

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2018 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: G French, J Howell, C King, T Love, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom;
in attendance: Cllr E Seward (NCC) – [p/time] and two members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from J Husselbee, P McCarthy.
2. Declarations of interest – KP re item 6.4 payments.
3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th September 2018 were approved and signed, proposer GF.
4. Matters arising
 - 4.1 NCC; highways matters – NCC had advised that the SAM sign had been checked. The Chairman updated the Council on the coast road closure arrangements.
 - 4.2 NCC; footpaths – nil further
 - 4.3 Village sign restoration – the Clerk now had a contact in NNDC for approval to place the sign on the seafront footway .
 - 4.4 NNDC issues – nil further

The meeting was adjourned to allow Cllr E Seward (NCC) to report and he advised that the landscaping project planning application is due at the end of November and that tendering was in progress; the project would commence in the Spring. New drain gulleys were scheduled for next year and he advised that NCC was busy planning their budgets, expecting to increase Council Tax by 2.99%. In general discussion the irregular bus service was lamented and it was suggested that the Coasthopper should extend to Walcott in school holidays to maximise use of their resources. The meeting resumed.

5. Planning – the Clerk relayed the details of the Planning Inspectorate meeting in King's Lynn on the Norfolk Vanguard project.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance Report - in his report the Clerk advised that the precept (second half) had been received -Income item £4256 (£3839 precept, £417 grant). NN Community transport had requested funding support which would be placed on the January agenda. Pensions Re-enrolment will be required. The recent bank statements were initialled.

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6.2 To review the budgets for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 – these had been circulated to members in advance and were discussed. Following a proposal from KP the budget was accepted, all in favour.

6.3 To determine the Council's precept for 2019-2020 – the Council resolved to set the 2019-2020 precept at £7967, proposer TL all in favour. This would maintain income in line with inflation. The Demand was signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

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

- K Porter, reimburse website domain name renewal	£12.99	(cheque 0188)
- Info Commissioner, registration	£40.00	(0189)
- Erpingham w/Calthorpe pc, training contribution	£40.62	(0190)
- NNDC, dog bin collections	£617.76	(0191)
- Clerk's pay (Oct, Nov)	£251.86, £251.66	SO's

The cheques were signed.

7. Reports

7.1 Clerk's report – the Clerk read the latest gas site info from Shell. The Clerk reviewed the two PTS training sessions recently arranged (PP and KP attending GDPR training), for which certificates had been issued. He asked members to consider how the Council should be externally supported next year (NALC/PTS).

7.2 Member's reports (inc recommendations for village developments/projects)
PP referred to the recent 'dog in sea' incident and additional lifesaving equipment.
GF advised that the webcam is now operating (magicseaweed.com)
KP updated the Council about the website.

TL referred to the groyne erosion, resulting in dangerous sharp objects appearing.
In open session it was reported that the beach info sign at Walcott Gap had disappeared.

Part 2

The public were excluded from this part of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed: Chairman Date: January 2019