



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 27th of FEBRUARY 2024 FROM 7.00PM AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllr N Dyble (ND), G. Coates (GC), Cllr G Roberts (GR), Cllr R White (RW),
Cllr Anna Sylvester (AS), and Cllr Trevor Roberts (TR).
County Councillor Julian Kirk

Four members of the public were in attendance.

Open Session for Parishioners Questions: when will the 30mph sign on Sutton Road be replaced. ND advised that this has been reported to highways and the more people who report it, the better. This will also be discussed under item 5b.

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

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Parish Clerk, illness

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

4. **MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 16th of January 2024 proposed GC, seconded RW and unanimously accepted by all present at that meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

a. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) – meeting held before this PC meeting to run through the proposed changes to the NP policies.

b. Highways meeting update – RW has been trying to organise an on-site meeting with Highways without response. ND will contact Highways and suggest a meeting at their office to confirm the list of items to be addressed and prioritise them. Cllr Kirk would like to be involved and may even be able to help with funding for some items. ACTION: ND/RW/JK

c. Biodiversity Policy, approved and proposed by TR, seconded AS and all in favour.

TR had delivered the bird boxes to those that asked for them. He is now collecting names of people interested in the hedgehog highway runs.

6. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The speed report from the SAM unit located near the school has not yet been downloaded but will be available on the website within the next week. GR will take the faulty unit to Westcotec on the 4th of March.

CLERKS REPORT: Working on the financial reviews and asset register for year end.

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

Cllr Kirk: Reported that the Borough Council meeting focussed on the financial plan. Rising costs in all areas are a concern. NCC are expected to make savings of £25m.

Nothing from Cllrs Kunes & Squire

8. FINANCE:

- a. Approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for January - £ 47,166.40 in the bank accounts to the 31st of January. Proposed RD, seconded RW and all in favour.
- b. To approve payments, to date, for February 24– proposed ND, seconded GR and all in favour.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. New applications: (received after the agenda was produced): None
- b. Decisions: None
- c. 16 Dwellings at former Onion Factory, Sutton Road – a general discussion was held on this as planning have completely ignored our comments regarding requirements for the development. Concerns about the disposal of asbestos have not been satisfactorily addressed and the site plan has been extended into agricultural land that has not been addressed correctly. A letter from the Parish Council will be composed and sent to the highest level possible demanding answers. Cllr Kirk will support as required. ACTION: ALL

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. Price increase from Mowing Man by £10 per month was approved as proposed TR, seconded GR and all in favour. The PC will send a note informing him and will ask for weeding of the gardens to be done as required to keep them tidy.
- b. Beat your Bills presentation from Borough – contact details of Jephson Hall passed on.
- c. Biodiversity net gains rules on all new builds covers the new legislation that planning now have to take into account.
- d. The Gypsy and Traveller consultation has no proposed sites in our parish.

11. To discuss Highways, Crime, Environment and Gardens

- a. Highways – as item 5b.
- b. Crimes – Follow up on the stolen post boxes required.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

None.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Neighbourhood Plan

DATE OF NEXT MEETING will be on the 19th of March 2024

The meeting closed at 20.32 pm

WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

Salary	£ 336.16	Standing Order
HMRC	£ 70.00	Standing Order
Walpole Mowing Man	£ 60.00	Standing Order
ECS SharePoint	£ 16.50	Direct Debit
SSE	£ 45.21	Direct Debit
Clerk Expenses January	£ 48.95	
Hall Hire	£ 16.00	
Scribe subscription	£ 179.57	

NDP PAYMENTS:

CCP	£ 9840.00
CCP	£ 720.00

Signature

Date