WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2015 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present:
J East, T Love, P McCarthy, K Porter, P Porter (Chairman),M Rosendale and 4 members of the public.
In attendance [part-time]: Cllrs E Seward (NCC), L Walker (NNDC).

1. The Chairman welcomed all those present including the members of the public. Apologies were received from G French, J Husselbee and J Ransom.

2. Declarations of interest – TL re footpaths.

3. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, proposer KP, and the First Meeting of the Parish Council, proposer PMcC, held on Monday 18th May 2015 were approved, all in favour and signed.

4. Matters arising

4.1 NCC; highways matters – the Clerk read the reply from NCC about verge cutting in future. The Clerk advised that Kier were requesting some form of traffic management to improve their access to Helena Road and St Helen's Road. The next meeting would revisit the options around the coast road parking and other issues.

4.2 NCC; footpaths matters – nil further

4.3 Village sign – the Clerk had a contact with a possible restorer in Mundesley and would follow this up.

5. Planning

5.1 Detached garage, Low Barn, Walcott Green (15/0773) (14/0020) – the Council had no objection and the application had been permitted.

5.2 Mr D Garrett, extension, 5 Council Houses, Ostend Road, (Notification 15/0727) – permission not required.

6. Finance

6.1 Finance report – the Clerk confirmed that the Internal Audit had been completed satisfactorily and the Annual Return had been submitted on time. The Internal Audit report would be circulated to members for consideration at the September meeting. Following some confusion at HSBC the Clerk had now submitted the new signatory information and awaited further advice. In the meantime his complaint to HSBC had resulted in a goodwill payment of £50 to the Council. The annual insurance quotation included a 3-year option for a lower premium and the Council agreed to take advantage of it.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation and Cllr ES explained the proposed new relationship between the CAB and NCC/NNDC. He referred to the importance of the local recycling centres and stressed the budget constraints which the NCC had to address. Cllr LW mentioned the BEST scheme which NNDC was administering. Comment from the public stressed the value of the Village Hall and the Coastline Village Hall. The meeting resumed.

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6.2 To consider a request for support from the Village Hall Committee; PP read the letter from the Chairman of the Committee and the Council discussed a number of options, recognising the importance of both halls as important amenities in Walcott. Financial issues were explored and the Council felt they needed further information on the Village Hall funding situation. The Clerk read a report from KP on the latest Village Hall committee meeting. The Council was clear in its aims to support the Village Hall, maintain liaison with the committee, attempt to hold at least some Council meetings there each year and to review any future plans for the Hall where the Council can add support. In the meantime the Council agreed to pay the Village hall insurance premium (£473) and the Clerk was asked to prepare a cheque for the September meeting. JE and KP would attend the next Village Hall committee meeting.

6.3 The following payments due were approved en bloc, proposer TL, all in favour:

- NNDC, annual report printing	£ 40.80	(cheque 0126)
- R Calvert, Internal Audit fee	£35.00	(0127)
- Broker Network Ltd, insurance premium	£307.63	(0128)

The cheques were signed.

7. Community Projects

7.1 To agree the Council's support for the HM Coastguard's Fun Day – members (PP, KP and GF) would be active at the event on August 2nd. No financial support was envisaged.

7.2 To receive an update on the Lighthouse Generator project – the application for funding had been deferred until the September round when it was hoped more information would be available.

7.3 To confirm the Council's representatives for the NNDC/Mott MacDonald project – information on the project had been circulated to members and it was agreed that PP and PMcC would attend a liaison meeting with the team.

8. Reports

8.1 Allotments – the Clerk had received an enquiry about an allotment which he had passed on to Tom Brown.

Village Hall – see 6.2

8.2 Clerk's report – the Clerk had prepared the Annual report and with thanks to PMcC this had now been distributed. He read Shell's monthly update of gas site information.

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

PP raised the issue of inadequate dog bin provision which would be revisited at a future meeting.

KP asked for any website items to be passed to him.

JE raised the issue of private land maintenance (*) which the Clerk would follow up with NNDC.

The meeting closed at 20.45 and members visited the location mentioned above (*).

Signed: .... Chairman Date: .... September 2015