

# WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 1st September 2008 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 and 7 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed those present, and received apologies for absence from K Porter and Cllr P Morse (NCC).

2. Declarations of interest – TL and VG ref items 6.1, 6.2 as members of Happisburgh pc; TL ref items 4.3 on drainage and 8 as owner of the pond.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on July 21st 2008 were approved, proposer DS, all in favour. The minutes were signed.

#### 4. Matters arising

4.1 NNDC matters – the Clerk reported that a dog restriction sign had been replaced and that NNDC were investigating the Walcott gap ownership. He had also written to NNDC about the walk way above the defences.

4.2 NCC, Highways matters – NCC had advised that there were no plans to alter the 30 mph electric sign as it would be still appropriate when the 40 mph limit applies. The lines at the Happisburgh 'turn' were to be refreshed. The Clerk would raise highway condition issues with the engineer on his return from holiday.

4.3 Local maps (drainage/definitive) – no drainage map was available but a copy of the definitive map would be placed on circulation to members.

5. Planning – there were no applications for consideration.

#### 6. Finance

6.1 The apportionment of the Happisburgh pc precept for 2008-2009. NNDC had requested written guidance on the Council's view; following a proposal from the Chairman that the Council accept the NNDC proposal for paying Walcott pc 42.7% of the precept at the end of September 2008, this was agreed, all in favour. The Clerk would advise NNDC.

6.2 The apportionment of the Happisburgh pc reserves as at 01.04.08. NNDC had requested written guidance on the Council's view and following discussion the Council agreed that it would accept the NNDC recommendation that the proportion payable to Walcott pc should be based on population share, proposer PH, all in favour. The Clerk would advise NNDC.

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6.3 Payments – the insurance premium (cheque raised by NNDC) had been forwarded to Allianz and the dog bin charge had been put ‘on hold by NNDC. Following a mis-understanding with Allianz a further payment would be forwarded which would extend the cover to approx. 15 months.

7. Standing Orders for the Council - following a minor alteration to sections 1.1 and 1.2 these were adopted by the Council, proposer PH, all in favour.

8. To consider a pond clearing project – given his interest the Chairman asked RT to lead the discussion and JD explained how she felt the village would be improved with a tidying up of the pond. TL explained the effects of salination on the flora and fauna. The meeting was adjourned briefly to hear views from the public and flooding issues were aired. The meeting resumed with RT offering to tell parishioners about the new Council and ask for their views on wider issues for improving the village. The Clerk would work with him.

*The meeting was adjourned to hear about concerns of the flood wardens that new NNDC guidelines would reduce their efficiency and seek to curb their ability to work independently. The Clerk would write to the CEO, NNDC to express the Council’s concern.*

9. The Boundary Committee’s proposal for a Unitary Authority for Norfolk and N Suffolk – details of the proposal had been circulated to members and much had been written in the press. No formal view emerged from the discussion.

## 10. Reports

10.1 Clerk’s report – the Clerk confirmed his holiday dates; he would arrange for the Council to meet at the Coastline Village on October 20<sup>th</sup> and the December meeting was altered to the December 8<sup>th</sup>. He asked for a delegate to attend the Gas Site Environmental Liaison Group – PH would attend. JD agreed to attend the N Norfolk Communities Partnership meeting in N Walsham on Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. Flood warden training would take place on 24.09. He would place on circulation a Coastline village resident’s views on improving Walcott.

10.2 Members’ reports – PMcC asked the Clerk to contact NCC about flooding/drainage on the seafront road.

JD suggested that the village sign be refurbished – to next meeting’s agenda.

PH asked if the noticeboard should be more readable; DS and RT would seek to improve the fence alignment with PMcC’s agreement.

The meeting closed at 21.15.

Signed: ..... Chairman

Date:.....