

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Cllrs. B Landale (Chairman), L Acton, B Beckham, Mrs E Carter, Mrs E Meath Baker, N Morter, Mrs K Richardson,
and: County Councillor Dr M Strong (with her husband), PC J Pegden (SNT Wells), and six members of the public

Meeting of the Parish Council on
Wednesday 5 July 2017 at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

A member of the public raised concern about a proposed power cut on 19 July when UK Power Networks would upgrade power lines and poles on Scarborough. She was greatly concerned that not everyone in the village had been notified although she understood that the power cut would affect the entire village. A further concern was the impact on businesses which would be without electricity between 9 am and 12 noon.

E Meath Baker reported that the manager of the Farms Shop had communicated this concern to UKPN and it was believed that a special team would be used to carry out a 'live fix' in order to avoid cutting the power.

The Clerk was asked to clarify the situation with UKPN (Clair Rees said that she would scan the notice with the contact details and send it to the Clerk and the County Councillor).

Concern was also raised about the emergency road closure of the High Street by Anglian Water. The signs were at Barsham stating that the road was closed from 4 July. Although the signage included a notice stating 'businesses open as usual' it was not clear where the closure was and as a result people did not drive to Walsingham.

Another member of the public asked for an ATM machine in the village and suggested that the Anglicans and Catholics could organise this to allow pilgrims, visitors and residents get cash to support local businesses. The Chairman indicated that this request would be taken to the WDG.

Problems with the Mobile Post Office were raised again. A laminated A4 notice had been put up on the telegraph pole near the stopping place on Guild Street stating the there would be no post office on 27 June because the van was being serviced. However it had not appeared the following week either. K Richardson reported that the PO van would be off the road until 18 July. (Clair Rees said that she would scan the notice and forward to NCCllr M Strong who wished to follow this up).

A request was made by a member of the public to have a slide for younger children on the Recreation Ground as the existing one was only accessible by a rope ladder.

MINUTES

Welcome

- 1) **Apologies** from G Brooks, Mrs S Landale, D Simmons, J Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman) and District Councillor T Fitzpatrick were accepted.
- 2) **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None.
- 3) Items of **urgent business**. None.
- 4) **Police matters**
 - a) Police report: 1 x attempted theft, 1 x anti-social behaviour and 9 calls (including one from the Clerk regarding travellers parked on the Village Hall car park following the Primary School Fete. (The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the travellers and they had moved their vehicles so that he could lock the gate.)
 - b) During August PC Pegden and PC Ashley Grant (Traveller Liaison Officer) would be in Walsingham and would hold surgeries in the Village during the mornings 10 – 31 August. A dedicated crew would also be in Walsingham 24/7 during that period. An article would be in News and Views (due out beginning of August) informing the public of the police support and the numbers to call if problems arose – 101 (non-emergency), 999 (emergency).

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- c) K Richardson pointed out that travellers were coming every weekend and some of them caused problems (e.g. some of the kids shop-lifting). She advised local businesses that they could also call Mgr John Armitage at the Catholic Shrine to assist with problems with travellers.
- 5) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 24 May were approved and signed as a true record.
- 6) **Matters arising not otherwise on the agenda**
- a) It was noted that the Royal British Legion have asked for permission to carry out a street collection for the poppy appeal between 28 October and 11 November 2017. The Parish Council had no objection.
- 7) **Report from the County Councillor**
- Congratulations on getting the grant for *Open Spaces for All* from NNDC Big Society Fund.
 - Parish Partnership Scheme running again this year (50/50 shared costs for highway improvements between County and Parish Councils).
 - Libraries – source of useful information for long-term illnesses
 - Fire Protection and Trading Standards recommend that items are registered when bought to facilitate recalls of faulty equipments.
 - Further projected savings have to be made. Adult social services has never met its target. The County Council needs to approach the government which is withholding monies.
 - Potholes and other highways defects can be reported online
<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>
 - Cherry Tree corner – road improvements / traffic management – immediately went on the long list and is now number 10 – a roundabout to be built further back and in conjunction with the development on the opposite side of the A148.
 - *Write on Norfolk* – story competition for 5 -15 year olds over the summer:
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/campaigns/raising-learners/write-on-norfolk>
- 8) **Report from the District Councillor:** not present.
- 9) **Highways**
- a) **Items to report:** none
- 10) **Traffic Management**
- a) **SAM2:** to go to Hindringham Road next.
- 11) **Litter bins**
- a) It was agreed to purchase 2 litter bins (locations to be confirmed)
- i) E.g. eco recycled hooded top litter bin 90 litre: £136.97, steel liner £25, lock & key £11.99, ground fixing kit £9.99 delivery £9.99: total £193.94 (plus VAT) (alternatives were viewed).
- 12) **Finances**
- a) The **Statement of accounts** was presented and confirmed.
- b) The following **payments were approved:**
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| Joanna Otte | expenses | 101250 | £49.21 |
| NNDC | litter bin collection (school gate) | 101251 | £55.44 |
- 13) **Planning**
- a) **Applications since last meeting**
- i) **Grange Cott, 6A Knight Street** erection of single storey rear extension; insertion of two roof lights; erection of green house in rear garden PF/17/0892. Link circulated. No objection.
- b) **Decisions received from NNDC**
- i) **50 Mount Pleasant** erection of detached outbuilding (part retrospective) PF/17/0509. APPROVED.

