

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting for WALCOTT held on Monday 18th May 2009 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J Deakin, V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman), K Porter, K Reades, D Sanderson; in attendance Cllr P Morse (NCC) and 9 parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting with apologies from PCSO E Dack.

2. Chairman's Report – in the first of these reports T Love recalled how Walcott Parish Council had come into being on April 1st 2008, followed by elections in May at which five residents stood for council. At the inaugural meeting on May 13th the full Council was established in front of 23 members of the public and he was elected Chairman with Ray Teece as vice-Chairman. Martin Campbell assisted the Council as Clerk at the request of North Norfolk District Council. The Council took out the relevant insurance and proceeded to up-date notice boards, get extra dog bins and consider moving the village sign, improving the pond and creating allotments. The Chairman paid tribute to Ray Teece following his recent resignation. One of the main concerns was the provision of finance and by September a good settlement was achieved following discussions with Happisburgh Parish Council. The precept has now been set at £6500 for the current year so with allotment income the Council can move forward to improve the village. T Love thanked his fellow councillors for their good attendance and also Paul Morse, County Councillor, for his regular attendance. In closing the Chairman thanked the Clerk for his guidance and looked forward to achieving a bus shelter at the Coastline Village and serving the whole village of Walcott.

3. Other reports

3.1 Norfolk Police - in a written report PCSO E Dack advised that there had been one recent incident of criminal damage.

3.2 Walcott Village Hall - J Miller reported on the many uses of the hall which had put a strain on it so as to be in need of refurbishment. Works are in hand on the toilets and heating. Fund raising had been successful but she asked the Parish Council to consider supporting the work, and floated the idea of a porch being constructed. She asked that the hall be included in any website and concluded by saying that the committee will continue to strive to make the hall a desirable venue for the people of Walcott.

3.3 North Norfolk District Council - no report

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3.4 Norfolk County Council - Cllr P Morse identified the sirens as the main issue in Walcott and thought this will await the elections before progress resumes; he gave credit to WEVA for their commitment. He referred to highways issues he had been involved with as well as the need for a footpath in Walcott. He will stand again at the June election.

3.5 Walcott Emergency Volunteer Association - in her report S Andrews gave details of successful fund raising which had allowed the Association to purchase equipment to supplement the donated Jeep. A fun day is planned for August 9th, to be opened by Helen McDermott and a book about the recent flooding will soon be on sale. The association has built a good working relationship with the police whilst the relationship with NNDC is difficult.

3.6 Walcott PCC – P Knight reported on the recent damage to a church window causing services to be held at the Village Hall. The regular congregation of 25 is increasing, but funding continued to be a problem. The new Rector, Phil Wood has fitted in well and she closed by inviting villagers to come to services.

3.7 Coastline Village Residents Association - the Treasurer explained that their main purpose was social activities in the village and the running of the Coastline Village Hall.

3.8 Coastline Management Ltd - P Judge reported that the non-profitmaking company represents the 105 properties in the village on an equal basis. They maintain the lighting, roads and grass cutting. The annual budget is around £7000 and they own the Village Hall. They work hard to engender a community spirit for the benefit of all.

4. Open meeting

Discussion centred on a proposed bus shelter at the Coastline village and the Clerk explained the procedures involved. When the level of funding for the Parish Council was inquired about the Chairman and Clerk outlined the history of the start-up funding and precept. The current vacancy on the Parish Council was discussed and the process for filling this explained. The meeting closed at 19.50.

Signed Chairman

Date 2009