

WALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Tom Althorpe

Clerk: Nicola Wright

Minutes of Walgrave Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Chapel Room, Gold Street

Present: Cllr Tom Althorpe, Cllr Alan Staples, Cllr Barbara Evans, Cllr Narinder Hammond, Cllr Brian Hamilton

Clerk: Nicola Wright,

Members of Public : 2

DRAFT MINUTES

24/280	APOLOGIES
To record absence and receive apologies: Cllr C Evans, Cllr A Laker The Chair informed the Council that he had received letters of resignation from Cllrs Gibbs and Coleman. He thanked them both for the time that they have dedicated to the Parish Council.	
24/281	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 13th May 2024	
24/282	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None	
24/283	CONDUCT A PUBLIC SESSION
Council received statements from members of the public in relation to agenda items as follows: Item 24/294. A member of the public asked for clarification as to where the resident was seeking support in applying for double yellow lines on Silver Street. Council responded that it was directly opposite the residents house and not the whole of Silver Street. Item 24/287. A member of the public expressed concerns regarding the proposed Greenhill Solar Farm application. They asked why the Council had not inform the parish of the proposed Solar Farm Project. Council responded stating that communications had been sent out in several ways; a link to the consultation was on Walgrave Parish Council Website, there had been a post and discussion on the village Facebook, it has been referenced in a number of Walgrave Parish Council minutes and that there was a presentation and opportunity for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. The member of the public stated that they had been made aware of a protest/action group in Mears Ashby via a leaflet through their door. The resident intends to gather other residents opinion via a leaflet of their own and asked the Council if they demonstrated sufficient support would the PC support a protest/action group. Cllrs responded that whilst individuals against this project have a right to join protest groups, The Parish Council must remain impartial and represent the views of the parish as a whole and would not be able to join or support any such protest/action group. Councillors added that if The Parish Council received any valid written concerns from the Walgrave community, they could pose those questions in representation of the good of all residents.	
PLANNING	
To review current Planning Applications and any Applications received since the publication of the agenda.	
24/284	Approval 2024/1994/FULL The Bungalow, Bakers Lane Driveway releveling, 1800mm high fence added to front of driveway. Single storey extension above garage. Construction of rear dormer. External and interior alterations. Approval noted
24/285	Approval 2024/1445/FULL 8 Jubilee Drive, Walgrave. Proposed side and rear extensions Approval noted
MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES	
24/286	Cemetery Extension Cllr Staples informed Council that the Wilson's Solicitors are processing the transfer of the land. Council RESOLVED to pay fees of £1245 to HCR Hewitsons. Outstanding tasks are i) Fencing of the area. Work with the Farmer to mark out the boundary and obtain two more quotes for the work. Cllr Hamilton and Cllr C Evans to obtain quotes

	ii) Trench work. A condition of planning approval 2024/0709/FULL is to dig a trench to ascertain that no remains exist. Cllr Staples to liaise with Neil Gibbs to handover any outstanding work.
24/287	Green Hill Solar Farm Cllr Althorpe reported that a new site in Milton Keynes has been added to the proposal which can be seen on the Green Hill Solar Farm Website.
24/288	Portrait of King Charles Cllr Althorpe reported that he is in discussion with St Peters Church to try and secure a location for the portrait. Clerk to supply an photo.
24/289	Annual Parish Meeting Council discussed the excellent attendance of groups and associations from Walgrave and their presentations. It was noted that there was a lack of attendance from residents. Council will consider ways to encourage public attendance at the next APM.
24/290	Power Socket outside The Royal Oak Council reviewed the quote of £1109.45 from E-on to install a power socket outside The Royal Oak for The Christmas Tree lights. Council agreed that this was too costly and RESOLVED not to approve.
24/291	D-Day Celebrations Cllr Staples reported that the event was well attended. The pub provided excellent food and the lighting of the Beacon and reading of the proclamation was well received by the residents in attendance.
24/292	West Northants Council Local Plan Consultation Cllr Althorpe attended an on-line meeting and reported that there was nothing new to inform Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

24/293	Safety of Lithium Batteries Council received an email from Lord Foster seeking support in his campaign to improve the safety of lithium batteries. Council we unsure how support was required and asked the Clerk to get some clarification.
24/294	Silver Street Council considered a request from a resident on Silver Street to support an application for double yellow lines outside their residence as cars park and block the entrance/exit to the driveway at all times of the day and night. Council asked the Clerk to get some guidance from WNC Highways department as to any possible solution.
24/295	Caravan and cars on layby near A43 The parked Caravan was reported to the Northants Travellers Unit who visited the occupants. The NTU reported that the occupants are a homeless couple. The area was clean and tidy and the couple were affable and engaging. They have been encouraged to move on and the NTU is supporting them with this.

24/296 FINANCE

- a. Councillors confirmed that they had received a financial report dated 31st May 2024
- b. Council NOTED Bank Balance as at 31st May 2024 £56,362.07
- c. Internal check: ICO, Cllr Evans approved payments and bank reconciliation in his absence via email

24/297 PAYMENTS

- a. Council RESOLVED to approve payments made at and between meetings to the sum of **£4273.09**

Payee	Description	Amount (£)
Cuttlefish	Annual Website hosting /domain/email	702.00
Baptist Church	10 months room hire @ £15	150.00
B Osborn	Payroll services	69.00
N Wright	Salary	500.15
N Wright	Working from home allowance inc mobile phone	48.00
T Whittaker	Mowing	616.47
Alan Staples	Gas for Beacon	48.00
PF&C Commissioner	Repay part of grant for VAS	1563.00
T Whittaker	Mowing	576.47
TOTAL		£4273.09

24/298	REGULAR REPORTS																
	To receive any reports for <i>information only</i>																
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24/299	MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION The Clerk asked Council to consider the purchase of a Laptop for Council use. She highlighted that after checking with NCALC that a laptop and its contents should be the property of the Council. Council RESOLVED to pay £400 for a laptop, Office 365 subscription and an anti virus software.																
24/300	COUNCILLOR AND SECTOR REPORTS - none																
24/301	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA - none																
24/302	NEXT MEETING: Monday 8 th July 2024																

Future Meetings

9th September 2024, 14th October 2024, 11 November 2024, 9 December 2024

Signed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Action

Agenda Item	Who	Action Point
24/286	Cllr Staples	To contact Neil Gibbs to handover outstanding work
	Cllr Hamilton	To obtain quote for fencing work (liaise with Cllr Staples for requirements)
	Cllr C Evans	To obtain quote for fencing work (liaise with Cllr Staples for requirements)
24/288	Cllr Althorpe	Send photo and dimensions to St Peters Church
	Clerk	Send Photo to Cllr Althorpe
24/293	Clerk	Reply to Lord Foster
24/294	Clerk	Respond to resident Write to WNC Highways department
24/299	Clerk	Purchase Laptop, Office 365 and Anti Virus software