

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th October 2008 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J Deakin, V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman), K Porter,
K Reades, D Sanderson, R Teece;
in attendance Cllr P Morse and 1 member of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed those present to the Village Hall (the Coastline Village Hall had been unavailable at short notice), and received apologies for absence from Cllr L Walker (NNDC).

2. Declarations of interest – TL and VG ref items 6.1, as members of Happisburgh pc.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on September 1st 2008 were approved, proposer RT, all in favour. The minutes were signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NNDC matters – following the Clerk's letter to NNDC improvements were noted along the walk way above the defences, and the Walcott gap had been clearly re-lined. New signage was awaited.

4.2 NCC, Highways matters – the Clerk had arranged a meeting with NCC on 22/10 to cover outstanding points. In addition passing places for the 'Ostend loop', a dip in the road near Archibald Road and a pedestrian crossing on the seafront stretch would be covered.

4.3 Flood wardens – the Clerk had circulated the reply from NNDC and would invite a NNDC speaker to a future parish council meeting.

4.4 Communicating with the village – RT and the Clerk had met and a draft flyer was produced; JD offered to make design enhancements, KP offered to arrange printing and RT offered to arrange its distribution to all households. The precise quantity was uncertain.

4.5 Noticeboard realignment – this was in hand.

5. Planning

5.1 Dr M Goodliffe, new dwelling at Marigold, Poplar Drive (20081277) – the Council had no objection.

6. Finance

6.1 The financial agreement of September 8th at the NNDC offices – following a brief discussion in which the Chairman gave the Happisburgh pc perspective the Council agreed to ratify the agreement as set out in the NNDC letter of September 9th, proposer KP, all in favour. The Clerk would advise NNDC.

6.2 Budgets for 2008-2009 (up-dated) and 2009-2010 – the Clerk had circulated budgets in advance, using figures as agreed at the Sept 8th meeting (6.1); following discussion the budgets for both years were adopted, proposer KP, all in favour.

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6.3 Precept 2009-2010 – a recommendation was incorporated in the budgets proposed; the Council confirmed the recommendation and decided to set a precept of £6500, proposer RT, all in favour. The demand was signed, and KP thanked the Clerk for his work in setting out the financial position.

7. A Model Publication Scheme for Walcott Parish Council – this had been circulated to members and following a proposal by VG, was adopted by the Council, all in favour.

8. Refurbishment of the village sign – the Council discussed alternative locations for the sign and JD stressed its value and importance in the village; whilst it is in good order it's visibility could be improved. Members would explore other possible locations before considering a next step.

9. A permanent part-time Clerk for Walcott Parish Council – the Clerk had circulated details of the basis for employing a permanent p/time Clerk and this would be progressed by a small working party comprising the Chairman with KP, JD, RT and the Clerk. The Clerk would arrange a meeting, allowing a decision at the December meeting.

10. Reports

10.1 Clerk's report: he read a report from Cllr L Walker (NNDC) on jetskis, flood wardens, and the Key Individual network (KIN) initiative on crime and disorder;

NNDC were holding a coastal planning workshop on Nov 18th in Overstrand; RT would attend for the Council.

The next meeting would be on December 8th in Walcott Village Hall.

10.2 Members' reports –

RT referred to an article in the EDP on sea defences.

KP had investigated the possibility of a parish council website and would report further on this to the council. He asked the Clerk to circulate members' e-mail addresses.

In open session Cllr PM, who earlier had given the Council his perspective on the flood wardens concerns and associated issues, told the Council about NCC funds tied up in an Icelandic account; he said that he has regular meetings on highways issues with NCC officers and indicated that a request for a pedestrian crossing may wait a long time for even an initial investigation.

The meeting closed at 21.50.

Signed: Chairman

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