

# WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council  
held on Monday 20th July 2009 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present: V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman), K Porter, K Reades, D Sanderson; in attendance Cllrs L Walker (NNDC), P Morse (NCC) pt/time and 13 members of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting and took the opportunity to thank the Coastline villagers for the opportunity to hold the meeting here; apologies were received from J Deakin.

2. Declarations of interest – TL for items 6.4 and 8.

3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 18th May were approved, proposer PH, and signed. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 18th May 2009 were approved, proposer KP, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC, Highways matters – the Clerk read the Highways Engineer’s response to the items raised following the last meeting; he would advise them of carriageway subsidence between Walcott Hall and Walcott House, as well as flooding near to Whites Farm.

4.2 Walcott sea front issues; life buoy/blue flag - the Clerk read the responses received to the items raised following the last meeting. The Clerk would meet with PH to establish the preferred location for replacement steps; LW would ascertain the NNDC view on Blue Flag recognition in Walcott, and advise the Clerk.

5. Co-option of a member to fill the vacancy on the Council – the Council had received an application from Mr T M Brown and the Council approved his co-option, proposer PMcC, all in favour. Mr Brown made and signed his declaration of acceptance and joined the Council.

6. Planning

6.1 Appeal - Mr S Kinsey, removal of condition, Whites Farm (20081662) - the Clerk advised the Council of the appeal hearing on Aug 4<sup>th</sup> in Cromer.

6.2 Appeal - Dr M Goodliffe, new dwelling at Marigold, Poplar Drive (20081277) - the appeal was dismissed.

6.3 Walcott Village Hall, condensers (20090342) - permitted

6.4 T Love, conversion to holiday unit, Malthouse Barn, Coast Road (20090610) - on circulation.

6.5 LDF consultation - the Clerk had submitted a comment on the ‘Re-use of rural buildings’ consultation.

7. Finance

7.1 Internal Audit – this had been completed by Mr K Benford, the Annual Return had been submitted and the notice of electors’ rights posted.

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7.2 Alternative quotations for the Council's insurance – the Clerk had circulated the two alternatives and the Council decided to transfer the policy to Aviva for three years, proposer KP, all in favour.

7.3 The long-term financial needs of the Council – the Chairman set this in the context of the Council's aims and councillors would ask village groups to submit bids for their needs; known items are village hall (condensers and shelter), church, Coastline Village bus shelter. Discussion would continue at the next meeting.

7.4 The following payments were approved en bloc, proposer DS, all in favour:

- K Benford, Internal Audit	£25.00	(cheque 0013)
- Broker network Ltd, Aviva insurance premium	£266.97	(0014)

## 8. Allotments - *In the absence of the vice-Chairman K Porter took the chair for item 8.*

8.1 To agree and sign the Lease agreement with the landowner – this had been circulated to members and following a proposal from PH, all in favour DS and VG signed the agreement for the Council.

8.2 To confirm the allotment rents – following a proposal from DS, all in favour these were set at £15 and £10. A £15 cheque was passed to the Clerk for banking, there being just three allotments still vacant. VG advised that he had contacted Anglian Water for supply and would approach NNDC and Happing Partnership for grant funding.

## 9. Reports – *T Love continued in the chair, as Cllr PM (NCC) joined the meeting*

9.1 Clerk's report - the Clerk thanked the members who had delivered the Annual Report; he read the crime report from PCSO E Dack.

### 9.2 Members' reports -

TL asked for Coastline villagers' views on the need for a bus shelter for schoolchildren; this would be progressed with NCC with PM's assistance.

PH asked about the pond and TL advised that it could be further cleared leaving approx. 10% of the weed; also the area had been intended as an overspill car park for the Village Hall.

KP expressed his thanks to TL for the pond area work; he had heard that the sign could be made more visible; it would be turned slightly.

KP was concerned that the litter collections (NNDC) were sometimes not sufficient; Cllr LW would check with NNDC, and advise the Clerk.

PH raised the issue of keeping the area behind the fish/chips shop and a footpath clear.

In open session the Council heard of concerns that NNDC were vigilant on sea defences. Cllr PM talked about a sponsored walk (for WEVA) he is doing on 9.8.09; he gave the background to the impending decision by NCC (on 27.7.09) on the switching off of the sirens and was pessimistic about a satisfactory outcome.

The meeting closed at 21.15S.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: .....2009