

WALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Tom Althorpe

Clerk: Nicola Wright

Minutes of Walgrave Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th July 2024 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Chapel Room, Gold Street

Present: Cllr Andy Laker (Vice Chair), Cllr Alan Staples, Cllr Barbara Evans, Cllr Narinder Hammond, Cllr Craig Evans

Clerk: Nicola Wright,

Members of Public : 6

Draft Minutes

24/303	APOLOGIES
Apologies received: Cllr Tom Althorpe, Cllr Brian Hamilton	
24/304	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 10 th June 2024	
24/305	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None	
24/306	CONDUCT A PUBLIC SESSION
Council received statements from 2 members of the public in relation to agenda item 24/309	
<p>A member of the public spoke to express concern regarding the Green Hill Solar Farm proposal. The main points made were: She agreed with solar power but not on farm land. Possible disruption of the installation. The proposed area is vast at 420 acres in total now that another proposed 120 acres has been added to the site near to Walgrave. She felt that the recent Newsletter article was misleading, and most people will not be aware how disruptive it could be. Italy have banned the installation of solar panels on productive farmland. She asked the Parish Council if they could notify residents in good time of any information on possible impact to the village.</p> <p>Councillors acknowledged the residents' comments and responded. The article in the Newsletter was misleading and new information was added to the Green Hill website on 28th June regarding a second proposed site near to Walgrave. The proposal is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP) that will be considered at Government level. Cllrs will continue to utilise the communication methods available and will consider a leaflet drop should they feel it to be beneficial. At the present time, there is nothing to comment on as the Development Consent Order (DCO) planning application has not been submitted.</p> <p>A second member of the public made a statement. He has been approached by Green Hill as a landowner and offered £1000 per acre per year for 40 years but has refused as he feels growing crops on land is more important. Solar panels have their place but not in fields. He asked if the PC were aware that the solar panels will be 13ft high and rotate to follow the sun and will be surrounded by high fencing. He stated that a large part of the Parish could be taken up by the solar farm.</p> <p>Council thanked the resident for his comments.</p>	
PLANNING	
To review current Planning Applications and any Applications received since the publication of the agenda.	
24/307	2024/2873/OUT Redhill House, Holcot Road, Outline application for the erection of 1 no. self-build dwelling Council RESOLVED to object. The site is outside the confines of the village and would set a precedent if approved, therefore paving the way for more of these to be built in open countryside.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES																																														
24/308	Cemetery Extension Cllr Staples reported that the fee has been paid to the landowners solicitors for the transfer of the land. Fencing and trench work quotes now need to be obtained.																																													
24/309	Green Hill Solar Farm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New information was added to the Green Hill Solar Farm Website on 28th June 2024 which now includes a second proposed site near Walgrave. - An email has been received from a resident regarding an inaccuracy in the Parish Council's Newsletter article suggesting that the proposed area is one field. Council acknowledged the inaccurate description. Cllr B Evans to talk to the resident. 																																													
24/310	Portrait of King Charles Cllr C Evans to ask the Baptist Chapel if they would like to hang the portrait there.																																													
CORRESPONDENCE																																														
24/311	Safety of Lithium Batteries RESOLVED to pledge support to this campaign																																													
24/312	Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) Annual data protection fee. RESOLVED to pay this £40 charge via Direct Debit and receive an annual reduction of £5																																													
24/313	Pitsford Water Friendly Farming Wetland Plant Survey of the pond in the Pocket Park. A report will be received in due course.																																													
24/314	6 Kettering Road The address had now been confirmed as 8 Langham Place. Complaints have been received about a black caravan in the garden of this property. Photos have been sent to the property management company Futures. A response is awaited.																																													
24/315	FINANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council confirmed receipt of a financial report dated 30th June 2024 b. Cllr Evans verified bank reconciliation to Council c. Council NOTED Bank Balance as at 30th June 2024 £50,826.49 d. Internal check: ICO, Cllr Evans approved payments 																																													
24/316	PAYMENTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Council RESOLVED to approve payments made at and between meetings to the sum of £4116.93 less £1245 already paid £2871.23 <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Payee</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount (£)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>HCR Hewitsons</td> <td>Legal costs for transfer of land at Cemetery (paid in June)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1245.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Unity Trust Bank</td> <td>Bank charge 5.3.24-3.6.24</td> <td style="text-align: right;">18.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B Osborn</td> <td>Payroll services April – June 2024</td> <td style="text-align: right;">70.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Wright</td> <td>Salary July</td> <td style="text-align: right;">500.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Wright</td> <td>Working from home allowance inc mobile phone</td> <td style="text-align: right;">48.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Wright</td> <td>Reimbursement for Laptop</td> <td style="text-align: right;">299.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Wright</td> <td>Reimbursement for Office 365 subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">59.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Wright</td> <td>Reimbursement for Norton Anti Virus</td> <td style="text-align: right;">19.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T Whittaker</td> <td>Mowing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">706.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T Whittaker</td> <td>Mowing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">722.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NCALC</td> <td>Training</td> <td style="text-align: right;">175.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>S Wisken</td> <td>Remove paint and re-paint Bus Shelter, Old Rd</td> <td style="text-align: right;">210.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO</td> <td>Data protection fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TOTAL</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2871.23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Payee	Description	Amount (£)	HCR Hewitsons	Legal costs for transfer of land at Cemetery (paid in June)	1245.00	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charge 5.3.24-3.6.24	18.00	B Osborn	Payroll services April – June 2024	70.50	N Wright	Salary July	500.15	N Wright	Working from home allowance inc mobile phone	48.00	N Wright	Reimbursement for Laptop	299.99	N Wright	Reimbursement for Office 365 subscription	59.99	N Wright	Reimbursement for Norton Anti Virus	19.99	T Whittaker	Mowing	706.47	T Whittaker	Mowing	722.94	NCALC	Training	175.20	S Wisken	Remove paint and re-paint Bus Shelter, Old Rd	210.00	ICO	Data protection fee	40.00	TOTAL		£2871.23
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24/318	<p>MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION</p> <p>2 Councillor vacancies Councillors have approached residents to generate interest. Cllrs Hammond and B Evans may have some potential candidates.</p> <p>Burials The burials of Judith Mason and Helen Berryman will take place in July and August.</p> <p>Mowing Tim Whitakker has advised that he will mow on Thursday ahead of Groove on the Green</p>																
24/319	<p>COUNCILLOR AND SECTOR REPORTS</p> <p>No reports. Sector areas to be redefined in September.</p>																
24/320	<p>ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA</p> <p>None</p>																
24/321	<p>NEXT MEETING: Monday 9th September 2024</p>																

Meeting finished at 8.40pm

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Future Meetings: 14th October 2024, 11th November 2024, 9th December 2024

Action

Agenda Item	Who	Action Point
24/310	Cllr C Evans	Speak to Baptist Chapel regarding King Charlies portrait
24/317	Clerk	Report Potholes
24/317	Clerk	Report overgrowth of Nettles
24/317	Clerk	Report potholes and adverse camber
24/317	Cllrs Laker/ B Evans	Inspect Cemetery
24/317	Clerk	Prepare notice for Cemetery gates
24/318	All	Promote Councillor vacancies

Tracking

Agenda Item	Who	Action Point
24/286	Cllr Hamilton	To obtain quote for Cemetery extension fencing work (liaise with Cllr Staples for requirements)
	Cllr C Evans	To obtain quote for Cemetery extension fencing work (liaise with Cllr Staples for requirements)
24/314	Clerk	Response from Futures