

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2016
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), Clive Bettinson, Andy Houghton, Jenny Snow, John Harwin, Barry Sisson and Lisa Wiffen.

Borough Cllr. Brian Long.

County Cllr Harry Humphrey.

Members of the public – Gerry Betts and Rob Martin.

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90	<p><u>Andy Wallace – Norfolk County Council Highways</u></p> <p>Cllr Leach welcomed Andy to the meeting. Andy W reported on various issues in the village -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Argyl Gardens junction – there have been several problems over the years but a bid (probable cost £4/5,000) had now been submitted, hopefully for the next financial year, to resurface the road 4 metres back, which will slightly encroach on the private area. 2. Hedge in Burrett Road – Martin Edmunds, Highways technician, will speak to the occupier, possibly tomorrow. If he's unable to contact them, 2 letters will be sent and if no response is received to these, then Highways will cut back the hedge and charge the occupier. 3. Trod opposite junction of Burrett/Sparrowgate Road – repairs will be carried out and Andy W will programme a couple of timber bollards to be installed to save the footpath. 4. Speed calming – Andy W reported that at the moment Highways don't have a budget for any speed calming measures. He suggested SAM2, which can be 50% funded by the Parish Partnership scheme, and Community Speedwatch. SAM2 has worked very well in other villages and can be purchased on a shared basis. Cllr Humphrey advised that Outwell may be interested in a sharing scheme. <p>Andy W advised the closing date for the Parish Partnership funding is the end of this week but he would try to get it extended if the Parish Council let him know.</p> <p>Village boundary gates are successful in slowing down motorists as they are aware they're entering a residential area. They don't need planning permission but Highways need to approve, and can be installed on County or private land. They are usually placed on the main road through the village and could have warning signs on them. He would be happy to visit to discuss suitable sites.</p> <p>Speed camera signs are placed in areas used by the Police, as a warning.</p> <p>Chicanes - a formal design would be required to include measurements, angles etc. He thought the probable cost would be between £60,000 and £100,000 and wouldn't be eligible for Parish Partnership funding.</p> <p>The Council's Speed Management Strategy is available on-line.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. 30mph speed limit signs – these are positioned as per the Traffic Regulation Order, which is available on the County website. Moving a sign can take 18 months or longer, and costs between £7,500-£10,000 for the Traffic Regulation Order to be amended through advertising and the Secretary of State approval. Highways may consider moving the signs in the future. 6. Sandy Lane speed limit of 60mph – this is a sparsely residential area and reference is made to the Speed Management Strategy which gives nationally recognised criteria. 7. Cambridgeshire County Council HGV Covenant – Andy W was unaware of any similar scheme in place in Norfolk but he will refer it to his manager. Highways try to work locally with hauliers and factories regarding the inappropriate use of roads. 8. Bus stop in Burrett Road – he will look at the surface and slope with Martin Edmunds. 9. Biggs Road – the resurfacing was reported as very good but a query was made as to why it stopped at a gateway. Andy W reported that due to heavy traffic movement there, it would need heavy duty resurfacing equipment and they are waiting to do several sites at once to make it viable. <p>Fred thanked Andy W for coming and updating the Parish Council.</p> <p>Andy W left at 7.40pm.</p>

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91	<p><u>16/02019/CU Planning application for change of use from agricultural land to the flying of model aircraft with siting of storage container and portaloo, windsock and safety start-up tables at north of Station House, Station Road</u></p> <p>Mr Betts and Mr Martin were present to answer any queries on the above application. They were asked why was there a change of use from agricultural land and they replied that they had been advised to do this by Kings Lynn Borough Council.</p> <p>They were asked if the radio controlled planes would interfere with transmitters and they advised that the frequency they use doesn't interfere with anything else.</p> <p>They gave a background as to why they have had to move their site from Roydon Common due the land being sold and Norfolk Wildlife Trust having rights. They have never received any complaints and consider they are a very responsible club, keen on conservation. They advised that the size of planes ranges from small battery powered to those with 110 inch wing span. The electric planes are virtually silent and the others are limited to 82 decibels. The container used for storing of grass maintenance equipment is 2.5 metres wide and 6 metres long, painted green. There will also be a serviced Portaloo on site.</p> <p>Cllr Leach thanked them for coming and they left at 7.55pm.</p>
92	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr Landall – church commitment Cllr John Woolley – family meeting Cllr Joanna Woolley – gave birth to baby boy 3 days ago Borough Cllr Groom – attending West Walton Parish Council meeting</p>
93	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None reported.</p>
94	<p><u>Urgent Matters</u></p> <p>Strattons application to be discussed under Planning.</p>
95	<p><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held 18th October 2016 had been circulated. It was pointed out that item 77 should read “seconded by Cllr Houghton.” The Minutes were amended and approved and signed as a true copy, proposed by Cllr Houghton seconded Cllr Bettinson.</p>
96a.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>Proposed travellers' site – Clerk read out email response from Keith Wilkinson at Kings Lynn Borough Council Planning department reporting the application was still outstanding. Cllr Long will see if he can find out any more information and let the Clerk know.</p> <p>Council website – Clerk reported the Home Page is ongoing. Clerk suggested that in future all agreed payments are included in the Minutes. Cllr Humphrey advised that other councils include them in the Agenda and he will forward copies to the Clerk. Clerk to look at the counter statistics for views on the website.</p> <p>Signage for HGVs travelling to Princes distribution site– After initially being told the site belonged to Ceva and not Princes, the Clerk reported that she had emailed the Regional Contracts Manager for Princes on 25th November, to ask for his support to advise hauliers to avoid the village roads through Walsoken. Clerk to chase.</p> <p>Churchyard tree work – Clerk advised that the beech tree had now been felled and a tall stump had been left as the contractor had reported that the trunk was rotten inside and also it had been filled with concrete in the past. This had meant that there was not much timber left for a plaque or memorial cross. Cllr Leach was storing the wood and it will need to dry out for a year or two, at which time consideration can be given to what to do with it. Clerk reported the Dioceses had thanked the Parish Council for taking such care and attention with the trees in the closed churchyard.</p> <p>Replanting – Clerk reported that the Woodland Trust were providing community tree packs and it</p>

