



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 15th FEBRUARY 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 H. Dobson (HD), Cllr K. Hughes (KH), Cllr R. Dyble (RD)
Cllrs Julian Kirk (JK), Paul Kunes (PK)

One member 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**

Cllr Sandra Squires

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

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 18th January 2022, proposed GR, seconded RD and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- a. Flooding issues update – ND has not received any updates from the IDB and will continue to chase.
- b. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping, Station Road North – No update from Mick Bates, Enforcement at Borough and ND will chase. The dyke is in a disgraceful state with emails and photographs received from parishioners along with the building rubbish dumped on agricultural land. PK offered to look into this on our behalf. would continue to monitor the site. ACTION PK
- c. Market Lane update – JK advised that the funds from Cllr Squire are available (£3k) and he will pledge some of his funds from 22/23 budget. A decision on the £10k application should be advised within the next 2-3 weeks. This would then leave approximately £2-3k for us and the Walpoles.
- d. Housing situation & Neighbourhood Plan(NP) review – ND had had an online meeting with Stuart Ashworth & Michael Burton at Borough. It was stressed that policies are the most important part of the plan and ND to send a draft for them to check and advise further. We currently (Dec 21) have 465 residents over 18 years of age. ND has worked on policies and will be in a position to discuss at the March meeting. It was suggested that a separated online meeting could be held to give this project the time it requires. ACTION ND
- e. Emergency Plan – the clerk advised that following a training session, the parish council need to put an Emergency Plan in place which covers flooding, loss of power etc. Clerk to work on this for the next meeting. ACTION CB

6. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. New applications – received after the agenda was sent out:
None received.

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- b. Bimbos Ark and 15 Station Road ref: 21/02356/F was discussed again and our decision to object remains. ND met with the developer's agent on site who was looking for us to change our decision, but ND advised that the IDB do not own the ditch so could not approve a culvert. A query was raised regarding who actually does own the land that the ditch is on, and ND had sent details to Stuart Ashworth. TR proposed we stick to our original objection, seconded by RD, and unanimously accepted by all.
- c. Decisions – the change of use from B1 to B2 at the nursery has been approved.

7. FINANCAL MATTERS

To accept accounts:

- a. January bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation- acceptance proposed by ND, seconded by GR, and unanimously accepted. £27,018.09 in total.
 - b. Payments for February - proposed for payment GR, seconded GC, and unanimously accepted.
- ACTION CB

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS:

Report from Cllr Kunes -

The Co² reductions at Borough have almost been completed to a value of £4m which includes air and ground heat pumps, solar panels and electric vehicle charging points. The next phase is to move to electric vehicles, mowers, and equipment where possible.

Serco are struggling with the refuse collections due to shortage of HGV staff. The food waste bins are not being put out as much now. A new recruit is in place to move the fly-tipping initiative forward including a new electric vehicle which includes privately owned land. Many complaints have been received regarding the charges and, in certain locations, the attitude of staff.

Taxi licensing is under review to ensure fit and proper drivers are in place and the South Gates traffic project is going ahead. KH reported the increase in drunks in King's Lynn and this needs to be reported to the Borough for enforcement. Budget to go to full council next week.

Report from Cllr Kirk -

Levelling up continues and the latest is a Mayor for Norfolk but this is not supported or needed. A budget meeting is set for next Monday. Complaints had also been received regarding the Saddlebow refuse centre with rude staff and charge issues. This increases fly-tipping.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS

A committee will be put together to work on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with members of the Jephson Hall, WI, Parish Councils and hopefully schools. The first meeting will be on the 10th of March 7-8pm ideally with 2 members from each organisation. RD offered to represent the Parish Council. ACTION RD

10. SAM UPDATES – Due to be moved next week and reports to be sent to the clerk.

11. CRIME & POLICE – none

12. HIGHWAYS – PK & JK advised that items reported to the Rangers should be reported directly to NCC.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – The dark skies project and street lighting mentioned. PK advised the Borough had kits available for any litter picks and he could fund trees.

14. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE – The mini digger had completed the work required and RD & GC have already started planting. The Railway Garden requires some attention as the sign needs repairs and there is little depth to grow plants. The question was raised as to who actually owns the land.

The quote of £720.00 per year for the general maintenance including grass cutting, from the Walpole Mower Man, was discussed and acceptance proposed by ND, seconded TR and unanimously agreed. Clerk to contact and confirm acceptance. ACTION CB

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND CLERK REPORTS

The clerk advised that a new “guardian” has taken over checking of the defibrillator and reported a potential issue. ND to check before clerk reports the issue. ACTION ND

A quote had been received for the cost of wi-fi at the hall @ £24 per month and PK confirmed £150 from his fund would be available. The Hall need to apply for this as not available to the Parish Council.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Market Lane update
- Neighbourhood Plan review
- Flooding issues update from the IDB
- Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Emergency Plan

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 15th March 2022 from 7.00pm at the Jepson Hall.

The meeting closed at 20.54 pm