

WALSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Present:

Cllrs. Brian Landale (Chairman), Lee Acton, Scilla Landale, Tom Lane, Elizabeth Meath Baker, Vanessa Paige, Keith Tuck, James Woodhouse (Vice-Chairman)

And: Joe Goswell (WRT Refurbishment Working Group) and one member of the public.

Meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 12 April 2023 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

MINUTES

Welcome

1. **Apologies** from Julia Marozzi, Nigel Morter and Clare Williams were accepted
2. **Declarations of interest** by the Councillors in any of the agenda items listed below. None
3. **Minutes of the Meeting** on 11 January and 8 February were approved and signed.
4. **Matters arising** not otherwise on the agenda
5. **Police Matters**
 - a. The Chairman reported that he had received an email from a police officer working on the case pertaining to the fire at the Village Hall asking whether or not the Parish Council wished to see prosecution for the fire. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the correct process should be followed including support and intervention from the youth offending team.
6. **Report from County Councillor:** none
7. **Report from District Councillor:** none.
8. **Highways**
 - a. Potholes and other highway faults should be reported via the website:
<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/default.aspx>
 - i. Graffiti on 'Great Walsingham' sign on Hindringham Road had been reported.
 - ii. 'Low Bridge' and 'Liable to Flooding' signs on west of bridge on Edgar Road need new post.
 - iii. Potholes: Sunk Road, Knight Street, Scarborough Road
 - iv. Sign for footpath off the Dry Road to be reinstated
 - v. St Peter's Road sign at Berry Hall corner has still not been replaced. The Clerk was to follow up with NNDC.
 - b. Call for information in respect of a **Modification Application to add to the Particulars of Great Walsingham Footpath No. 9**. The following information has been passed on to the County Council.
 - i. Comment from Nigel Morter: There are no stiles or steps. There are way-markers opposite the factory gates on the Dry Road but it could be better marked at the factory gates.
 - ii. Description (NM): Following the route of the original road (the rest of the road inside the airfield 'A' was removed to make way for the construction of the airfield in 1942), it initially crosses the airfield using the original road, alongside the original hedge. This was often done in airfield construction in an attempt to obscure the airfield layout from above. It then crosses both the peritrack and runway number two. It then cuts across a farmed field; generally very well maintained, but sometimes muddy, before it reaches the primary runway. After the runway, you pick up the old road again, which was used to access the bomb-dump; some concrete of which still remains. The path then drops down a hill and on towards Blunts Corner.
 - iii. As an interesting aside, this is the only footpath in the area that had a public inquiry regarding its future. In the mid-1950s after the requisitioned land was sold back to the original owners, Holkham Estates were resisting reopening the road. This was in the face of significant local opposition (including Walsingham Parish Council's evidence

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sent to the committee of inquiry). The inquiry, accepted Holkham's position that for vehicular traffic it made little difference whether the road was reopened or not. However, it conceded that it made considerable difference to pedestrians. Therefore, they were instructed to maintain a footpath.

9. **SAM2:** currently on Hindringham Road.

10. Finances

- a. A request was considered from the Friends of Hindringham Primary School for a donation towards a new minibus which would also be used by Walsingham Primary School and the other schools in the Pilgrim Federation. They have managed to raise £4000 during the 60th anniversary events last year and have access to a further £2000. They are aiming to raise £20,000 to purchase this vehicle. It was agreed to make a donation of £100 and suggest that they approached the village charities.
- b. The **statement of accounts** was presented and confirmed
- c. The following **payments were approved:**

Fenland Leisure Products	repairs to playground	101367	£855.24
CGM	missed payments Oct 2021	101368	£199.03
Norfolk Copiers	service charge	101369	£278.81
Fenland Leisure Products	reissue cheque 101367 lost in post	101370	£855.24
J Otte	expenses Jan - Mar	101371	£187.74
Countrystyle Recycling	bottle bank	101372	£36.00
Norfolk Copiers	service charge	101373	£33.81
FT Grounds Maintenance	grass cutting in Gt Wals & Rec Area	SO	£412.38
Friends of Hindringham Primary School	Donation for school mini bus	101374	£100.00

11. Coronation Celebrations:

- a. See minutes from Meeting on 27 February
- b. It was agreed to cover the cost of the following items for the Coronation:
 - i. Music, Magic and Balloon Modelling (Go Awesome Ltd) £240.00
 - ii. Face painter
 - iii. Jazz Band
 - iv. Jubilee items (crafts, temporary tattoos etc from Baker Ross)
 - v. BBQ /Hog roast from Farms Shop if required
- c. Tom would ask Clare at The Bull if they would be doing refreshments e.g. BBQ (if not then the Farms Shop would step in)

12. Planning

- a. **Applications received since the last meeting**
 - i. PF/22/2989: Creation of on-ground solar array (92 panels) in association with the dwelling approved under application PF/20/0365 at **Creake House Walsingham Road Egmere**. Link circulated. No objection.
 - ii. PF/23/0224: Demolition of existing chemical store and sprayer building, and construction of general purpose building including chemical store and sprayer filling area, workshop extension, liquid fertilizer storage compound, rainwater harvesting tanks along with associated concrete and hardcore external hard-standings, wash bay, sustainable drainage scheme and landscaping. At **Bunkers Hill Mill Bunkers Hill Wells Road Egmere**. Link circulated. No objection.
 - iii. PF/23/0405 & LA/23/0406: Insertion of en-suite, painting of the front door and windows, repointing and repair of front exterior with traditional lime mortar and reuse of traditional bricks at **Guest House & Tearooms 33 High Street**. Links circulated. No objection.

