

COOKLEY & WALPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Pavilion, Walpole on Monday, August 4th 2025 at 7-30pm.

Minutes:

Present:

Cllr. R. Chase (Chair); Cllr. C. Leggett (Vice-Chair); Cllr. L. Andrews; Cllr. J. Lewis; Cllr. Z. Mair; Cllr. M. Porter; Cllr. A. Thomas and Cllr. J. Winter:

Paul Widdowson (Clerk) and District Cllr. J. Ewart:

1) **Apologies:**

Cllr. J. Henson was not present.

2) **To receive Declarations of Interest: Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting.**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3) **Requests for dispensations:**

There were no Requests for Dispensation.

4) **Planning Matters:**

Proposal: *To demolish existing farm building and build one new 4-bedroom dwelling and one new 3-bedroom dwelling as a small scale cluster, under the policy SCLP5.4.*

Address: *Holly Tree Farm, Walpole Lane, Walpole, Halesworth, Suffolk. IP19 9BD*

Ref: *DC/25/0938/FUL*

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application however the Parish Council does have a concern regarding Highway Safety in respect of the access to Walpole Lane from the new properties as the access is not clearly defined and there needs to be an adequate turning circle within the new properties because the Walpole Road Speed Limit is 60mph. The Parish Council also has a concern regarding the adequacy of the water supply as it is at the end of the supply line with known water pressure issues.

Proposer: Cllr. C. Leggett:

Seconder: Cllr. R. Chase:

Councillors discussed planning applications regarding the change of land use.

5) **Clerk's Report, Correspondence and Donations:**

The Clerk reported that Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) had increased their Payroll Prices from £38 (£45-60 with VAT) per annum to £45 (£54 with VAT) per annum. The Clerk said that the Parish Council paid every six months and had been paying £22-80 for each six-month period and he calculated that this would now be £27 for each six-month period.

The Clerk reported that the increases in each pay spine had been finalised and there had been changes in the Employers National Insurance thresholds.

6) **Payments and Receipts:**

Internet Banking Suffolk Cloud – Setting up move to gov.uk £60-00

Proposer: Cllr. R. Chase: Seconder: Cllr. J. Lewis:

The Meeting ended at 8-52pm.