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# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

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

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: N. Dyble (ND), R. White (RW), G. Roberts (GR),  
G. Coates (GC), R. Dyble (RD), Anna Sylvester (AS) and T. Roberts (TR)

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 Dolby and Kirk. Parish Clerk
3. **COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none
4. **MINUTES**  
To approve the meeting minutes from the 19th of November 2024 proposed TR,  
seconded GR and unanimously accepted by all present at that meeting.
5. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - a. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) – ND gave an overview of a meeting with Collective Community Planning and the parish clerk to discuss the feedback from parishioners and statutory bodies. Some modifications to the proposed plan will be made available soon.
  - b. New bus shelter- Installation w/c 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
  - c. New dog bin on Low Road – still to be installed.
  - d. Milestone update – ND has arranged for a mini digger to lift the stone and reset it – planned for the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 25.
6. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

One of the SAM batteries is not charging correctly and may need to be replaced. The quote to convert the latest SAM unit to solar power is very expensive and may not be the best use of funds at this time. Reports from the signs will be available during week 52.

The defibrillator at Walkers Garage has had its regular check and is in full working order.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Continued work on the NDP and preparation of the second draft for the 25/26 budget/precept.

**7. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Cllrs Kunes & Squire – no reports**

**Cllr Kirk-** monthly report as sent out.

**8. FINANCE:**

- a. Approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for November – proposed RW, seconded RD and all in favour.
- b. To approve payments, to date, for December 24– proposed RW, seconded RD and all in favour.
- c. The second draft of the 25/26 budget discussed and it is clear that a precept increase is inevitable due to increases in all the Parish Council costs. Increases ranging from 10% to 25% were discussed at length. A compromise of 15% increase (equating to an average of .56pence per month for a band B property) was proposed by ND, seconded AS with 5 in favour and 2 against but to be finalised at the January 25 meeting when the clerk is present.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. New applications: 23/01127/RMM: reserved matters application for 16 dwellings at SE of 21 Sutton Road – the Parish Council will continue to object until all the points it raised in the original application have been addressed.
- b. Decisions: None

**10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. None

**11. To discuss Highways, Crime, Environment and Gardens**

- a. The Parish Council wish to thank Peter Davies for donating a Christmas Tree and Chris Baker and Rosie Dyble for installing and decorating it at the Millennium Garden.

**12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** - GC advised that the Sutton Bridge Power Fund has donated to Sutton Bridge Football Club, Sutton Bridge outdoor Bowls Club and the Sutton Bridge flower festival.

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

- Review the cost of electricity for the street lighting
- Bank Hubs
- Neighbourhood Plan update

**The next Parish Meeting will be on the 21st of January 2025 from 7pm**

The meeting closed at 20.31 pm

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WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2024

Salary	£	306.76	
HMRC	£	204.40	
Walpole Mowing Man	£	70.00	Standing Order
SSE	£	49.37	Direct Debit
Hall Hire	£	16.00	
NPTS New councillor training	£	52.00	
Clerk Expenses	£	48.95	

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Date .....