

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 18th May 2015 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present:

J East, G French, T Love, P McCarthy, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman), J Ransom, M Rosendale and 7 members of the public.

In attendance [part-time]: Cllrs E Seward (NCC), L Walker (NNDC), PCSO E Dack and colleague.

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present including the members of the public. Apologies were received from J Husselbee.

2. Procedural items:

2.1 Election of Chairman – P Porter was proposed as Chairman by TL, seconded by KP, and duly elected.

2.2 The Chairman and members completed and made their Declarations of Acceptance, and completed their dispensation forms.

2.3 Election of vice-Chairman – T Love was proposed by PMcC and duly elected, all in favour.

2.4 The Council agreed representatives for:

Allotments: JH

Village Hall Cttee: KP, JE

Gas Site Liaison Cttee: PP

3. Declarations of interest - none

4. Finance

4.1 To adopt the Accounts for 2014-2015; the accounts were reviewed and agreed, proposer PMcC, all in favour, and signed.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for public participation and the Council heard about HM Coastguard's raft race in October to raise money for Scotty's Little Soldiers and Lets Do It Anyway charities. The raft race is over three days covering 54 miles ending in Norwich on 4/10. The HM Coastguard representatives suggested a fund raising Fun Day in Walcott and with an enthusiastic response from members of the Parish Council discussions would begin and the Clerk would place the item on the July agenda to facilitate any decision or formality. The meeting resumed.

4.2 To approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Return 2015; these were reviewed and agreed, proposer GF, all in favour, and signed.

4.3 To review and approve the Budget for 2015-2016; this was reviewed and agreed, proposer MR, all in favour,

4.4 Ms R Calvert was appointed Internal Auditor for 2015, proposer KP, all in favour,

4.5 The Clerk was re-appointed Responsible Financial Officer, proposer KP, all in favour,

4.6 The following payments due were approved en bloc, proposer GF, all in favour:

- NALC subscription	£144.86	(cheque 0124)
- Glasdon, dog bin	£100.80	(0125)

The cheques were signed. The Clerk asked for a new bank signatory and it was agreed that GF would take that on. The Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

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5. The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on March 16th 2015 were approved, and signed, proposer GF, all in favour.

6. Matters arising

6.1 NCC; highways matters – the Clerk had alerted NCC to items for the Ranger team; he read the NCC reply about road edge cutting following an enquiry from a member, and would ask NCC to consider an earlier cut in future years.

6.2 NCC; footpaths – nil further

6.3 Village sign restoration – the Clerk had been in touch with one possible restorer; however the suggested artist in Happisburgh was fully committed. It was agreed to re-site the sign and await next autumn for its restoration. Quotes would continue to be sought.

6.4 Community Resilience generator project – KP advised that the application for funding had been submitted and a response was due shortly. The July agenda would include the item to allow any further decisions to be taken.

7. Planning

7.1 D & J Love, barn conversion to six dwellings, Walcott Hall (15/0386) – the Council had no objection.

7.2 Mr Mrs A Robinson, retention of replacement building, The Glen, Helena Road (15/0503) – the Council had no objection.

8. Reports

8.1 Clerk's report – In his report the Clerk read the latest information from Shell for the Gas site. The Precept (first half) had been received and he had banked £165 from allotment rents. He advised that he had forwarded accounts for 3 years to a N Walsham resident under the FOI act.

8.2 Chairman's and Members' reports (inc. village developments and projects)

JE raised the issue of vehicles using the beach.

PP indicated that NNDC were able to appoint voluntary dog wardens where dog fouling is an issue.

The meeting closed at 21.10.

Signed: Chairman

Date: July 2015