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- ii) **Foundry Farmhouse** Hindringham Rd, erection of conservatory and cart shed garage and insertion of first floor window on western side elevation of dwelling PF/17/0637.
APPROVED.

14) Maintenance

- a) 'Fakenham Road' sign has been welded and needs to be repainted.

15) Street Lighting

- a) Electrical Testing quotes received from
i) Westcotec (visually inspect structural condition and electrical safety test) 58 units: £1,145.50 plus VAT
ii) K&M Lighting (electrical test) 58 units £579.50 plus VAT
It was agreed to ask K&M Lighting to carry out the electrical testing.

- b) The Clerk was asked to inform K&M Lighting of a day burner on Scarborough Road.

- 16) To note that the WDG has been awarded £3,721.10 from NN Big Society Fund for a project 'Walsingham – Open Spaces for All' to encourage walkers. The grant is for way-markers for five permissive walks, and signage (including Keep Walsingham litter free). The acceptance forms were completed.

17) Correspondence: circulated as usual.

- a) It was agreed to nominate the Clerk for Clerk of the Year (Norfolk ALC). E Meath Baker would compile and complete the form.

18) Items for report or future agenda

- a) It was noted that, following a prompt, Anglian Water will be clearing weeds from the pumping stations.
b) N Morter reported that plans were underway to put up a memorial to those who served and died at the airfield. There will be a formal unveiling on VE Day 2019. In October 2017 that will be a fund raising event at the Control Tower.

- 19) The next Parish Council meeting at 7.15 for 7.30 pm on **Wed 6 Sept 2017** in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the Parish Council Meeting

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Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting Wednesday 5 July 2017

- 1) **Minutes of the Meeting** of 24 May were approved and signed as a true record.
- 2) **Village Hall**
- a) It was noted that D Reeve had constructed a wooden ramp for the main door to make the entrance easier to access by wheelchair users etc.
- b) Maintenance
- i) The release mechanism on the fire door (snooker room) no longer works and a replacement is required. (In the meantime D Reeve has fixed a catch to the door so that it does not swing open.)
- ii) Gutters. It was suggested that the Clerk should ask Andrew MaClaren for advice.

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- iii) External lights – some permanently on, and some broken. Phil Whitmore had been asked to investigate and repair (he might need access to the changing rooms for the 'football lights').

3) Recreation Ground

- a) **regular checks** of apparatus: in order.
 - i) David Reeve has repaired the train and will paint it in due course.
- b) To note that the hedge has been trimmed to prevent it over-hanging the pavement (inside of hedge not cut because it is bird-nesting season).
- c) Following a letter from a resident of Cleaves House, it was agreed to trim back the oak in the autumn / winter which is over-shadowing the windows.
- d) It was decided to investigate the options available for a slide for younger children.
- e)

4) Finances

a) Cheques to approve

Payee	Details	chg no	£	p
D Yarham	cleaning	102260	70.00	
David Reeve	Wooden ramp for entrance and catch for door	102261	69.50	

5) To note forthcoming Bookings

- a) New regular booking on Monday evenings starting 10 July: Dance Aerobics (Jazzercise)
- b) Mon 7 – Fri 11 August: Swedish Youth Pilgrimage 'camping' & use of showers (fee due)
- c) Carpet bowls to start up again on Wednesday evenings in September
- d) Fri 22 – Sun 24 Sept 2017 Wedding Reception including bar area (tbc)
- e) Sun 29 Oct 2017 8 am – 2 pm UK Cycling Event (paid)
- f) Sat 26 May 2018: Wedding Reception

6) Any other business: none

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