

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 21st March 2016 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present: C King, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom, T Love;
in attendance: Cllrs E Seward (NCC) [p-time], L Walker (NNDC) [p-time]
and 7 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from J East, G French, J Husselbee and P McCarthy.
2. Declarations of interest – PP and KP in respect of tem 5.1 (Planning).
3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th January 2016 were approved, and signed, proposer CK, all in favour.
4. Matters arising
 - 4.1 NCC Highways – the Council was grateful to Cllr ES for his update and on speed checks – this had been identified as a priority for the next few weeks. The PCSO would advise results to the Council in due course.
 - 4.2 NCC - footpaths matters – nil further
 - 4.3 NNDC – environmental health/beach steps; NNDC were arranging a safety check on the steps.
 - 4.4 Village sign – nil further
 - 4.5 Generator at Lighthouse PH – pricing and product selection was progressing along with discussions with NNDC over grant guarantee once the product decision is taken.
 - 4.6 Coastal Protection update – village forum; PP and CK would be attending the new ‘local’ forum in Overstrand.

The meeting was adjourned to hear from County Cllr ES who covered the CAB developments including the prospect of an ‘out-reach’ office in Mundesley. District Councillors LW referred to the elections due, a children’s first-aid course, electing a mayor for the East, ward boundary review for the district, gas site sand-scaping and NNDC planning enforcement. In open meeting the Council heard a clarification about on-street parking responsibility. The meeting resumed.

5. Planning

- 5.1 Mr Mrs A Robinson, retention of dwelling, The Glen, Helena Road - Appeal (15/0503) – following input from members the Clerk gave details of the Council’s brief submission.
- 5.2 NNDC had indicated changes to the Planning process which would mean a degraded service for the parishes. He had protested to the NNDC and awaited a response. Its implementation would have cost implications for the Council if the Clerk is to provide the same service, which cannot be guaranteed. Members appreciated the need to contain costs, and Cllr LW would follow up the concern over document availability.

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6. Finance

6.1 Finance report (Pensions Regulations staging date) the Clerk had prepared the Council's letter to the Clerk which the Chairman signed. The Clerk would respond as appropriate, so the Council can then register formally its compliance.

6.2 To review the Council's awards and grants – details of recent year's awards had been circulated to members and the Council discussed the position. The Council would always be ready to hear from a community organisation serving Walcott which sought support.

6.3 To agree any payments in connection with the Lighthouse Generator project – PP advised the Council how the purchase was to be made, which might need a quick decision to acquire a second-hand generator. In the circumstances the Council agreed that it could purchase a generator for up to £8000, as long confirmation was received from NNDC that the amount in excess of the £3000 allocated by Walcott Parish Council was to be covered by their grant. Once installed the Council was agreed that its removal/loan could be authorised, in an emergency, by named (by title) members of the community or NNDC.

6.4 The following payments due were approved by the Council with all in favour:

- NNDC, elections 2015	£80.87	(cheque 0136)
- Clerk's expenses (Sep-Feb)	£178.40	(0137)

The cheques were signed. A second signature would be obtained by the Clerk.

7. To approve Financial Regulations for Walcott Parish Council – these had been prepared as per the Council's view at the last meeting and following a proposal by KP that they be adopted, all in favour, they were signed.

8. Reports

8.1 Allotments, Village Hall – no reports

8.2 Clerk's report – the Clerk had been in touch with the Ambulance Service and been given a box id for the defibrillator with the postcode which he had put on the box. Bacton pc had asked for support for the Bacton Multisports event; the Clerk would advise them that a small donation would forthcoming. The Clerk relayed the PCSO's report which included a priority of Bacton and Walcott over 'speeding'. The next meeting would be preceded by the APM which would be held at Walcott Village Hall on May 16th 2016 commencing at 7.00 pm.

8.3 Chairman's and Members' reports –

PP advised that she and TL had attended the Coastal Forum where environmental issues were discussed.

TL had attended a meeting on promotion of N Norfolk's Heritage coast.

CK raised the issue of street cleaning and how the Coastline Village could be included.

The meeting closed at 20.10

Signed: Chairman

Date: May 2016