



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 17th of SEPTEMBER 2024 FROM 19.00 AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr N Dyble (ND), G. Coates (GC), Cllr G Roberts (GR), Cllr A Sylvester (AS) and Cllr T Roberts (TR).
County Councillor Julian Kirk, Borough Councillor Paul Kunes and Parish Clerk

NO members of the public were in attendance.
Open Session for Parishioners Questions: NONE

1. WELCOME – a formal welcome was given by the Chairman

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs R Dyble and R White.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

4. MINUTES

To approve the meeting minutes from the 16th of July 2024 proposed ND, seconded TR and unanimously accepted by all present at that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) – as per email sent out by the clerk, we can now prepare for Regulation 14. Clerk will be working with Collective Community to finalise the flyer, book the village hall etc.

b. New bus shelter by the memorial garden – clerk to ask Westcotec to quote and arrange an onsite meeting with ND. Highways to be advised. Benches for other shelters to be installed and RD to ask Rod. Posts for the noticeboard to be installed.

c. New dog bin on Low Road, ND will buy a treated fence post and install the bin.

d. Milestone update – due to start in October. The overgrown hedge needs cutting back and then a mini digger will dig out the milestone, re-set it with gravel surround and painted.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT: All three SAM units are working and data to be downloaded this week.

CLERKS REPORT: All policies and procedures were reviewed in August and updated on the website. The annual review of the website has taken place, and we are compliant with all regulations. Have been working on the NDP as item 5a. Gave information on the NCC recycling centre booking system from November 2024.

7. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Kunes – A number of recent road closures with crazy diversions have caused issues. A lot of changes anticipated on planning with the pressure to accept more applications. Solar farm/battery storage on the increase around the Walpoles. There is little environment work going on at Borough and Paul has asked questions regarding heat pumps and EV vehicles.

Cllr Kirk- A full council meeting next week but nothing major on the agenda. More SEN spaces/schools are needed. Taxi services taking children to school on the increase. The proposed elected leader has been quashed by the new Government. Concerns regarding funding for the QE hospital. Solar power addition to the newest SAM unit will be supported from the members fund.

8. FINANCE:

- a. Approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for July & August - £36,725.61 in the bank accounts to the 31st of August 24. Proposed ND, seconded GR and all in favour.
- b. To approve payments, to date, for September 24– proposed ND, seconded TR and all in favour.
- c. GC raised PAYE payments fluctuation and clerk to ask payroll provider. Also raised concerns that we are over budget on the current account and need to be aware of spending for the rest of the financial year.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. New applications: None.
- b. Decisions: 24/01095/F – Retention of car port at Rosecroft 9 Sutton Road Walpole Cross Keys application refused again.
- c. 21 Sutton Road development – delivery vehicle parking issue reported by AS but no response as yet. Concerns still raised on the use of the land at the back. ND has overlaid the plans and will send out details. **ACTION: ND/Clerk**

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Residents email regarding a dog biting incident on Low Road. Agreed very distressing.

11. To discuss Highways, Crime, Environment and Gardens

- a. Highways – ND to provide the clerk with the list of issues. **ACTION: ND/Clerk**
- b. Crime – none reported
- c. Environmental – TR raised a clearance on the former onion site which has caused loss of wild birds.
TR also mentioned EV charges to vehicles at home can have the electricity taken back from the vehicle.
AS advised that the Sutton Bridge Wombles has removed 23 bags of rubbish from our copse and all present gave their thanks.
- d. Gardens – GC advised that some work was not being undertaken and flowers were missing. Decided that a schedule of work required should be make available.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

GC advised that the Power Fund meeting tomorrow has been cancelled due to no applications. GC attended the RAF Sutton Bridge Memorial Service on the 1st of September, and it was well attended.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Neighbourhood Plan update
- New bus shelter on the memorial gardens
- Highways outstanding matters

The next Parish Meeting will be on the 15th of October 2024 from 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.32 pm

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WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Salary	£	303.06
HMRC	£	201.60
Walpole Mowing Man	£	70.00
SSE	£	45.21
Clerk Expenses August	£	26.00
Hall Hire	£	16.00
NBB Outdoors 2 benches	£	350.00
Gladstone – dog bin	£	220.08

Signature

Date