

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Monday 15th March 2010 in the Coastline Village Hall, Ostend, Walcott

Present: T Brown, J Deakin, V R Gardner, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman), K Reades, D Sanderson;
in attendance: Cllrs P Morse (NCC) and 3 parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting; apologies were received from P I Howard, K Porter, L Walker (NNDC), PCSO E Dack.

The meeting adjourned to hear a presentation by John Rintoul of Eni about the proposals for the Gas Storage Project in the off-shore 'Deborah' field, extending its useful life by about 40 years; this was the largest of the current projects and would run from 2010-2015, with construction facilities along the edge of the existing north-western fence line. After a short question session the Chairman thanked the speaker for attending.

2. Declarations of interest – none.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 18th January 2010 were approved, proposer TB, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC; highways matters – the Clerk reported on the reply from NCC requesting an appropriate time to carry out a pedestrian survey on Ostend Road. Consensus was that a good time would be 7.30-9.30 am. The proposal had been considered some years ago. The condition of the main road through Walcott was revisited.

4.2 Walcott sea front issues; lifebelt, groyne – nil further

4.3 Bus shelter proposal for Coastline Village – the Chairman advised that the Coastline Management did not recognize the NCC drawing so would provide the Clerk with their understanding, which would place the proposed siting on NCC land.

4.4 Walcott 'blue flag' status – nil further to report – item closed.

4.5 Walcott bottle bank location – TB advised that local business premises had declined to have the b/bank at their premises; the Clerk and VG would liaise to identify a possible alternative.

4.6 Retention of sirens – the Clerk had passed the Council's views to the co-ordinator for NCC and the government decision is awaited at the end of March.

5. Planning

5.1 Extension at 26 Ostend Place, Walcott (20091027)

5.2 Extensions at 3 Ostend Cottages, Ostend Road (20091117) – development permitted

5.3 Shell UK, buildings and water basin at gas site (2010/0039) – the Council had no objection.

5.4 Perenco, gas storage etc at gas site (2010/0141) – the Council had no objection.

5.5 Replacement s/s outbuilding, 1 Ostend Cottages (2010/0178) – the Council had no objection.

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5.6 Any other planning matters; Ostend Place – the Chairman advised that he awaited the house owner's contact to further discussion.

6. Finance

6.1 Financial report/payment due – the Clerk advised that he would complete the year-end accounts in April for the Annual meeting of the Council and make the VAT reclaim. The following payment due was approved, proposer TB, all in favour:

- Clerk's expenses (Sept 2009 – Feb 2010) £106.16 (cheque 0026)

7. Reports

7.1 Allotments; TB reported that a water tank was to be provided; 2010 allotment rents were due in April. The Clerk advised that there would be an allotments event arranged by NNDC on 08.07.10 in Cromer; VG and TB would attend.

7.2 Clerk's report; the Clerk read PCSO Dack's report and would express the Council's concern that the police 'surgery' was poorly advertised; he sought the council's guidance over complaints over un-adopted road damage by NNDC vehicles and would refer the matter to Cllr LW (NNDC) ;he offered spare copies of the NNDC parish councillor's toolkit which he had obtained. The Clerk advised that the future meetings would be:

(normally at 7.30 pm in Walcott Village Hall, except where indicated)

May 17th - Annual Parish Meeting (7.00 pm) followed by Annual Meeting of the Council

July 19th, September 20th (Coastline Village), November 15th 2010

January 17th 2011, March 21st 2011 (Coastline Village)

7.3 Members' reports; the Chairman and TB had attended the NNDC Pathfinder workshop and TL reported that there is a fund to preserve the coastal communities affected by coastal erosion, from which Happisburgh will be a significant benefactor to purchase properties at risk and create a 20 metre strip along the coast.

TB expressed his concern at the state of the notice board at the toilets; the Clerk would contact NNDC.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public comment and the Council heard that old iron groynes near Ostend gap were potentially dangerous; the Clerk would alert NNDC. The Council were asked to explain their award of funds to the Coastline Management committee.

Cllr PM (NCC) talked about local planning measures, the Norwich unitary option which NCC was now challenging and a visit by the EA to discuss sirens; he would ask the Clerk to circulate his notes. The meeting closed at 21.20.

Signed: Chairman

Date:2010