

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the WALCOTT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
held on Tuesday 4th May 2010 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J Deakin, V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman),
D Sanderson; in attendance PCSO J Hawes (p/time) and 2 parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting with apologies from K Porter, Cllr P Morse (NCC), PCSO E Dack.

2. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18.05.09 were taken as read.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Walcott Parish Council – T Love commented on the good attendance of his fellow members and the warmth of reception at the meetings held in the Coastline village. Whilst a key concern was the retention of sirens the Council had also worked to create an allotment garden, now fully occupied and continued to search for a bottle bank location to benefit Walcott. Developments at the Bacton gas site meant that the road through Walcott needed improvement and the Council is keen to install a bus shelter at the Coastline village. In conclusion T Love thanked Cllr Paul Morse for his assistance, the Clerk for his hard work and wished the next Chairman well.

4. Other reports

4.1 Norfolk Police - PCSO J Hawes joined the meeting and confirmed that although there had been four minor crimes over the past weeks Walcott enjoyed a low level of crime. She explained the police staffing of the coastline area and the work of the 'KIN' scheme which had local representation and targeted known trouble spots. Taking questions she acknowledged that local police surgeries would need to maximise advance publicity.

4.2 Walcott Village Hall – Jean Walker told the meeting that the hall had undergone extensive refurbishment, with work on the lobby and toilets, the new heating system, painting throughout and tidying up of the stage; grants from the previous and current parish councils had helped. Outside, the removal of the storage contained had improved the hall's appearance. She conclude by asking that the Parish Council consider support for future improvements which were replacing the front doors, tables and chairs.

4.3 North Norfolk District Council – no report

4.4 Norfolk County Council - in a written report Cllr Morse recorded his work in favour of retaining the coastal sirens and advocated the purchase of a modern replacement. He had arranged for the Environment Agency to visit so they could be aware of residents' concerns. He had supported WEVA and raised £960 for their funds on a charity walk. As well as helping Walcott residents on specific issues he supports the parish aim to have a bus shelter at the Coastline village and a footway on Ostend Road. He had concerns over increased road use for Bacton gas site projects, had started a 'blog' and said how much he enjoyed working with residents and the Parish Council.

4.5 Walcott Flood wardens – no report

4.6 Walcott PCC– no report

4.7 Coastline Village Residents Association– no report

5. Open meeting – there being no further discussion the meeting closed at 19.45.

Signed Chairman Date 2010