

# WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the WALCOTT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 as a VIRTUAL meeting

Present: Chair: Cllr P Porter, Cllrs J Ransom, J Howell, K Porter, with Cllr E Seward (NCC), Cllr C Stockton (NNDC), PC J Taylor (MODP) and three members of the public

1. Mrs Porter welcomed all present and delivered her introduction –

I would like to welcome you to Walcott's Annual Parish Meeting. This will be a short report due to time constraints.

On behalf of the Parish Council I would like to thank you all for helping your neighbours and each other throughout the pandemic. Frenchie and Julian need singling out for choosing to close their establishments to help discourage people from visiting the village. Nigel at the shop also deserves a mention for doing his utmost to source necessities and for his service and that of all his staff.

The floor is now yours, please hold up your hand if you wish to speak.

2. Open Meeting -

The discussion focussed on covid issues, car parking, traffic volumes, the defibrillator and dog theft.

Cllrs Stockton and Seward fielded questions relating to NNDC and NCC issues, including parking controls and covid concerns, particularly as both would have an impact as the summer season progresses. The missing sanitiser station would be investigated.

On parish council matters the car park project was explained and the condition of the defibrillator would be addressed. The Clerk thanked Cllr Seward for all his help during his tenure as county councillor.

PC Taylor introduced himself and advised that he had a role as liaison with the community.

George Cooper reported on the first responders work in Walcott (see report below)

The meeting closed at 19.40.

Signed: .....  
Chair of the Parish Council

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Appended report:

## **Community First Responder report for Walcott Parish Meeting.**

Thank you once again for supporting the Stalham and Smallburgh First Responders, who are all volunteers and support the Ambulance Service. We make ourselves available by text from home and if and when a call comes into Ambulance control for a cat 1 or 2 response (where a blue lighted ambulance is responding), we are called out to the scene. We can be on scene for anything from 2 minutes to an hour normally depending on the pressure on the ambulance service. There are 10 of us now in the group which is the largest in Norfolk and the vast majority of the kit we carry has to be self-funded including petrol and phones so the Parish Council contribution is gratefully received. We provide first aid at events in this area including Worstead Festival which has been our main source of funding, but, as you can imagine that all dried up in 2020 and we were not eligible for any grants.

The last year has been interesting with a drop in the numbers of calls to the ambulance service and therefore to us because of covid but to compensate some of us are now trained to drive the ambulances and act a second crew member if required. We were also loaned an ambulance car and crewed by our volunteers, who did shifts and could be positioned anywhere in the county where required. Some of us are now falls trained so we respond to reports to these calls where people are reported on the ground, and in the majority of situations have the patient back on their feet within a very short period of time thereby avoiding the long wait for an ambulance crew to attend.

I personally attended 97 calls within 7 miles of Walcott over the year committing just over 2000 hours with 17 of those in Walcott covering the spectrum of resuscitation, strokes, heart attacks, some covid and other related issues. Oddly the busiest months were October and November for me. I think it would be fair to add another third to these numbers when my colleagues attended when I was not booked on. My gut feeling is we are in for a very busy summer !!