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**The Minutes of the Meeting of Walsoken Parish Council held in
Walsoken Village Hall, Walsoken on Tuesday 24th February 2015 at 7pm**

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), John Woolley (Vice Chair), Chris Harvey, Andy Houghton, Jenny Snow, Joanna Woolley, Allan Landall, Clive Bettinson.

Borough Cllr Brian Long arrived at 7.10pm.

16. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

17. APOLOGIES AND REASONS

Cllr Lisa Wiffen – NSPCC meeting; Cllr Frank Smith – wife unwell; Borough Cllr. Roy Groom – unwell; County Cllr. Harry Humphrey – Borough Council meeting.

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Landall declared an interest in the Churchyard items as Rector.

19. NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDA UNDER ‘AOB’

Cllr Houghton had one matter and Cllr Joanna Woolley had one item.

20. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13th January 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2015 had been circulated. An amendment was made to councillors present as Cllr Bettinson had been listed twice and Cllr Harvey had been missed off. A further amendment was made to Highways item 08.b) re the repair work in Burrett Road, water “in some places” was added.

With the addition of the two above amendments, Cllr Harvey proposed they be accepted as a true copy, seconded Cllr Joanna Woolley, unanimously agreed.

21. MATTERS ARISING

a) Parish Council website – Clerk reported that Cllr Houghton had assisted her to update the website – Minutes and dates of meetings had been added, the Parish Blog deleted and a link to the Church added. The Chair thanked Cllr Houghton for his work on this.

It was agreed that the Agenda for every meeting, once approved by the Chair and Clerk, be posted on the website.

As the website is now ongoing it is open for discussion to decide future items to be included.

b) Churchyard clearance – Cllr Landall reported that Andy Griffiths from Lanscape Group had cleared the rubbish from the corner of the old cemetery and removed overgrowth.

c) Burrett Road repairs – Clerk reported that she hadn't received a reply from Andy Wallace in Highways Department.

d) Broadend Road junction – the reply received from Catherine Brookes from Highways Agency about the “inappropriate” roundabout had been circulated.

It was noted that the vehicle activated signs are in place on the A47 and operating, however, it had been reported to councillors by residents that the signs appear to be too close to the junction, not giving enough warning to either slow down or be aware of traffic at the joining roads. Fiona Walker, Personal Assistant to Elizabeth Truss MP, had also queried whether or not the signs were too close to the junction.

Clerk was instructed to reply to Catherine Brookes thanking her for the installation of the signs but giving her the feedback from residents that there isn't enough time for vehicles to slow down, expressing concern that the signs won't be effective, also mentioning the roadmarkings which aren't in place yet.

22. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Clerk explained the procedures for filling in the Nomination and Candidate's Consent to Nomination forms and she will check whether all pages are to be returned to the Borough Council or just the two forms.

Clerk will email councillors on 10th March to remind nominees to sign and date the forms and return them to the Clerk on Friday 13th March so she can deliver them by hand to Kings Lynn Borough Council office.

23. PLANNING

The Planning Report having been circulated, was read out by Clerk and noted.

A discussion took place about application 15/00106/F regarding the removal of the Agricultural Tie.

24. HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report.

25. STREET LIGHTING

The Campaign to Protect Rural England's Questionnaire was completed as far as possible.

26. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

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27. CHURCHYARD AND WAR MEMORIAL

a) Broken headstone in closed churchyard - It was reported that a gravestone in the closed churchyard had broken at ground level and fallen flat and therefore needed to be moved to a safer position. Cllr Landall confirmed it was an 18th century headstone which needed preserving and moving as it would impede grass cutting. He had provided a quote from Richard Langridge for £147 + VAT to move the headstone and fix it with brackets to the church wall at the base of the tower, where one had already been moved and fixed.

Cllr Harvey proposed the quotation be accepted, seconded Cllr Joana Woolley, all in favour.

b) Grass cutting contract – Clerk had received the new contract for 2015 from The Landscape Group Ltd for £712.00 + VAT (last year's figure was £678.72 + VAT). It was on the same terms as last year i.e. 16 cuts per year with herbicide application around obstacles within lawn areas and french drain at base of church.

Cllr Snow proposed the quote is accepted, seconded Cllr Joanna Woolley, all in favour.

Chair thanked Cllr Bettinson for his work with Andy Griffiths from Landscape Group.

28. FINANCE

Payments for approval – the payments on the attached schedule had been circulated. Cllr Joanna Woolley proposed the payments be accepted Cllr Harvey seconded, all in favour.

29. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was available prior to the meeting, the list having been circulated.

30. URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Houghton asked about the tarmac in the orchard left over from the road surfacing and it was confirmed that Peter Goodale didn't know anything about it.

Complaints had been received about a horse rider in Peter Goodale's orchards, riding recklessly, without due care and attention to the dogs and dog owners using the orchard. It was noted and no action taken.

31. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Request for donations

Approval of the year end Accounts for 31st March 2015.

Clerk's research in old Minute books.

Next meeting is the Annual Assembly plus ordinary meeting on Tuesday 14th April 2015 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Annette Williams, Clerk

Chair..... Date.....2015