



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

MINUTES OF AN ORDINARY MEETING OF WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY THE 17th of JANUARY 2023 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr Nick Dyble (ND) Chair), Cllr T Roberts (TR), Cllr G. Coates (GC),
Cllr G Roberts (GR), Cllr R. Dyble (RD), Cllr R White (RW), Cllr Julian Kirk

No members 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**

Cllrs Squires, Kunes, Dobson, Sylvester and the clerk

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

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 15th of November 2022, proposed TR, seconded GR and unanimously accepted by all present.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- a. Waste Disposal and Fly Tipping, Station Road North – ND advised that more of the site had been cleared but not completely.
- b. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) review – The proposed survey was discussed and ND asked that all councillors email any comments to him by Friday 27th January, latest. If more discussion is needed, a zoom meeting will be arranged. The date and method of distribution will be finalised at the February PC meeting.
- c. Bus Shelter Repairs – ND has obtained estimates for the labour and a selection of materials for the replacement panels. It was agreed that all panels should be replaced with a green composite aluminium sheet except for two which will remain as windows. Approx. cost is £800. A more accurate cost to be discussed and agreed at the February PC meeting.
- d. Highways meeting – ND met with Andy Wallace and rove around the village. Repairs to roads and footpaths were discussed including the urgent road repairs to Station Road North and Sutton Road, the footpath along the west end of Sutton Road, replacement of the missing Walpole Cross Keys sign on Sutton Road and working with the IDB to install a culvert under Station Road. Andy will update us on these issues with the next 2-3 weeks.

6. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. New applications: None

b. Decisions:

22/01651/F | VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF PLANNING PERMISSION 19/00750/F: Demolition and reconstruction of end of terrace domestic dwelling following severe fire damage | Crown Cottage 116 Sutton Road Walpole Cross Keys KINGS LYNN Norfolk PE34 4HE – Application Permitted.

22/01841/F | Demolition of existing polytunnels and proposed extension to existing building along with proposed hardstanding. | West Holme Nursery 65 Station Road Walpole Cross Keys Norfolk PE34 4HB – Application Permitted.

c. No current appeals or enforcements.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- a. November & December 22 bank statements, payments, and bank reconciliation were accepted and proposed by GC, seconded by RD, and unanimously accepted. £45,232.03 as at the 31.12.22
- b. Payments for December 22 & January 23 - proposed for payment RD, seconded GC, and unanimously accepted.
- c. The Qtr.3 financial review was approved by RW, seconded GR and unanimously accepted. It was agreed that in future the CIL funds should be shown separately. ACTION Clerk
- d. The Budget and Precept 23/24 approved ND, seconded CC and unanimously accepted.

8. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllr Kirk - mentioned that he maybe able to help with the funding of the bus shelter repair. Maybe he could also help with the cost of the footpath repairs?

Grants for the King's Coronation events are now available up to £200. RD will find out if any events are planned in the village. ACTION RD

Cllrs Kunes -

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COUNCILLOR - PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Re:fit Work

Work on the re-fit program continues. Commercial solar power options are being considered and will be presented along with the Refit HLA work.

EV Charging

Five new electric car charging sites became operational just before Christmas; which are located at Gaywood Library, Lynnsport North car park, Chapel Street, Centre Point Fairstead in King's Lynn and also at Valentine Road, Hunstanton.

Two further sites are planned in the near future in King's Lynn and Burnham Market, which we hope will be operational by the second quarter of 2023.

In addition, once the contract has been finalised, the 4 Rapid Chargers at St James's car park, King's Lynn and Central car park, Hunstanton will be replaced with new units.

An additional EV charger point has been installed at South Beach car park, Heacham.

As well as the completed charging points, work is ongoing for a substation for the EV chargers planned for Austin Street East car park in King's Lynn.

Once completed, the charging points will enable 52 cars to be charged.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Following the provision of data, further meetings have taken place with the Energy Saving Trust, who are conducting a review of the Council's vehicle fleet, with a view to moving over to electrically powered vehicles where possible. This will take place over several years as older vehicles become due for renewal.

Solar Together

In terms of next steps, we have now completed the acceptance phase. All registrants have been sent their personal recommendation with a deadline of 25th November to decide if they wished to accept their offer. I am pleased to report that nearly 270 have accepted the offer for PV panels and/or battery storage.

I am delighted to say that across the county, King's Lynn's & West Norfolk recorded by far the largest number of registrations for the scheme.

Additional Work is almost completed on the data analysis for the next BCKLWN Carbon Audit. This will be completed by early Spring 2023.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Recycling and Refuse collection and Licensing.

Flood and Coastal erosion matters.

Cabinet Briefings

Budget briefings

CPP

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG)

Friends of the Earth, Klimate Concern

QEH Board of Governors

Kings Lynn Conservancy Board.

9. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Village Sign maintenance – TR and GR to do the repairs when the weather improves.

10. SAM UPDATES - The sign that is suspected of being faulty is still on test. Data will be downloaded and reports produced during the week commencing 30th of Jan 23.

11. CRIME & POLICE – none

12. HIGHWAYS – covered under 5d – visit of Andy Wallace

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – None

14. GARDENS AND MAINTENANCE – Andy Wallace mentioned that plastic marker posts are acceptable but no “solid” markers so close to the highway. Costs to be obtained.

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND CLERK REPORTS

CG advised that the next meeting of the power fund is due in March.

Clerk advised that the elections for Borough and Parish Councillors would taken place on the 4th of May and Borough should be sending out information early-mid March.

16. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Neighbourhood Plan – date and distribution of the survey.
- Bus Shelters repair
- Waste Disposal
- Highways meeting update

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 21st of February 2023 from 7.00pm.

The meeting closed at 20.41pm