble at the Stinders site had been reported but no response received to date.

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Ordinary Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 15th July 2020 at 7.30pm via online video/conference call.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm

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