

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th March 2009 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J Deakin, V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman), K Reades,
D Sanderson, R Teece; in attendance P Morse (NCC) p/time and 3 parishioners

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting with apologies from K Porter, Cllr L Walker (NNDC).

2. Declarations of interest – TL for items 5.1 and 7.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 19th January 2009 were approved, proposer RT, all in favour. The minutes were signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC, Highways matters – JD and the Clerk had reviewed two possible sites to relocate the village sign which had been passed to NCC for comment, the Council preferring the pond-side one. TL advised that the closure of a lay-by was an on-going matter.

4.2 Noticeboard realignment – this had been completed with thanks to RT and DS.

4.3 Dog bin – this had been installed with thanks to RT and DS; the Clerk had arranged its inclusion on the weekly collection schedule.

4.4 Walcott sea front issues – NNDC Environmental Health had asked for times to better monitor the sea front for dog fouling and a reply was awaited from NNDC Coastal Protection about Ostend Gap.

4.5 Flood emergency issues – the Clerk read the reply from the police about the sirens and RT had attended a flood emergency meeting, which N Lamb MP attended but no outcomes were forthcoming.

5. Planning

5.1 Mr S Kinsey, removal of condition, Whites Farm (20081662) – the application had been refused.

5.2 Appeal - Dr M Goodliffe, new dwelling at Marigold, Poplar Drive (20081277) – a comment of ‘no objection’ with a minority view of a small flood risk had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

6. Finance

6.1 Report on the financial timetable – this had been circulated to members and members would advise the Clerk possible contacts for an Internal Auditor for 2009.

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

- NNDC, dog bin emptying	£305.50 *	(cheque 0005)
- HSBC Finance (Swintex dog bin)	£63.48 *	(0006)
- Clerk’s expenses (Jan-Feb)	£45.32	(0007)
- NNDC, parish council payments (2008)	£2393.37	(0008)

The cheques were signed (* prior to the meeting).

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The Chairman vacated the Chair to join the public for item 7. RT took the Chair.

7. To receive a proposal for the provision of allotments in Walcott – the Council heard an offer from T Love to provide fenced-off land (approx ½ acre) for allotments, next to The Old Manor House; an agreement would be drawn up allowing the Parish Council to lease the land for £35 pa; water may be accessible. The Council agreed to pursue the proposal, proposer DS, all in favour. A working party, comprising RT, VG, DS and P McC would be established to look at all aspects of the proposal, proposer RT, all in favour.

TL took over the Chair and adjourned the meeting for public comment.

Representatives from the Coastline Village Management Committee requested that the dog bin there be replaced as the existing one was now unserviceable. The Clerk would arrange for a replacement. There was comment that free parking on the seafront road made its use difficult at busy times.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk's report – the Clerk read the crime report from the PCSO; RT advised of vandalism along the seafront which appeared not to be recorded; the Clerk gave details of two future meetings if members wished to attend:

N Norfolk Business Forum - Trade Show - March 26th - Gresham's School, Holt
NNDC Area Forum - Tuesday 7th July - N Walsham area,
or Wednesday 8th July – Stalham Area

He gave the dates of future scheduled meetings:

Monday 18th May 2009 –

Annual Parish Meeting, and Annual Meeting of the Council, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Mondays July 20th, September 14th and November 16th 2009, January 18th, March 15th 2010

8.2 Members' reports – VG asked about an improvement in the footpath from the Rookery to the Lighthouse PH, and around the Church. There is a 'double bend' sign on the footpath.

In open session Cllr PM reported on his attendance at the meeting about sirens at County Hall; whilst an independent review of their need was sought, no definite conclusions emerged from the meeting and discussions would continue. He referred to the closed lay-by on the Stalham road giving the background to this; he would pursue the matter. He mentioned the need for a footway to Ostend village. TL reminded him that the national coastal path may impact any such plan. Cllr PM mentioned the local government review where more consultation is envisaged.

The meeting closed at 21.00.

Signed: Chairman

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