

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2018 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present: G French, T Love, P McCarthy, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom
In attendance: Cllr E Seward (NCC), and 1 member of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from J Husselbee, C King and PC L Fitton (MODP).

2. Declarations of interest – none.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th November 2017 were approved, proposer JR, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC; highways matters – the Clerk had confirmed the Council’s strong support for the proposed drainage improvements on the coast road, and passed on the Council’s approach on verge cutting to NCC Highways. Cllr ES added that the financing of the coast road works was now under serious consideration. The Clerk was asked to establish the timetable for road works between Ostend Road and Walcott Gap.

4.2 NCC; footpaths – nil further

4.3 Village sign restoration – JH and PMcC had discussed the issue and with no recommendation the Council was minded to commission a new sign – the Clerk would advertise this proposal as necessary and contact could be made with a local school to see if there is interest in the design as a further option.

4.4 NNDC issues; sandscaping - the Clerk had confirmed the Council’s strong support for the proposed scheme, and read R Goodliffe’s note on the progress of the project.

5. Planning – no business

6. Finance

6.1 Finance Report – the Clerk advised that the VAT reclaim procedure was to change in 2018 and that the Information Commissioner had confirmed the Council’s registration. The latest bank statement was initialled by the Chairman.

6.2 The following payments due were approved by the Council with all in favour, proposer KP, all in favour:

- SLCC subscription (1/3)	£42.67	(cheque 0174)
- HMRC paye	£163.80	(0175)
- Coastline Residents, hall hire	£100.00	(0176)

The cheques were signed and the Clerk’s January payslip was initialled.

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7. Council Business

7.1 To consider a NNDC proposal to allow the Council to manage land on the coast road - the Clerk had circulated the outline proposal and the Council considered the suggestion regarding the land around the public toilets. There was no interest in furthering the proposal which the Clerk would relay to the NNDC.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk's report - Report – the Clerk passed over a disk of 2017 computer files for safe keeping by the Chairman. He would be attending a course on 'end of year' accounts in February. He would circulate a report from G Cooper, the first responder.

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

PP expressed her concern that dog bin lids were not resilient and it was appreciated that seaside locations lead to corrosion.

JR raised the NNDC offer of two 'vending sites' on the coast road – it was understood that NNDC would seek parish council input if and when there were applicants.

In open business Cllr ES talked about the sandscaping finance package and council tax on second homes not being passed on to local communities. HE indicated that NCC council tax would rise by 5.9% and for NNDC he suggested there would be a change in leadership.

Part 2 Business

– Clerk's contract (updating and review of terms) – the Clerk outlined the need to bring the Clerk's contract up-to-date and he placed on circulation the existing and a draft of its replacement. The contract and any changed detail can be agreed at the March meeting.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 20.10

Signed: Chairman

Date: March 2018