

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Monday 16th July 2012 in the Coastline Village Hall, Ostend, Walcott

Present: J Deakin (Chairman), V Gardner, P I Howard, D Mason, P McCarthy, K Porter, P Porter, M Rosendale, J Seber;
in attendance: Cllrs P Morse (NCC) [p/time] and 1 member of the public.

1. The Chairman, J Deakin, welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. Declarations of interest - none

3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 21st May 2012 were approved, proposer KP, all in favour, and signed. The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st May 2012 were approved, proposer KP, all in favour, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC; highways matters – the Clerk had been advised that the Seafront parking markings were to be reviewed and the off-road drainage checked, by NNDC, following recent highways work.

4.2 NCC; footpaths matters – the Clerk advised that new guidance had been received from NCC and this would be circulated.

4.3 Community Speedwatch scheme – DM advised that he had passed the names of prospective volunteers to the PCSO and awaited her response.

4.4 Annual Report – this had been produced and members were in the process of distributing it to all households.

4.5 Walcott seafront – NNDC had advised that work would be done to repair the seafront wall; also that Ostend Gap was further down the list for future repairs.

In a short adjournment of the meeting Cllr P Morse talked about highways issues and the seafront. He referred to the saved bus service and that his recent charity walk had raised over £2000. In open discussion the Council heard about the need for clearer signs on the path to the church to discourage walkers from using the road; improvement of the path was one of the Council's aims but the Clerk would ask NCC if better finger posting can be provided.

5. Planning

5.1 T Love, removal of planning permission conditions at The Malthouse Farm (2012/0703) – the Council had no objection.

6. Finance

6.1 Financial report - the Clerk advised that the Internal Audit had been completed and that the Annual Return had been submitted to Mazars. He had received a letter of thanks from NWACTA for the Council's donation. He had made a funding application to Shell UK's Community Fund.

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

- NNDC, dog bin collection	£683.28	(cheque 0072)
- NALC, conference fee	£30.00	(0073)
- NNDC, annual report printing	£40.80	(0074)
- K Benford, internal audit fee	£25.00	(0075)
- Broker Network Ltd, annual insurance premium	£277.55	(0076)
- Clerk's website work (Jan-Jun)	£48.44	(0077)

The cheques were signed.

7. Localism Act 2011 - new Code of Conduct; a draft had been circulated to members being the code adopted by NNDC. The Council agreed to adopt this format, proposer VG, all in favour. The Clerk would provide a copy for each member. The Clerk distributed 'Members' Interests' forms provided by the NNDC Monitoring Officer which were required to be completed by members and returned to PMcC so the Clerk could forward them to NNDC.

8. To consider improvements of amenities in the village –

In a general discussion Council members identified a number of areas where the Council could consider improvements. The Clerk would place an item on the September agenda to allow the Council to begin to review and prioritise the suggestions made:

- + The path to the church
- + New seafront parish council notice board
- + Seafront seat (in remembrance of Neville the postman); the Clerk would make enquiries with the Post Office in N Walsham
- + Improved village entry signs (eg welcome to Walcott – please drive slowly)
- + Pond enhancement (duck house)
- + Street lighting
- + Seafront sign post
- + Footway observance signs (motor bikes)

9. Reports

9.1 Allotments – no report

9.2 Clerk's report – nil further

9.3 Members' reports (inc village developments and projects)

DM asked the Clerk to report to NCC an unpassable path from Ostend Corner to Mill Common Lane.

JS asked about the frequency of meetings which was discussed recognising that additional meetings can be called if circumstances demand it.

JD and JS had attended a NALC meeting at How Hill which focussed on endangered local flora.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman announced that, as she was in the process of moving home, she was resigning from the Council effective immediately. Members thanked Jan Deakin for her support of the Council; the Clerk would advise NNDC. The meeting closed at 20.25.

Signed: Chairman Date: 2012