

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Virtual Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 15th March 2021

Present: J Howell, T Love, K Porter, P Porter (Chair), J Ransom;
in attendance: Cllrs E Seward (NCC), and two members of the public

1. In the Chair, Mrs Porter welcomed all those present. The Clerk advised the Council that Eric Hardy who last attended a Council meeting in July 2020 had disqualified himself as a parish councillor through non-attendance, commencing on September 14th 2020. He would advise NNDC. The vacancy has no effect on the by-election to be held on May 6th.

2. Declarations of interest – PP re payments, item 5.3.

3. The Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on January 18th 2021, proposer JR, all agreed.

3.1 Matters arising: NNDC - no further advice from NNDC re Walcott Gap restrictions

4. Planning

4.1 17 Seaview Crescent, extension (21/0396) – the Council had no objection to the application.

5. Finance

5.1 Finance report – the Clerk confirmed that HSBC was in the process of talking to bank signatories prior to account change.

5.2 To approve the appointment of Orchard Accountancy replace the existing payroll service; following advice previously given the Council agreed to make the change, proposer PP, all agreed; and further agreed to the issue of standing order amendment letters to the bank to ensure reconciliation at the year-end.

5.3 The Council approved en bloc the following payments due, proposer TL, all agreed:

- NNCT, grant	£100.00	(cheque 0241)
- Stalham 1 st Responders, grant	£200.00	(0242)
- P Porter, Christmas tree lights	£165.45	(0243)
- Clerk's expenses (Sep-Feb)	£132.69	(0244)
- HMRC, paye	£179.20	(0245)
- Norfolk PTS, subscription	£85.34	(0246)
- Norfolk ALC	£198.01	(0247)
- Clerk's payslips [Feb, Mar]	£265.20, £265.00	SO's

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6. To consider the date/format of the Annual Parish Meeting 2021

The Clerk advised that the APM must be held between March 1st and June 1st, and can be Virtual if held before May 6th under current legislation. The Council wished to resume face-to-face meetings as soon as possible but agreed under a different format the APM was to be held on **April 26th 2021**.

7. Reports

7.1 Members' Reports

TL remarked on the poor road surfaces following the winter effect.

KP advised that he had responded to a website comment.

JR was concerned over speeding traffic on the coast road whilst restrictions have reduced the number of cars parked there. (this item for APM and future agenda)

PP advised that the Village Hall committee wished to review the location of the parish council notice board; the Clerk would check its position and liaise with them.

7.2 Clerk's Report - no report but asks that Council allow carry-over of 1 week's leave to next year, which was agreed.

8. To resolve to adjourn the meeting to allow all members of the public to leave; and allow the Council to deliberate in private session, the business to be discussed containing sensitive information – proposed by KP, all agreed.

PART 2 Business.

9. To discuss and resolve items associated with the provision of public car parking in Walcott – the Council discussed a number of issues associated with the aim to provide the car park amenity in Walcott and determined the next negotiating position, appointment of legal representation and a revised composition of the working party (PP, TL, KP and JR). The Council's guiding principles were the provision of a much needed amenity, no long-term financial encumbrance for the Council, whilst ensuring the Council obtained value for money. The Clerk was given instructions to progress the project.

With no other business the meeting closed at 20.15

Signed: Chairman Date: 2021