



WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL

Chair: Nick Dyble

Clerk: Caroline Boyden

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY THE 15TH of JULY 2025 FROM 19.00 AT JEPHSON HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs: N Dyble (ND), R. White (RW), R Dyble (RD),
G. Coates (GC), T Roberts (TW).
County Councillor Julian Kirk

No members of the public in attendance.

1. WELCOME – a formal welcome was given by the Chair
Open Session for Parishioners Questions: None

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllrs Sylvester & Dolby

3. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

4. MINUTES

To approve the Annual Parish Council meeting minutes from the 20th of May 2025 proposed ND, seconded RW and unanimously accepted by all present at that meeting.

5. MATTERS ARISING:

- a. Speedwatch – Cllr Dolby had agreed to take this on with assistance from Cllr Kirk. Cllrs R Dyble, G. Roberts and R. White are interested in taking part with Cllr White offering to help with the set up.
- b. Solar power for street lighting – Clerk had a quote from Westcotec for £4500 ex VAT for each light. Costs high due to UK Power Networks charges. It was agreed by all that we cannot pursue this further. Clerk to check with the SSE brokers on the out of contract situation and when credits will be in our bank account. ACTION: Clerk
- c. Memorial names – ND has a volunteer to research the names and this is on going. Cllr Kirk advised that he has a new grant available for village events and this may come under the remit as not a PC event. Local sponsorship could also be followed up.

6. CHAIRMANS REPORT: SAM speed report Millenium Garden, Sutton Road heading east:
1.6.25 to 22.6.25 – total vehicles 8,275, average speed 85th % =41.5mph, overall
average speed = 34.9mph. % over the limit = 18.4% with average speed of 44.6mph.
Maximum speed of 75mph on the 6.6.25 at 18:30 hrs.

Neighbourhood Plan update – at the Reg 16 stage with the independent examiner raising the Statement of modification missing from the Reg 14 survey information. This document was not sent to the Parish Council for inclusion on the website and is in the process of being redone which ends on the 15th of August.

The defibrillator had been taken out but not used.

CLERKS REPORT: The SSE issue continues as the invoices they raise are still not addressed correctly to Walpole Cross Keys PC and the monies owed to us are still outstanding. GC asked why the payment was made in June which was due to SSE still supplying us and Clerk not wanting the PC to have collection notice.

Clerks networking raising concerns that the possible changes from devolution and local government reorganisation will lead to more work.

The government are looking at major changes to planning to make applications quicker and easier to get through.

The National Grid project to Walpole continues and the clerk will keep the council updated.

7. COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

NO BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Kirk advised that an extra Borough Council meeting is to be held this Thursday regarding the Guildhall requiring a further £36m for the work. The National Trust are not offering any financial support.

The County Council are still proposing a single unitary for Norfolk, but the districts are against this and looking for 3.

8. FINANCE:

- a. Approve the bank reconciliation and payments/receipts for May & June – proposed ND, seconded RW and all in favour.
- b. To approve payments, to date, for July – proposed ND, seconded RD and all in favour.
- c. To discuss and approve the first quarter financial review – we are in a good position -proposed TR, seconded RW with all in favour.

9. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. New Applications – None
- b. New Decisions –

25/00696/F | Change of use of existing storage shed to allow retail sale of horse and animal feed and bedding. | Fern House Market Lane Walpole St Andrew Wisbech
APPLICATION PERMITTED

25/00423/F | Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of proposed two storey 4 bedroom house and separate two car garage. (Self build) | Rose Cottage 105 Sutton Road Walpole Cross Keys
APPLICATION REFUSED

10. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS:

ND reported that a resident had read the Local Plan and asked about the 29 new homes. As per April minutes, Cllr Squire advised that this figure has been met.

11. To discuss Highways, Crime, Environment and Gardens

- a. Highways – Clerk advised that the bollards on Eastlands Bank were damaged and awaiting update from highways.

ND advised that some gully clearance took place by Highways today.
GC requested urgent grass cutting at the top of Station Road and Clerk/Cllr Kirk to chase Highways. ACTION: Clerk/JK

The farmer usually cuts Little Holme Road.

- b. Crime – none
- c. Environment – TR advised that Hummingbird Hawk Moths are present around lavender plants.
- d. Rosie Dyble was thanked for her work on the gardens. The new noticeboard will be installed once the ground is not so hard.
- e. The bus shelter on Market Lane requires new panels and Cllr Kirk offered to fund this from his members fund. ND to advise on approximate costs. ACTION: ND

12. REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS - GC advised the next meeting is on the 16.7.25

13. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING AGENDA:

- Speedwatch update
- Memorial names update
- SSE update

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The next Parish Meeting will be on the 16th of September 2025 from 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.22pm

WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PARISH COUNCIL PAYMENTS FOR JULY 2025

Salary	£	374.96	
HMRC	£	109.06	
Walpole Mowing Man	£	70.00	Standing Order
BCKLWN dog bin	£	158.18	Direct debit monthly
Clerk Expenses June	£	26.00	

Signature

Date