

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2017 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present: G French, C King, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom;
in attendance: Cllrs E Seward (NCC) Cllr L Walker (NNDC and 13 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from J Husselbee and P McCarthy

2. Declarations of interest – none

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on November 21st 2016 were approved, proposer KP, and signed;

4. Matters arising -

4.1 NCC - highways matters – the Clerk had passed on the items from the last meeting and awaited a response from NCC.

4.2 NNDC – following the request for the drains to be checked this had been done.

4.3 New seat – this was in hand, awaiting approval for its position, so the selection, then purchase can go ahead

4.4 Village sign – item deferred.

4.5 Emergency generator – KP briefed the Council on the present position which is to identify a suitable unit; the Clerk confirmed that NNDC had indicated that the grant should be used by July.

5. Planning

5.1 Mr Mrs Merritt, extensions, 2 Ostend Place, Walcott (16/1581) – the Council had no objection and the application has been permitted.

5.2 K & L Peatfield, extensions, Sealand, Coast road, Walcott (16/1248) – application permitted.

5.3 Other planning business - NNDC digitised applications – members had tried the NNDC site and the Council agreed that a minimum of five responses would be required for the Clerk to submit a response, so the Clerk would prepare amended Standing Orders for the Council's consideration at the March meeting. The new consultation procedure would begin on 1st April.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report – the ICO Registration had been renewed; a quarterly payment was due to HMRC for PAYE (items 6.2 and 6.3 refer).

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6.2 Amended bank standing order for January 2017 to reflect PAYE – the Clerk had prepared a letter to reduce the January standing order and this was agreed and signed.

6.3 The following payments due were approved, proposer GF, carried:

- HMRC, paye	£37.20	(cheque 0151)
- First Responder	£100.00	(0152)
- NNCT	£100.00	(0153)
- CAB	£100.00	(0154)
- SLCC, membership	£40.33	(0155)

The cheques were signed.

7. Reports

8.1 Allotments, Village Hall – no reports.

8.2 Clerk's report – He confirmed meeting dates for 2017 – (the APM would be on May 15th) **March 20th - May 15th - July 17th – September 11th [note change] - November 20th;** then January 15th and March 19th 2018. He passed a copy of the Walcott electronic files to the Chairman as at December 2016. The Clerk gave the Council a report on the Norfolk Constabulary briefing he had attended on January 9th, including Speedwatch, which would be on the next agenda. He advised that the next Coastal forum meeting would be Tues 28th March.

8.3 Chairman's and Members' reports (inc village developments and projects) –

PP advised that the coast roads drains had worked well on the 13/1 high tide event.

JR asked that the Council consider a donation to the Walcott Hangout Club at the next meeting.

PP asked that the dip in the coast road between the fish shop and Fisherman's Cottage be reported to NCC.

In open meeting Cllr ES (NCC) gave a short debrief on the 13/1 high tide event and thanked all those involved. He advised that there would be 'drop-in' events in the spring to tell people about the 'sandscaping' project. From the public there was strong concern over the effect of the ditch construction behind the village and the resulting risk to their homes. The Chairman and Clerk would seek to set up a meeting with the landowner to address the issues. GF kindly offered the cafe as a venue when closed. The history and depth of the pond was discussed.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed: Chairman

Date: March 2017