

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 17th July 2017 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J East, G French, J Husselbee, C King, T Love, P McCarthy K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom;
in attendance PC L Fitton (MODP), Cllr E Seward (NCC) [p/time], and four members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from Cllr L Walker (NNDC).
2. Declarations of interest – TL re footpaths.
3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 15th May 2017 were approved, proposer PMcC, and signed.
4. Matters arising
 - 4.1 NCC; highways matters – NCC had agreed to prioritise coastal villages in future to reduce the impact of alexanders and TL expanded on the issues, particularly identifying the B 1159 and Bullson Lane as uncut routes; Happisburgh pc had indicated that they were to manage some of their roadside maintenance and sought the Council's reaction. The Clerk would confirm that Walcott pc welcomes their decision.
 - 4.2 NCC; footpaths – members had seen the letter from Open Spaces and decided to take no further action. JE would advise the Clerk of two footpaths between Walcott and Witton that had become unusable. The Clerk would follow up with the Trails Officer about the coast path (glass etc).
 - 4.3 Village sign restoration – the Council were in receipt of three quotes. PMcC, JH and JE undertook to review them and come back to the Council with a recommendation for progression.
 - 4.4 New seat at Walcott Gap – this would be installed shortly and the members agreed the plaque wording.
5. Planning – no business
6. Finance
 - 6.1 Finance Report – the Clerk reported that he had submitted the Annual Return and posted 'transparency code' information on the Council's website. The Internal Audit report had been circulated and following that the latest current account balance was presented to the meeting (£38596). The first quarter payment to HMRC for 'paye' had been made.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation and PC Liam Fitton introduced himself and extended an invitation to Bacton Police station in August. On allotments the Clerk would write to one tenant whose uncultivated plot detracted from its neighbours.continued

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.....continued..... Cllr E Seward talked about the sandscaping project, the Vattenfall project and NCC finances. He heard of the Council's concern that the verge cutting programme was completely inadequate and in some case not carried out at all. He would talk to the highways engineer and come back to the Council, possibly with the schedule of works. He was asked about more of the 2nd-home council tax coming back to the areas affected including Walcott. Councillors indicated that there was wish to see the cost road drainage scheme extended towards Bacton. The meeting resumed.

6.2 Payment to connect the new generator – the Council had previously allocated £3000 for the project so approved the quotation for £2219.51 +vat, proposer JE, all agreed.

6.3 The following payments due were approved by the Council, proposer CK, all in favour:

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| - HMRC, paye | £163.60 | (cheque 0160) * |
| - Came & Company, insurance renewal | £334.86 | (0161) |
| - NNDC, dog bin emptying | £599.04 | (0162) |
| - NNDC, annual report printing | £40.80 | (0163) |

The cheques were signed. (* signed outside the meeting)

7. To approve an agreement between the Council and the proprietor of the Lighthouse PH –this had been circulated to members and the Clerk reported that the proprietor of the Lighthouse had given his support for the nature of the agreement and its contents. With an amendment to include third party insurance the Council agreed that it should be signed off by the Council and the proprietor of the Lighthouse, proposer GF, all agreed.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk's report - the Clerk had prepared the Annual Report and was grateful to PMcC and JR for their help in distributing them. The Clerk reported that there is another Vattenfall presentation in Happisburgh the next day; he gave Shell's brief note of gas site activity; he would circulate a letter from NNDC about Local Green space designations – for which he invited members suggest any such locations in Walcott. The Clerk asked members about their wishes to be circulated with some of the many emails sent to the Council/Clerk and the Clerk would be left to determine the appropriate ones to send on. The Clerk would place on circulation details of forthcoming training courses for members. The next meeting is on September 11th 2017 (*note earlier date*).

8.2 Member's reports (inc recommendations for village developments/projects)

PMcC had reported a water main leak on the coast road.

PMcC drew member's attention to a fund raising website for the sandscaping project and asked that this be an agenda item in September.

TL raised the issue of adequate parking at busy seasonal times – to September agenda.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 20.55

Signed: Chairman

Date: September 2017