



Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 18TH of  
FEBRUARY 2025 FROM 19.00 AT JEPHSON HALL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: N Dyble (ND), R. White (RW), G. Roberts (GR),  
G. Coates (GC), R Dyble (RD), Stefan Dolby (SD)  
County Councillor Julian Kirk (JK) and Parish Clerk  
Borough Councillor Paul Kunes from 7.40

Two members of the public were in attendance.

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

Open Session for Parishioners Questions:

Speeding in the village was raised and discussed including the proposed crossing at the new homes development which will be a cross roads. Cllr Kirk advised that signage along with road markings could be discussed with Highways and he offered to cover the costs for the road markings. It was agreed to speak to Jason at Highways on this and also for his recommendations. ACTION: Clerk/JK  
SAM reports are on the website and the police camera officer to be asked to attend locations at both ends of the village. FOI requests raised and any members of the public can do this.

An onsite meeting with Jason was also agreed along with trying to get a Speedwatch team set up. JK and RD offered to help but a minimum of 6 volunteers is required to set up the scheme. Requests for volunteers to be put on the village FB page. This to be added to the March agenda. ACTION: Clerk

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs A Sylvester, Sandra Squire.

**3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – none

**4. MINUTES**

To approve the meeting minutes from the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 proposed RD, seconded GC and unanimously accepted by all present at that meeting.

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**

- a. Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) – Now at Regulation 15 stage with the Borough Council.
- b. New bus shelter- awaiting the concrete base installation which needs warmer weather. JK was thanked for his donation of £1,500 towards the costs.

- c. New dog bin on Low Road –ND requires help in installing and GR offered his services and sledge hammer. ACTION: ND/GR
- d. Milestone update – Awaiting warmer weather to paint.

**6. CHAIRMANS REPORT:** nothing additional to report.

**CLERKS REPORT:** Issue with SSE regarding incorrect charges taken as direct debits of £43.07 and £115.41. Clerk has spent a few frustrating hours trying to get this sorted out and awaiting latest complaint raised.

The NALC subscription was raised at the last meeting and our subscription and email costs could be moved with a £140.67 saving. Proposed GC, seconded GR and all in favour. Clerk to action next month.

Borough Council – dog bin emptying credit of £121.68 is due to overcharges for this financial year. 25/26 will not be in arrears and a monthly direct debit has been set up. Recent training attended on AGAR 24/25 requirements and local auditor information.

**7. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

**Cllr Kunes** – reported on the devolution with 2-4 unitary authorities, a Mayor for both Norfolk & Suffolk which will do the work currently undertaken by County and Borough/District Councils. The election for the Mayor will be in 2026 with a vote for a shadow unitary authority in 2027 and the Borough Council would continue to at least 2028. A questionnaire is available for all residents to complete on line, but clerk tried and found it difficult.

The second home double council tax comes into effect from April with some concerns raised for coastal properties.

In line with the Government's home building plan, more houses will be built in West Norfolk with one in Terrington for 5 houses going ahead now.

**Cllr Kirk-** very disappointed that the county elections have been postponed and still has some funds available.

**8. FINANCE:**

- a. Approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for January – proposed ND, seconded GR and all in favour. GC raised savings and CIL accounts to be checked as appear to need names changing around.
- b. To approve payments, to date, for February – proposed RW, seconded GR and all in favour.

**9. PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. New applications: 25/00164/F – proposed single storey side extension at Old Farm, Market Lane. It was agreed to support this as sympathetic with the existing building, with access road already in place. Proposed ND, seconded GR and all in favour.
- b. Decisions: 25/00070/F: variation of condition 12 at new builds on Sutton Road. Application permitted.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. email from resident regarding speeding – as discussed under item 1.

**11. To discuss Highways, Crime, Environment and Gardens**

- a. Highways – A47 road closures for 50mph speed limit on the website
- b. Crime – an accident at the Station Road junction involved 2 vehicles.

c. Some cutting back required on the Gardens.

**12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS** - GC advised that the next meeting was on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.

**13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:**

- Speedwatch
- Consider solar power for the lighting
- Memorial names

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

The meeting closed at 20.27 pm

WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Salary	£ 408.96	
HMRC	£ 102.20	
Walpole Mowing Man	£ 70.00	Standing Order
SSE	£ 49.37	Direct Debit
Hall Hire	£ 16.00	
Clerk Expenses	£ 48.95	
Westcotec (bus shelter)	£10461.60	

BCKLWN dog bin 24/25	£ 733.20 paid
Re invoiced	£ 611.52

credit due for £ 121.68

Signature .....

Date .....