

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th September 2012 in The Lighthouse Inn, Walcott

Present: V Gardner, D Mason, P McCarthy, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), M Rosendale, J Seber; in attendance: Cllrs P Morse (NCC) [p/time] and 6 members of the public.

1. The out-going Chairman, Jan Deakin, welcomed all those present to the meeting. She announced the resignation of P Howard, for which the Clerk would notify NNDC. Apologies were received from Cllr L Walker (NNDC).

2. Election of Chairman of Walcott Parish Council; JD asked for nominations and Pauline Porter was nominated by PMcC, seconded by JS. PP was elected Chairman nemcon. She made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the chair.

3. Declarations of interest - none

4. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 16th July 2012 were approved, proposer PMcC, all in favour, and signed.

5. Matters arising

5.1 NCC; highways matters – nil further

5.2 NCC; footpaths matters – the Clerk had circulated the new NCC policy and gave the feedback from them on the two paths raised with them in July. The new finger post is awaited.

5.3 Community Speedwatch scheme – nil further

5.4 Code of Conduct and Members' Interests forms – the Clerk distributed the new Code of conduct to each member and advised that he had forwarded Interests Forms to NNDC at Cromer.

5.5 Walcott seafront – the Clerk read the note about current work from NNDC.

6. To consider the co-option of a member to fill the vacancy on the Council – the Clerk advised that there had been no demand for an election and that the Council had received two applications of interest. After deliberation the Council agreed to co-opt Mr T Love; the Clerk would contact him to arrange completion of the necessary paperwork, including his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

7. Planning

7.1 Miss M Webdale, retention of garden shed, Ivy Cottage, St Helen's Road (2012/0771) – the Council had objected to the application with written comment.

7.2 D & J Love, conversion from agricultural to residential at Walcott Hall (2012/0794) – the Council supported the application.

7.3 T Love, removal of planning permission conditions at The Malthouse Farm (2012/0703) – permission granted.

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The Chairman adjourned the meeting to hear from members of the public and the process of consultation on planning applications was explained, particularly where there is a link to other applications. Highways matters were also raised which the Clerk would alert NCC to as Cllr PM was to have a site visit shortly, namely pools of water outside Malthouse Farm and the need to improve the access to Helena Road. Parking issues were aired and the Clerk was asked to establish from NNDC if there could be any provision for monitoring/enforcement at busy times.

8. Finance

8.1 Finance report:

The Clerk confirmed that a grant from Shell had been received amounting to the nett cost of the bus shelter; also NNDC had reconsidered charging an additional amount for dog bin collections in the current year and made a refund of £138.53 which the Clerk had banked. Given recent resignations there is a need for two new bank signatories and it was agreed that these would be PP and DM. The Clerk had renewed the website domain names for two years, the cost being within his expenses claim.

8.2 The following payments due were approved, proposer KP, all in favour:

- Clerk's expenses (Mar-Aug)	£270.73	(cheque 0078)
- Coastline Village Residents Assoc, room hire	£20.00	(0079)

The cheques were signed.

9. Improvements of amenities in the village, establishing priorities; the previous minutes listed the current thought of members and these were revisited –

- + The path to the church
- + Street lighting
- + New seafront parish council notice board
- + Seafront sign post
- + Seafront seat (for 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)
- + Footway observance signs (motor bikes)

The Council asked the Clerk to progress the purchase of a new seat and notice board. He would work with PMcC and KP on these and an information sign, village sign restoration and the possibility of a village name change to Walcott-on-Sea. In addition the Clerk would ask NCC if there are an adequate number of 30 mph repeater signs.

10. Reports

10.1 Allotments – nil further

10.2 Clerk's report – NNDC had invited parishes to attend the new Coastal Issues Forum the Clerk would place details on circulation; he advised his holiday dates.

10.3 Members' reports (inc village developments and projects)

PP and KP had visited the NNDC 'Greenbuild' exhibition and would place details/leaflets on circulation.

PP was keen that the council ask NNDC to provide a speaker about how the Council can support residents.

KP asked the Clerk to see how he can be readmitted as a website administrator.

The meeting closed at 20.30.

Signed: Chairman Date:November 2012