



Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 21st of JANUARY
2025 FROM 19.00 AT JEPHSON HALL**

PRESENT: Cllrs: R Dyble (RD), R. White (RW), G. Roberts (GR),
G. Coates (GC), Stefan Dolby (SD)
County Councillor Julian Kirk (JK) and parish clerk

NO members of the public were in attendance.

Open Session for Parishioners Questions: NONE

Due to the Chair and Vice Chair unable to attend, Cllr Rosie Dyble was proposed as chair for this meeting with all in favour.

1. WELCOME – a formal welcome was given by the Chair

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs N Dyble, T Roberts, P Kunes and A Sylvester.

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

4. MINUTES

To approve the meeting minutes from the 17th of December 2024 proposed GC, seconded GR and unanimously accepted by all present at that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) – Following, the updated plan sent out by the clerk, approval was proposed by GR, seconded RD with all in favour.
- b. New bus shelter- Installation of the shelter has been completed with the concrete base awaiting warmer temperatures.
- c. New dog bin on Low Road – Cllr N Dyble will require help in installing – GR offered his services. ACTION: ND/GR
- d. Milestone update – The stone has been lifted and re-sited. Awaiting warmer weather to paint. ND was thanked for his work on this project.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT: nothing urgent to report.

CLERKS REPORT: Continued work on the NDP and the third quarter financial review. Recent training attended on AGAR 24/25 requirements and local auditor information. Information sheet on the booking of recycling centres compiled and, on the website, along with NCC stay warm and well flyer, Police Crime Prevention Handbook and ECO4 insulation funding.

7. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

Cllrs Kunes & Squire – no reports

Cllr Kirk- monthly report as sent out and an update given on the proposed Devolution and Unitary government changes. The Borough Council are against the proposal and it is understood that Breckland and other District/Borough Councils are not in favour.

At the recent vote at the County Council, it was not a free vote and 5 County Councillors walked out. The proposal includes uniting Norfolk & Suffolk with an elected major. The current 84 County Councillors will be cut to 30 unitary councillors working full time, with no Borough Councillors. The HQ will be in Ipswich which will make any decisions for our part of Norfolk very difficult. The Highways budget has been cut to move funds to Adult Social Care.

8. FINANCE:

- a. Approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for December – proposed RW, seconded GR and all in favour.
- b. To approve payments, to date, for January 25– proposed RW, seconded GC and all in favour.
- c. The third draft of the 25/26 budget discussed as 15% had been discussed at the December meeting, however following much debate, a 20% increase was proposed by RW, seconded by SD with all in favour.
- d. Third quarter financial review was discussed and approval proposed by RD, seconded GC with all in favour.
- e. All in favour of appointing J. Raby as our Internal Auditor.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. New applications: 25/00070/F: variation of condition 12 at new builds on Sutton Road. After much debate, it was agreed to make a “no observations” comment as no notice has been taken on the Parish Councils previous comments and objections.
- b. Decisions: None

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. NALC vote – this was discussed and a general lack in NALC was noted. Clerk to find out costs to be a member and to move .gov.uk email. ACTION: Clerk

11. To discuss Highways, Crime, Environment and Gardens

- a. GC asked if the Eastlands Bank shortcut has been closed.
- b. Trucks from the building site on Sutton Road using Station Road are causing damage to properties paintwork with chips etc.
- c. Nothing to report on Environment or Gardens.

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS - GC advised that the next meeting was in February.

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Consider solar power for the lighting
- Bank Hubs
- Memorial names
- D Day 80 – funding from Borough Council

The next Parish Meeting will be on the 18th of February 2025 from 7pm

The meeting closed at 20.25 pm

Page 3 of 3

WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2025

Salary	£	306.76	
HMRC	£	204.40	
Walpole Mowing Man	£	70.00	Standing Order
SSE	£	49.37	Direct Debit
Hall Hire	£	16.00	
Clerk Expenses	£	26.00	
BCKLWN dog bin 24/25	£	733.20	

Signature

Date