

WALPOLE HIGHWAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Time & Date of Meeting: 1930 Tuesday 25 March 2025

Location of Meeting: Walpole Highway Village Hall

Subject: Ordinary Meeting

Attendees: Parish Councillors – Sheila Hillier (SMH), Andrew Melton (AM)

Andrew Clifton (AC) Gloria Joiner (GJ) Richard Housden (RH)

Clerk – Gillian Barnes (GB)

County & Borough Councillor Julian Kirk

One local government elector

Apologies: Councillors Elizabeth Jackson, Simon Huggins, Helen Waters

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33/25 Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Elizabeth Jackson, Simon Huggins and Helen Waters

34/25 Declaration of Interest regarding agenda items. None

35/25 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2025 were approved as a true record.

36/25 Matters arising from the minutes.

Routine litter picking. Confirmed volunteers would be covered on PC insurance

37/25 Planning Application received for prior information & noted.

25/00335/AG Cobblers Farm, Cobblers Lane. Erection of livestock pen and concrete yard measuring 7.5m x 90m (Schedule 2, Part 6)

Received for Comment

25/00436/FM Tamar Nurseries West Drove (S). Construction of glasshouse & reservoir.

Agreed to support application providing IDB & contamination requirements are met

Notice of planning consent received 24/01871/F, Ivy House, West Drove (S).

Replacement outbuilding for office & treatment room.

38/25 Government proposal on the proposed devolution for Norfolk & Suffolk. Information will be emailed to Councillors

39/25 Deployment of SAM 2 Camera. AM will get 2 combination locks to secure camera at approved locations. It will be tested at Mill Road. RH & AC to assist with fixing of brackets.

40/25 Gov.uk domain. RH & AC still having log in issues. Clerk to resend log in instructions.

41/25 Dog waste collection charges. KL & WNBC Significant increase from £101.92 to £219.70 on weekly empty. We have 8 bins and from 1st April annual payment will be in advance. This was not notified until after we had set the precept for 2025/2026.

42/25 Playing Field Maintenance. Nurture have notified price increase from £151.60 ex VAT to £194.46 ex VAT per month resulting from increases to Employers National Insurance and the Real Living Wage. Agreed to accept. A predicted rise due to government changes had already been budgeted.

43/25 Accounts approved for payment by internet banking

Supplier	Invoice details	Total £	Value £	VAT £	PAYE
WH Hall	Mar mtg	20.00	20.00	Nil	
Wescotec	SAM 2 Camera	4900.80	4084.00	816.80	
Nurture	Inv 1 Mid 360208 Feb	181.92	151.60	30.32	

43/25 Public Participation - meeting suspended (8.20pm) to allow public participation and comment

- Julian Kirk gave an update on the cleaning up of Norfolk coastline following the tanker collision in the North Sea
- Julian Kirk has resigned as Conservative County Councillor. He will now stand as a candidate for the Reform Party at the 1st May election. No news yet on other candidates.
- An email from a parishioner had been received relating to an unauthorised felling of a tree at West Drove (S), the ongoing police investigation, planning matters and objections to comments made by Borough Councillor Julian Kirk. A response has been circulated & approved by the PC and forwarded to the parishioner.

Other matters raised

- Complaints about the dangerous deep grips excavated in road verges. JK to raise with NCC Highways
- Fly tipping at Ratten Row to be reported to KL & WNBC
- Public footpath FP7 tree blocking path to be reported to NCC Highways.

Meeting resumed 8.35pm

44/25 Date of Annual Parish Assembly 22 April 2025 7.30pm followed by ordinary meeting at 8pm

Signed

Date

22/4/25