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96f. 96g.	<p>was decided that she should apply on behalf of the Council. If a choice is offered, it was decided to ask for deciduous trees rather than evergreen.</p> <p>Tree sculpturing – Cllr Houghton had circulated a photograph of a tree sculpture for the truck. This will be considered in the future if viable within the Council's budget.</p> <p>Wind turbines – It was reported that the noise isn't as bad as it was, but they are only working on a sporadic basis. Clerk reported that the Borough Council are still waiting for an update on them.</p>
97a. 97b. 97c.	<p>Planning</p> <p>Appeals on 81 Broadend Road – no further updates received.</p> <p>Claybrook Park – Clerk read out email received from Land Locked Ltd who advised that they had recently purchased an interest in the site and were looking at several development options including – split into smaller parcels to sell to haulage individuals or companies; light industrial use; home or work units or low density residential development. They had asked for the Parish Council's input. A reply had been sent stating once they had decided which option they were taking, they were welcome to attend a Council meeting to discuss it further.</p> <p>The Planning report had been circulated and was noted.</p> <p>The application 16/01842/F proposed fishing lake and assoc. works Walsoken Aquatics, Green Lane was discussed and Clerk advised that Planning department had emailed to say the spoil is to be retained on site and bunds formed, the plans to show this are awaited and the Parish Council will be re-consulted once received.</p> <p>The application from Maipop Farm for a Lawful; Development Certificate for the storage of spent water and septic tank waste (Lagoons A,B, and C) prior to licensed use for agricultural purposes, was discussed and an email from John Stratton was read out. It was decided to ask the Borough Council for a copy of their September 2016 survey as per their letter dated 5th December 2016.</p> <p>16/02019/CU – it was decided to recommend approval of this application but ask for the reason why there is a change of use from agricultural land.</p>
98a. 98b. 98c.	<p>Finance</p> <p>Budget and Precept for year ended March 2018 – Clerk explained the draft figures and advised that a decision would be required at the January meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Leach pointed out that if the Precept is increased by 2% there would be a deficit of £2,387 and there is no provision for any speed management included.</p> <p>A request was made for allotment rents to be included on the January Agenda.</p> <p>Donation requests – donations for Norfolk Citizens Advice Bureau and Norfolk Age UK were declined.</p> <p>Payments – the attached schedule had been circulated.</p> <p>Cllr Wiffen proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Sisson.</p>
99	<p>2017 meeting dates</p> <p>The provisional dates had been circulated and were accepted.</p>
100	<p>Church and War Memorial</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
101	<p>Highways</p> <p>A47/Broadend Road junction – Cllr Houghton had considered suggesting a survey regarding the signs at the junction, but decided it would not be viable.</p>
102	<p>Street lighting</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
103	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Clerk reported the annual rent of £1,686.25 for the year ending October 2017 had been received.</p>
104	<p>SNAP feedback</p> <p>Cllr Long and Cllr Leach had been unable to attend. Cllr Long advised there is a proposal to have a</p>

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	trailer visiting some villages in the future, as the support at the SNAP meetings is dwindling. A query was raised about legislation regarding the confiscation of vehicles. Cllr Long will seek advice from a senior Police Officer at the Crime Panel meeting and report to the Clerk.
105	<u>Correspondence</u> The only item was draw tickets for MAGPAS Air Ambulance.
106	<u>Urgent Business</u> East Wisbech Urban Extension Consulation - Clerk was instructed to write to request more notice for meetings in future.
107	<u>Agenda items for the next meeting</u> Allotment rents, Budget and Precept for year ending March 2018. The next meeting is Tuesday 17 th January 2017 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.
	The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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