

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th January 2012 in the Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J Deakin (Chairman), V R Gardner, P I Howard, D Mason, C Mead, M Rosendale;
in attendance: Cllrs P Morse (NCC) p/time and L Walker (NNDC) p/time and 4
members of the public.

1. The Chairman, J Deakin, welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from P McCarthy, K Porter, J Seber and PCSO E Dack.

2. Declarations of interest – none

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from members of the public, particularly in respect of item 8 (Recent flooding). She asked Cllr PM to reflect on the lessons learnt by different agencies following the events of November 27/28. He clarified misconceptions particularly in respect of drainage at the seafront. The event was revisited and discussed. In his report Cllr PM also referred to the NCC 'better broadband' campaign and his sponsored walk on 15/7 to support WEVA. The meeting resumed.

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st November 2011 were approved, proposer PH, all in favour, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC; highways matters –The Council awaits NCC thoughts on how improvements in road safety etc can be achieved.

4.2 NCC; footpaths matters - the Clerk had placed on circulation the new NCC policy.

4.3 Community Speedwatch scheme – the Clerk had posted notices seeking volunteers; neither he or DM had received any contact. JD indicated that she would volunteer.

4.4 NNDC; overflow ditch link to the sea; the Clerk read the reassuring reply from the NNDC Coastal Engineer.

4.5 Coastline village bus shelter – the Clerk advised that this was scheduled for installation in late February.

5. Planning – JD briefed the Council on a recent meeting in N Walsham about an application for a Park-and-Ride from N Walsham to the gas site. N Walsham TC and some parishes had objected so the Council were keen to monitor the progress of the application.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from members of the public and there was concern expressed over the impact of any such schemes as well as the likelihood of their extended use over many years. The meeting resumed.

6. Finance

6.1 To receive a financial report; the N Walsham CAB had sent a note of thanks for the donation made at the last meeting; the Clerk had circulated to members a request from

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NWACTA for support of their Dial-a-Ride and other services; the Council wished to have more information and Walcott usage figures before committing themselves.

6.2 The following payments due were approved en bloc, proposer VG, all in favour:

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| - SLCC annual subscription (25%) | £30.75 | (cheque 0065) |
| - Clerk's website costs | £91.78 | (0066) |

The cheques were signed.

7. Review of Standing Orders for Walcott Parish Council – the Clerk had placed these on circulation and the Council considered arrangements for meetings; in the absence of three members and objections from some attending, the Council decided to maintain Monday as the meeting evening; however the starting time would be brought forward to 7.00 pm. The Clerk would amend the Standing Orders and bring them to the next meeting for adoption.

8. To consider recent flooding events and actions needed by the Parish Council – this item had been fully covered in the adjournment. However the Council heard that the forthcoming NNDC Scrutiny Committee meeting at Cromer would be discussing the incident with input from the Environment Agency, and an opportunity for parish councillors to speak. JD and DM would attend.

9. Reports-

9.1 Allotments - VG advised that there had been some weather damage to sheds.

9.2 Clerk's report – the Clerk confirmed the meeting dates for 2012 (all starting at 7.00 pm)

March 19th 2012 (Coastline Village) **May 21st 2012** (inc APM)

July 16th 2012 **September 17th 2012** (Coastline Village) **November 19th 2012**

He outlined the work undertaken to restore the recent change to the website provider and sought comment from the members; one area not covered was allotments so this would be included. The Clerk passed a computer disk of all 2011 Council computer work to the Chairman as a back-up. He then read the short crime report from PCSO E Dack.

9.3 Members' reports (inc recommendations for village developments/projects)

DM asked about the feasibility of having floral displays along the seafront.

CM asked about HGV parking on the seafront footway; the Chairman recounted the incident of a lorry parking on the seafront overnight.

MR asked about the Natural England initiative to complete the coastal path; the Chairman updated the Council on a recent meeting; further information would be sought as the project progresses.

PH asked the Clerk follow up on the re-instatement *pro tem* of the yellow lines along the seafront in advance of any suggested changes.

In open session the Council heard that the parking lines at Walcott Gap were confusing; the Clerk would contact NCC or NNDC as appropriate about this. The meeting closed at 20.40.

Signed: Chairman Date: 2012