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- iv. PF/23/0368: Change of use of shop (Use Class E(a)) to ancillary residential accommodation at **3 Guild Street**. Link circulated. No objection.
- v. PF/23/0416 and LA/23/0417 Side extension to barn & addition of solar panels to existing cart shed at **St Peters Barn St. Peters Road**. Link circulated. No objection.
- b. **Decisions made by NNDC**
 - i. NMA/23/0277: Non-material amendment of planning permission PF/20/0365 (Erection of dwelling (Estate House under NPPF Paragraph 79e) restoration of barns; associated landscape and ecology proposals and change of use of land from agriculture to residential curtilage) to allow omission of solar panels and variation in position of proposed access hatch, roof lights and with amended design for the roof light and lantern at **Creake Buildings Walsingham Road Egmore**. APPROVED.
 - ii. PF/22/2989: Creation of on-ground solar array (92 panels) in association with the dwelling approved under application PF/20/0365 at **Creake House Walsingham Road Egmore**. APPROVED
 - iii. PF/22/2645 & LA/22/2646: Proposed internal renovation and window/door replacement at **30 Knight Street**. REFUSED
 - iv. LA/22/2667: Damp proofing works to ground floor part of original dwelling. At **The Old Bake House 3 The Hill**. APPROVED.
- c. **Other planning matters**
 - i. APPEAL: St James Cottage, 18 Bridewell Street: Two storey detached dwelling; new vehicle access off Chapel Yard. Application ref: PF/21/3302; appeal ref: AP/22/0044. Circulated.

13. Street Lighting

- a. It was noted that the Clerk had received a response to the item in the newsletter that the Parish Council was considering turning off the street lights / reducing the hours. The comment was that the street lighting on Wells Road was very important to the residents to negotiate the uneven pavement outside the properties.
- b. It was agreed to keep the lighting as it is.

14. The Village Hall: the way forward (see minutes from the Meeting on 8 February)

- a. The Clerk has asked advice from a parish council VAT specialist regarding the financing of the rebuild by the Parish Council as the Custodial and Managerial Trustee of the Walsingham Recreation Trust, and under what circumstances it would be able to reclaim the VAT. Further written clarification was required. It was noted that a new build would be exempt VAT.
- b. It was noted that the insurers would cover the cost of rebuild.
- c. The loss adjuster has investigated the removal and storage of the snooker table. He and the insurers advise that it would not be worth the expense.
- d. Building Engineers survey. Plandescil (building engineers) report: the main structure of the hall and roof will have to be demolished because of fire and smoke damage. However the snooker room (some damage to the ceiling) and changing rooms would probably be alright.
- e. An architect from Lucas and Western visited at the same time as Plandescil. He said that it would be possible to rebuild the structure (incorporating changes / improvements e.g. sliding wall between hall and bar).
- f. The way forward..... The refurbishment group had already started to make plans as to how to update the Village Hall. These ideas can be used as a basis for how to move forward with the rebuild.
 - i. It was agreed that a questionnaire should be sent to everyone in the village (possibly with options to respond online) to establish what people would like to have in the new village hall.

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15. Fundraising for the new hall

- a. Justin Harmer held a fund-raising concert on 31 March in the Church of the Annunciation on 31 March with the Creakes Chamber Chori and the Walsingers Children's Choir performing two Requiems. A donation of £500 has been received. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks.
- b. Donna Mackenzie is organising monthly Saturday Farmers Markets with food and craft stalls on the Recreation Ground.
- c. Other ideas....

16. Correspondence: circulated as usual.

- a. It was noted that Norfolk Association of Local Councils has been informed that the Parish Council is interested in having electric vehicle charging points installed. To that that there was an online meeting about this on Tuesday 4 April. Elizabeth Meath Baker reported that the project did not include upgrading electricity supply (which was the limiting factor at the Mill Car Park). It was a self-funding system, which need 24 hr public parking. Unfortunately it was not right for the WRT at present.

17. Items for report or future agenda

- a. **Grit bins** (requested for the top of Station Road, Mount Pleasant and a replacement one for The Hill, Great Walsingham.)
- b. **Notice boards**
- c. It was noted that art installations would be in Walsingham as part of the Norfolk and Norwich Festival on 26- 28 May (main event on 27 May): Anne Bean: 'In Search of the Miraculous'.

18. Next Meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on **Wednesday 10 May 2023** at 7.15 for 7.30 pm in the Parish Hall

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Meeting closed at 8:50 pm

Meeting of Walsingham Recreation Trust

Following the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 12 April 2023

1) The **Minutes** of the meeting on 11 January 2023 and 8 February were approved and signed.

2) Finances

- a) Balance as at 31 March 2023: £39,294.35
- b) Receipts bookings: £306.50
- c) It was noted with appreciation that Kev Hendry would not be submitting invoices for the plumbing work that he has done at the Village Hall in the past few years.
- d) Payments to approve:

Payee	Description	date	Chq no	Amount
M Fielding	Refund for booking	05/02/23	102334	£200.00
R Lee	Refund for booking	05/02/23	102335	£100.00
V Paige	Cleaning Dec & Jan	14/02/23	102336	£220.00
Harry Sturman	Mole control	23/02/23	102337	£280.00
Go Awesome Ltd	Children's entertainment for Coronation Street Party	06/02/23	102338	£240.00

3) Recreation Ground

- a) The Bowls Club is grateful for the removal of the moles.
- b) To note that most of the repairs have been completed to the playground equipment. The hip-hop will be repaired soon (there was a delay in sourcing the replacement parts).
- c) To note that a request has been made to the District Council for a black rubbish bin for the playground (to sit alongside the green recycling bin).
- d) Monthly Saturday Farmers Market on the Recreation Ground on 29 April, 27 May, 24 June, 29 July, 19 August, 23 September, 28 October, 25 November, 9 December

4) Any other business