

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council

held on Monday 18th March 2013 in the Coastline Village Hall, Ostend, Walcott

Present: V Gardner, J Husselbee, T Love, D Mason, P McCarthy, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), M Rosendale; in attendance Shell representatives, NNDC representatives and PCSO E Dack (p/time) and 5 members of the public.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present including the members of the public, with apologies received from J Seber, Cllr P Morse (NCC) and Cllr L Walker (NNDC).

The meeting was adjourned for a briefing from, firstly, Shell who advised about long vehicles using the Coast Road on four occasions this year commencing in April; there will be temporary rolling road closures as the police-escorted convoy travels at 5 mph. Homes would receive a leaflet drop and the Council would continue to liaise with Shell. It was suggested that an early morning route through Walcott might be least disruptive. The Chairman thanked the speakers for coming to the meeting.

A second presentation was from the NNDC Coastal Team; B Farrow gave a briefing on current coastal management issues and work in progress from Weybourne to Cart Gap. The whole frontage in Walcott is maintained by NNDC including the apron. Weather affects the sand levels which are gradually reducing. Safety issues on the apron and poor drainage from the seafront road were aired.

R Goodliffe talked about the Shoreline Management Plan, Coastal Community Meeting, Marine Conservation zones and ongoing Coastal Studies which would lead to feedback to and working with parish councils. He referred to the Coastal Path, an EA initiative. The Chairman thanked the speakers for coming to the meeting.

PCSO E Dack gave brief report including the latest crime statistics for Walcott since January. The meeting resumed.

2. Declarations of interest – TL re planning items 5.2, 5.3

3. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 21st January 2013 were approved, proposer KP, all in favour, and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC, highways matters – the Clerk relayed the reply from NCC about highways issues raised following the last meeting; a further highway item on Coast Road had been passed to NCC and acknowledged for action. In his note of apology Cllr PM (NCC) had asked that the Council formalise their wishes for improvements on the seafront; the council reviewed current issues including access, bus stops, parking, and passing places.

4.2 NCC, footpaths matters – nil further

4.3 Walcott seafront – the Clerk had relayed the request to NNDC from a member for the ‘dog restriction’ notice to be replaced at Walcott Gap, which had been acknowledged; also NNDC were aware of the missing waste bin which they expect to replace before the end of April. The new noticeboard had been ordered and the new seat was awaiting a ‘street furniture’ approval from NCC as it emerged that it would be on ‘highways’ land. The Clerk was in touch with the Post Office regarding appropriate wording on the brass plaque. There was no further information on quotes from the last meeting for the sign. TL offered to

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repair the dog waste bin at Ostend Gap. NNDC had been asked to provide a dog waste warning sign for that location.

5. Planning

5.1 Incatarn Ltd, front porch, Barrington Farm, Rookery Farm Road (12/1412) – development permitted.

5.2 Walcott Farms, notification for agricultural building (13/0083) – development may proceed.

5.3 Walcott farms, notification of extension/alterations to farm buildings (13/0121) – development may proceed.

5.4 Mr Mrs Starkings, s/storey replacement dwelling at Medwyn, 4 Ostend Gap (12/1439) – development permitted.

5.5 D & J Love, conversion of agricultural buildings to two dwellings, Walcott Hall (13/0219) - the Council had no objection

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report – feedback from the gas site PR would suggest that some financial support for the seafront may be forthcoming. PAYE was to go on to real-time input so would be another change for the Council.

6.2 The following payments due were approved, proposer PP, all in favour:

- Grant to N Norfolk Community Transport	£75.00	(cheque 0083)
- Grant to Norfolk CAB, N Walsham	£100.00	(0084)
- Clerk expenses (Sep-Feb)	£198.54	(0085)
- Clerk's additional hours	£25.54	(0086)
- HMRC income tax due	£17.80	(0087)

The cheques were signed.

The meeting was adjourned for public comment; in the absence of any issues the meeting resumed.

7. Reports

7.1 Allotments – no report

7.2 Walcott Civil Contingencies Co-ordination – PP reported that photo-ids were being sought from NNDC and the group planned to build a 'key' core within the village.

7.3 Clerk's report; He advised there was a new programme of training for councillors if any members wished to attend. The Clerk advised that NNDC wished to send out an 'ENERGY BOX' to Walcott and after further explanation it was agreed that this should be held by PP. The **Annual Parish Meeting** would be held on **May 20th 2013 at 7.00 pm** followed by the **Annual Meeting of the Council**.

7.4 Members' reports (inc village developments and projects)

The Council heard about the defibrillator on the toilet wall, which would be publicised on the noticeboard and website.

DM reported on the Family Fun day at the Lighthouse PH on June 2nd, with many stalls expected to participate. The meeting closed at 20.55.

Signed: Chairman Date:May 2013