

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 19th July 2010 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: T Brown, J Deakin (Chairman), V R Gardner, P I Howard, P McCarthy, T Love, K Porter;
in attendance: PCSO E Dack, Cllr P Morse (NCC) and 8 parishioners.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present to the meeting.
2. Declarations of interest – TL in respect of highways items as an interested party.
3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 19th July 2010 were approved, proposer PH, all in favour, and signed.
4. Matters arising
 - 4.1 NCC; highways matters - the Clerk read the replies from NCC about the lay-by, grit bin and footway survey; the grit bin would be left in abeyance.
 - 4.2 Bus shelter for Coastline Village – with ownership determined the Clerk was asked to progress a grant application with NCC.
 - 4.3 Village Hall noticeboard – the Clerk had identified some potential suppliers and the the Chairman with PMcC and the Clerk would review possibilities.
 - 4.4 NCC; footpaths – NCC had advised that scheduled cutting was in hand; however the Clerk was asked to prepare a map showing these paths for monitoring purposes.
 - 4.5 Coast path; ‘fly-tipping’ – P McC advised that the matter was closed satisfactorily.
5. Council organisation
 - 5.1 Vacancies on the Parish Council – JD reported on the resignation of D Sanderson. She thanked him for his contribution to the Council and with both vacancies advertised formally the Council could now co-opt. The clerk was asked to advertise the vacancies within the village including business premises.
 - 5.2 To elect a vice-Chairman – PH was proposed by PMcC and elected nemcon.
6. Planning
 - 6.1 Perenco, gas storage etc at gas site (2010/0141) - permitted
 - 6.2 ENI Hewett, pipelines, gas storage facilities (2010/0737) – the Council had no objection

The meeting was adjourned for public comment and the Council heard about congestion along the seafront in summer; speed limits were discussed. It was noted that school ‘pick-up’ points for children had changed. Coastline villagers sought advice as to how to improve their house numbering; PCSO E Dack reported on two recent crimes.

7. Finance

- 7.1 Financial report; the Clerk confirmed that the external audit had been completed with no significant comments; the Notice of Completion had been posted. KP proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for his work to complete the accounting year.

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7.2 Exceptional items for inclusion in the budget 2011-2012 – the Clerk asked members to alert him to items to be included in the 2011-12 budget for the November meeting.

7.3 The following payments due were approved, proposer KP, all in favour:

- Mazars, audit fee	£141.00	(cheque 0036)
- Clerk's expenses (Mar-Aug)	£205.79	(0037)

The cheques were signed

8. Matters for Council consideration

8.1 NNDC draft 'New Housing Strategy' – the Council discussed this and took the view that a serviced village like Walcott, with shops and schools nearby should be allowed development; support for young people and affordable housing should be encouraged.

8.2 Bacton pc submission on 'flood siren de-activation' – this was noted by the Council.

9. Reports

9.1 Allotments – in his report TB asked the Council to fund the painting of the water tank; this was agreed proposer PH, nemcon. The Clerk provided TB with a folder of allotment advice from 'RSI'.

9.2 Clerk's report – the Clerk advised that he had posted an advertisement for job opportunities during the 2011 Census; he had heard from NNDC that no sites in Walcott are affected by the NNDC decision not to contribute to verge grass cutting. He advised that there would be a short presentation (by Bacton Storage Co and Perenco) at the Bacton pc meeting in **October 11th (at 7.00 pm)** covering up-dates on the gas site projects including use of park-and-ride. He read the NCC letter on B1159 roadworks from 11.10.10.

9.3 Members' reports –

VG advised that NCC had said that footpaths were being checked.

PH asked about how to deal with unauthorised development.

KP gave an overview on the setting up of a parish council website and the council agreed to purchase two web names. He was working with the Clerk on the project and identified cost area as well as the need to consider data integrity, data protection, a logo and who has access. The next stage would be collect information for inclusion.

JD had received a request for additional steps to the beach and PH was in contact with NNDC over this.

In open session Cllr PM asked for a school governor at Happisburgh; he would bring round his division a new police inspector (Insp Dyson); NCC Highways are being re-organised. NCC's budget review would include a consultation exercise. There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30.

Signed: Chairman Date:2010