

WALGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: Tom Althorpe

Clerk: Nicola Wright

Minutes of Walgrave Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th November 2024 at 7.30pm in the Baptist Chapel Room, Gold Street

Present:

Chair: Cllr Tom Althorpe

Councillors: Cllr Andy Laker (Vice Chair), Cllr Brian Hamilton, Cllr Barbara Evans, Cllr Craig Evans

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DRAFT MINUTES

24/378	APOLOGIES
Apologies received from Cllr Narinder Hammond	
24/379	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 14 th October 2024	
24/380	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr Craig Evans in relation to agenda item 24/395	
24/381	CONDUCT A PUBLIC SESSION
None	
BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED	
24/382	Green Hill Solar Farm Cllr Althorpe informed Council that the public consultation is now open until 19 th December 2024. Feedback on the proposal can be given by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending a public consultation event – Walgrave Village Hall Saturday 7th December 12-5pm• Attending a live Webinar with live Q&A – 20th November, 26th November, 4 December• Completing an on-line feedback form• Completing a paper feed back form available from Brixworth Library All information can be found at www.greenhillsolar.co.uk . Clerk to post on Walgrave Together Facebook page. Cllrs B Evans, Hamilton and Laker attended the Stop Green Hill event at the Village Hall in November and gave feedback to Council.
24/383	Cemetery Extension Council received an email update from Alan Staples, who is overseeing this project to completion. Council RESOLVED to approve the quote for the Archaeological Survey from PCA Warwick of £5904+VAT. The Survey is a compulsory requirement of the Planning approval from West Northants Council.
24/384	Cemetery <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Grave ornaments: RESOLVED to wording for a sign for the Cemetery gateii. Bin collection: Council RESOLVED to pay to fee of £58 for the green biniii. Burial costs review: Following consideration to a cost analysis of local Burial Grounds prepared by the Clerk, Council RESOLVED to an increase in Burial Fees. Clerk to update and post on Websiteiv. New forms and Cemetery Guidelines: Council RESOLVED to approve a) application for interment form b) application for the erection or alteration to a memorial form. c) layout changes to Cemetery Guidelines. Clerk to update and post on Website.
24/385	Recruitment of Councillors No applications have been received

24/386	Unmetered Electricity supply Clerk is in contact with Utility Aid who are the Broker for the energy Company SEE who have not billed WPC for 2024																		
24/387	Northall – undergrowth Cllr Hamilton met with Tim Whittaker to discuss the cutting back requirements of Northall. TW to provide quote for the work to be carried out next year.																		
24/388	Walkers Lane (The Ditch) Council considered the ongoing maintenance of The Ditch as this land is not registered and therefore not recognised by WNC for maintenance. After discussion it was RESOLVED to make this an agenda item for the December meeting.																		
24/389	2024 National Salary Award - Clerk Council noted that the Unions have agreed the 2024 national salary award, which is to be backdated from 1st of April 2024.																		
24/390	2025 Council Meeting Dates Council RESOLVED to approve meeting dates for 2025 with the addition of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21 st May 2025. Cllr C Evans to book Village Hall.																		
24/391	CPRE Cllr Laker updated Council on a planning meeting he attended on 31 st October 2024. Council RESOLVED to approve annual subscription at a cost of £60. Clerk to set-up																		
CORRESPONDENCE																			
24/392	Northants Police Cllr Laker informed Council that not enough people have volunteered to make the Street Watch Initiative viable.																		
24/393	The Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP Council noted the Letter of introduction. Clerk to respond.																		
24/394	Kier on behalf of West Northants Council Council RESOLVED to accept for the grant sum of £1245.89 from WNC towards Urban Highway Grass Mowing. Clerk to sign and return grant form.																		
PLANNING To review current Planning Applications and any Applications received since the publication of the agenda.																			
24/395	2024/4823/FULL The Cottage, Rectory Lane, Walgrave Demolish existing outbuilding and construct single storey rear and side extensions Council RESOLVED to a 'no comments or objections' response.																		
24/396	FINANCE																		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cllrs confirmed receipt of Financial report dated 31st October 2024 b. Cllr C Evans confirmed verification of bank reconciliation dated 31st October 2024 c. Council noted Bank Balance as at 31st October 2024 of £60,491.56 d. Internal check: ICO, Cllr C Evans confirmed all invoices for payment e. Council RESOLVED to move £40,000 from Current Account to Instant Access Account 																		
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	Council RESOLVED to approve payments made at and between meetings to the sum of £1627.11																		
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	Lonsdale	Printing of Newsletter	190.00
	TOTAL		1627.11
24/399	REGULAR REPORTS		
	Council received reports		
	Grounds Maintenance Holcot Road and Bakers Lane full of leaves War memorial is looking green,		BH
	Highways Old Road, verge has encroached half a metre in to the road on LHS on to Old between last house and the Bridge.		Clerk
	Police Liaison, NHW & VAS – no report		AL
	Village Hall & Playing Field Association. Financial year 2023-24 made small profit 2024/25 has an uplift in bookings to date.		CE
	Cemetery – no report		BH
	Pocket Park & Defibrillator: Pads are due to expire. Cllr Hamilton to order new pads 30 th Nov 9.30am Working Party tidy-up		BH
	Working Parties: Wildflower Working Party. Cllr Laker reported that bulbs have been planted on the Green outside the pub. The Green on Old Road opposite Walkers Acre and other areas of the village.		All
24/400	MATTERS FOR INFORMATION OR DISCUSSION Council discussed an email from Mervyn Hemmington, who, together with work colleagues completed a 1 million step walk for Legend on the Bench Charity. The aim of the charity is to install benches in public spaces around the country. Every bench displays quick access to information at any time of the day or night via a QR code that takes you to a website for anyone experiencing mental health issues. Mervyn and his colleagues raised over their fundraising target and as their walk incorporated The Royal Oak who were a great help, they wanted to offer a free Bench to the Parish of Walgrave.		
24/401	COUNCILLOR AND SECTOR REPORTS Cllr Laker to re-organise Sectors in line with Councillors home address		
24/402	ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA Holcot Road/Bakers Lane Junction leaves Cemetery - Wobble test on Memorials War memorial cleaning Tree Survey Legend on the Bench Charity – free Bench		
24/403	NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 13 th November Finance Committee, 9 th December 2024 at 7.30pm Ordinary PC meeting		

The Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed that the minutes are a true and accurate record

Chair : _____ Date: _____