

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 14th September 2009 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: T Brown, J Deakin, V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love (Chairman),
D Sanderson and 1 member of the public

1. The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting; apologies were received from K Porter and K Reades.

2. Declarations of interest – TL for item 5.2.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 20th July were approved, proposer TB, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC, Highways matters – these had been raised with NCC; the Clerk would follow up with NCC over the flooding around Whites Farm.

4.2 Walcott sea front issues; new steps - NNDC have undertaken to survey the beach and propose additional steps; the Clerk would ask for a handrail at Ostend Gap and if there should be instructions on the lifebelt at Walcott Gap. He would follow up with NNDC to see if 'blue flag' beach policy includes Walcott.

4.3 Bus shelter proposal for Coastline Village – TB reported on the site meeting with NCC and the Clerk; the need for a shelter had been registered with NCC and the Clerk would progress it while TB and PMcC agreed to carry out a passenger numbers survey.

4.4 Village litter collections – Cllr LW had confirmed that these are daily.

5. Planning

5.1 Appeal - Mr S Kinsey, removal of condition, Whites Farm (20081662) – granted with conditions; the Clerk would place the report on circulation.

5.2 T Love, conversion to holiday unit, Malthouse Barn, Coast Road (20090610)- the Council had no objection and the development had been permitted.

5.3 S/s extension at Cecilia, Coast Road (20090749) – the Council had no objection.

5.4 Lighthouse PH, continuation of car park (20090813) – the Council had no objection.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report - the Clerk advised that the External Audit had been completed, with no comment; the Completion Notice would be posted.

6.2 To further consider the long-term financial aims of the Council – the Council considered the application from the Village Hall Cttee, with other known items are village hall (shelter), church, Coastline Village bus shelter and water provision for the allotments. The Village Hall had received £1500 from the gas site. Discussion would continue at the next meeting, when the budget and precept for next year would be determined.

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6.3 The following payments were approved en bloc, proposer PMcC, all in favour:

- Mazars, audit fee	£138.00	(cheque 0015)
- Clerk's expenses (Mar-Aug)	£187.68	(0016)

7. Allotments

7.1 Provision of a water supply – VG advised that the Anglian Water estimate was £800 to join the main and that he had a quote for £695 to 'pipe and tap'. He estimated water consumption at £250 pa. Funding sources would need to be explored and the allotment holders would need to be consulted over their annual contribution.

7.2 The Clerk had met with DS and established a record system with audit trail; it was agreed that TB would be the member with responsibility for the allotments, which are now all in use. DS handed over a further £45 in rents and the Clerk would sign and provide agreement copies for each allotment holder. The Chairman advised that hedge planting was planned.

8. The Council's view on the NNDC bid to address the impact of coastal change – the Council heard the Clerk's initial letter of support to NNDC to meet their deadline and gave their endorsement of it.

9. Reports

9.1 Clerk's report – the Clerk advised of the Annual Parish and Town Conference at Cromer on 11.11.09; VG would attend. He advised his holiday dates.

9.2 Members' reports –

JD asked about the progress on the pond; the plan was revisited and the Chairman outlined the landscaping changes envisaged shortly.

TB reported that there was encroachment by a property in Ostend Place where emergency vehicles would turn; the Clerk would contact NNDC, copying in the Coastal Protection Engineer.

The Chairman asked PH and PMcC to attend the school consultation meeting on 16.09 covering proposed changes to Mundesley and Bacton schools.

The venues for future parish council meetings were discussed following the successful visit to the Coastline Village in July. In future the March and September meetings would be held there.

The meeting closed at 21.00

Signed: Chairman

Date:2009