

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF WALCOTT

MINUTES of the Walcott Annual Parish Meeting held on **Monday, May 20th 2023, 6:30 pm**
at **Coastline Village Hall, Ostend Gap, Walcott**

Present: Pauline Porter, Keith Porter, Graham French, William Love, Peter Mills, Nicholas Lee

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1. Welcome by the Chairman of Walcott Parish Council, Pauline Porter

Cllr P Porter welcomed the public to the meeting

2. To consider and agree apologies for absence

None

3. To consider and agree the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd May 2023 were agreed and signed at the meeting

4. Update on matters arising from the meeting

None

5. Parish Council Reports

a. Parish Council Chairman's report

Cllr P Porter would like to publicly thank Steve, on behalf of the residents, for cutting the path from the Lighthouse a letter of thanks would be sent

b. Financial Report Walcott Parish Council

The Parish Council books are looking healthier this year. The full financial reports are available on the Parish Council Website

6. Village organisations and Other reports

a. North Norfolk District Council

The planning application for Ostend Road housing development has been agreed by NNDC

b. Norfolk County Council

None

c. Walcott Village Hall

Walcott Village Hall annual report. 2024

- The village hall has taken on a new secretary – Loraine Bidewell who has got to grips with the job enthusiastically.
- The bookings are now managed by John Paul with an online capability
- Bookings have been good throughout the year with all weekday evenings booked
- Charity events have been held to support Broadland First Responders and Street Vets and the community
- Increased the storage capacity by building a new shed
- The book swap continues to go from strength to strength with regular visitors and the feedback is supportive and positive from the users

- We have been actively trying to establish a recycling process for blister packs, working with Duncan Baker (MP). This has been raised with both the Health and Environment Secretaries and is an ongoing project.
- 2 very successful Warblers concerts have taken place resulting in generous donations to the village hall
- We have received £4000 grant from the landscaping project which will be used to develop the village hall
- There is an atmosphere of positivity from the community to support the village hall in its usage as seen by its popularity.
- Thanks go to committee for their part in the running of the Hall essential for its success.

d. Walcott Flood wardens (WEVA)

No report received. Cllr P Porter would pass the details of the contact at WEVA to the clerk

e. Walcott PC Church

f. Walcott Allotment Association

Walcott allotments

Little to say other than we have all 12.5 allotments rented and no waiting list. The half is the allotment where fruit trees were grown by the previous holder who has since died. I am in the process of removing the stumps and roots so it can be reused. We are plagued by rabbits breeding in the rough ground next door and deer so we are all taking measures to protect our allotments using whatever fencing material we can. One allotment renter has set part over to nature with a small pond which is proving very interesting with the tadpoles.

g. Coastline Village Residents Association

Coastline Village Residents Association no longer exist

h. MOD Police

None

i. Norfolk Police

None

7. Parishioners Open Forum

None

8. Any other business

Broadland First Responders

Another tremendous year. As a team of around 6 (it varies) we have attended 245 jobs in the last 12 months and been booked on for a total of 9584 hours. 24% have been cardiac arrests and a further 16% chest pains which are very similar. Interestingly we are now attending more falls calls (21%) with about half of us trained to use the razor chair to lift people from the ground. I have attended 23 jobs in Walcott and Bacton in the year and I guess that figure can be doubled for when I was not available and others in the team or Mario from Mundelsey attended.

Fund raising at the moment is to pay for the new generation of radio / phones some of the team carry called NMAs. They provide us with a better level of contact with control and a better sat nav capability. There is one lady living locally who I resuscitated recently who may owe her life to the NMA because it got me straight to her address rather than somewhere in the postcode area and she had stopped breathing. The crew were 10 minutes behind me.

Walcott Community Resilience

It has been a quieter year than last year.

On 15th May a gas pipe was fractured during construction work but was isolated and posed no threat to the community

There was a 'Flood Alert' in August that did not amount to much

The flood gates were closed several times during the year as a precaution. In November there was some 'slopping over', it was enough to temporarily cause the road to have 3 to 4 inches of water on it. The water quickly returned to the sea

5 Dec was the tenth anniversary of the 2013 storm surge. ITV Anglia came a few weeks prior and interviewed a few key people that were involved. The interviews made up an article dedicated to remembering the surge. The day of filming was a pleasant day spent reminiscing amongst ourselves. The program was produced very well and we were pleased with the final article.

9. Date of the Next Meeting - To be arranged

Meeting Closed 7.01