

# WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 19th July 2010 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: T Brown, J Deakin (Chairman), V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love, K Porter;  
in attendance: Cllrs P Morse (NCC) [p/time] and 3 parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting and reported on the resignation of K Reades paying tribute to his commitment to the creation of the Council; apologies were received from D Sanderson. The Clerk explained the procedure, now in place, for the Councillor vacancy to be filled.

2. Declarations of interest – TL ref item 5; JD and PMcC as members of the Village Hall Committee.

3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved, proposer TB, all in favour; the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council also held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved, proposer TB, all in favour.

#### 4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC; highways matters – the Clerk read the reply from NCC about the removal of a lay-by and was asked to revert to NCC about a number of accidents recently which it was felt that the absence of a lay-by may have been a contributory factor; he read their comments about the provision of a grit bin near the Coastline Village.

4.2 Bus shelter proposal for Coastline Village – the Clerk read the latest advice from NCC about the ownership of the proposed site; he would follow this up.

4.3 Walcott bottle bank location – the Clerk had requested NNDC to consider moving the bottle bank and awaited their advice.

#### 5. Planning

5.1 Perenco, gas storage etc at gas site (2010/0141) - permitted

5.2 The Chimneys, Ostend Road, agricultural building notification (2010/0434) - permitted

5.3 Mr S Kinsey, carriage house, Whites Farm (2010/0494) - permitted

5.4 Mr Mrs Judge, change of use to gardens, Coastline Village (2010/0576) - permitted

5.5 ENI Hewett, pipelines, gas storage facilities (2010/0737) – the Council had no objection

*The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment and in its absence resumed the meeting.*

#### 6. Finance

6.1 Finance report - the Clerk advised that the Internal Audit had been completed with no points to bring to the Council's attention; he had submitted the Annual Return. A VAT refund had been received.

6.2 The following payments due were approved, proposer KP, all in favour:

- Broker Network, insurance renewal premium	£262.50	(cheque 0030)
- K Benford, Internal Audit fee	£25.00	(0031)
- Walcott Village Hall, hall hire	£10.00	(0032)

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- Break, annual report printing	£15.00	(0033)
- NNDC, dog bin charges	£494.91	(0034)
- Walcott Village Hall, hall hire	£20.00	(0035)

## 7. Reports

7.1 Allotments - TB thanked TL for the water supply and reported that he and VG had attended the meeting arranged by NNDC and felt the main message was that the parish council in its management role should arrange for satisfactory fencing and security of the allotments. He asked the Clerk to cost a DEFRA guide.

7.2 Clerk's report - he would be placing details of the NNDC Housing review on circulation for comment at the September meeting; also a NCC request for comment on traffic regulations in Walcott. The Clerk had attended a one-day seminar at Norwich with NALC. MP N Lamb had advised that his Walcott surgery would be on 03.09.10 at 2.30 pm outside the Village Hall. He reminded members that the next meeting would be on September 20<sup>th</sup> in the Coastline Village Hall.

7.3 Members' reports, including their recommendations for village developments/projects JD had attended a Standards meeting at NNDC and circulated her notes; an important message was the safeguarding of members and the Clerk in carrying out duties; also she suggested that the Council should meet their internal auditor.

TB raised the matter of householders dumping building rubble on the edge of their boundary; PMcC agreed to talk to the householders.

JD suggested that the Council should establish a website; KP and the Clerk would begin discussions.

PMcC relayed a message from the District councillor emphasising that the Shoreline management Plan was due for renewal in the autumn and the Council should ensure its voice was heard.

TL presented a map of potholes which the Clerk would pass on to NCC, advising them on the poor condition of the B1149; he gave prior notice of his application for wind turbines.

TB advised that NCC had conducted a pedestrian survey on Ostend Road.

JD read a letter from the Village Hall about notice boards; the Clerk would look at costs; she expanded on the Village hall plans to expand/develop and circulated her notes on the pros and cons.

Cllr PM for NCC commented on items covered during the meeting and referred to the NCC decision to 'switch off' the flood sirens. He asked to be copied in on the NCC Highways requests from the Council and advised that there may be some requirement for gas site companies to reinstate road damage in their agreements. NCC costs were expected to be cut by up to 25%.

In open session the Council heard that some village paths are difficult to access so the Clerk would contact NCC about this.

The meeting closed at 21.20.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date: .....2010