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**The Minutes of the Meeting of Walsoken Parish Council held in
Walsoken Village Hall on Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 7pm**

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), John Woolley (Vice Chair), Jenny Snow, Chris Harvey, Clive Bettinson, Joanna Woolley, Lisa Wiffen, Allan Landall and Andy Houghton (arrived 7.25pm).

68. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Rachel and Simon Bingham were present and Mrs Bingham expressed her concern about the Planning Application for an egg production unit at Strattons, in particular the Parish Council's decision to support the application and the comment about it providing jobs. She explained that she did not think the road was up to standard as it had been patched up and every access had major potholes, also it would not be able to cope with extra traffic. She thought that the smell from the chickens would attract more flies and potentially rodents and this would be detrimental to her cake decorating business which she runs from her home, which is in close proximity to the proposed new chicken shed. She has had an initial inspection of her food business but was worried that the problems associated with the chickens could harm her business. She also complained about the ongoing smell from the existing business on the site which means they are unable to sit in their garden. She stated she had objected on-line to the application.

It was explained to Mrs Bingham that the Council's reason for support was that it would hopefully mean that the new business would stop the spreading of waste from the lagoons, and it was suggested to her that she contacts Elizabeth Truss MP.

After discussion it was decided that the Clerk should write to the Borough Council stating that the Parish Council had been unaware of any residents objecting at the time of making the decision to support the application, and the Council now considers that, in view of the reasons given above, its decision should be an objection.

69. APOLOGIES AND REASONS

County Cllr. Humphrey – school governors' meeting, County Cllr. Fred Agnew, Borough Cllr. Roy Groom – Borough Council meeting, Borough Cllr. Brian Long – Borough Council meeting. Cllr Smith – wife in hospital.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Landall declared an interest in the Churchyard items.

71. NOTIFICATION OF MATTERS TO BE PUT ON THE AGENDA UNDER 'AOB'

Cllr Snow had an item to discuss under the Churchyard.

Cllr Houghton had two items – student transport and memorial on A47.

Clerk had one item under Correspondence.

72. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 27th May 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2014 had been circulated. It was pointed out that in item 57c) S & B Components should read SB Components. With this amendment, Cllr Harvey proposed they be accepted as a true copy, seconded Cllr Snow, unanimously agreed.

73. MATTERS ARISING

a) Fly tipping – Clerk had nothing to report. It was noted that builders' waste on Wheatley Bank had been cleared away.

b) Commemoration of World War 1 – Cllr Woolley had arranged for a plaque, inscribed with the agreed wording, to be completed and it was agreed that he will obtain a metal stand, height one metre above the ground and half a metre in the ground, which will be donated, and Cllr Joanna Woolley was thanked for this. Suggestions for the type of tree to represent the War/victory/peace were evergreen; oak; apple and yew. It was considered the ideal size of the tree for planting should be between two and three metres tall and it should take place in Winter with a further discussion in the future regarding the planting of a tree in 2018 to commemorate the end of WW1.

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Landall will obtain the necessary permission for the positioning of two trees.

c) Free transport in Walsoken – Cllr Agnew's email was read stating that he had been told by the County and Borough Councils that anyone with an appropriate bus pass can have free transport, but he would enquire further if he had more information from the Parish Council.

Cllr Harvey re-iterated that he had enquired about free bus service for all residents in Walsoken and received an itinerary from West Norfolk Community Transport which did not include any stops in Walsoken.

It was decided Clerk should ring the West Norfolk Community Transport to make further enquiries.

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Cllr Leach had contacted F.A.C.T. and been advised that there was a £10 annual membership fee for passengers using their transport.

Cllr Houghton added that there were no Norfolk Green bus stops for the dedicated school/college bus travelling through the village to and from Kings Lynn.

Clerk to write to County Transport to ask for stops in Walsoken, such as The Locomotive, which would be valid for students with bus passes.

d) Village Hall representative – this item to be held over to the next meeting when Cllr Smith is present.

74. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Suggestions for initial inclusion on the web site were Declarations of Interest, dates of meetings, approved Minutes, councillors' names, links to other web sites such as Church /Environment Agency.

Clerk to liaise with Cllr Houghton to input the details.

75. VILLAGE ODOURS

Considered to be an ongoing issue. A letter from Elizabeth Truss, enclosing the Environment Agency letter update, had been circulated.

It was decided that the Clerk should write to Elizabeth Truss congratulating her on her new position as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and thank her for her support, asking her if she can enquire why the Environment Agency won't accept data from another Agency.

76. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications – The Planning Report had been circulated and was noted.

The new application 14/00975/FM was discussed and it was decided to recommend approval but express concern regarding the position of the access road, preferring it to be moved 50m north to give consideration to opposite properties.

The new application 14/00526/F was discussed and noted that it was not in the boundaries of Walsoken. It was decided to object in support of West Walton Parish Council's views and the previous comments made by this Council in response to the pre-application.

b) Flying Field Farm – it was noted that an auto-electrical business is operating on this site.

It was decided that the Clerk investigate whether permission has been granted for a business.

c) Livery stables at Wheatley Bank – it was noted that the site manager's caravan was on site.

d) Bambers Nursery site – Clerk to write a) Highways re the amount and state of signs on the verge, which are considered to be an eyesore and b) Planning re amount of buildings on site and whether permission has been granted.

77. HIGHWAYS

a) A47 Focus Group – Cllr Houghton reported that the Group had not met but he was hoping to arrange a meeting in the next couple of months.

b) Bridget Wall's memorial – it was noted with sympathy that a memorial rose bush planted by Bridget Wall had disappeared. She had contacted the Police and other Agencies.

78. STREET LIGHTING

It was reported that light number 9 outside 21 All Saints Avenue was on most of the day if it was dull, Clerk to report.

79. ALLOTMENTS

Nothing to report.

80. CHURCHYARD AND WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Landall confirmed that the Landscape Group had completed all the additional work requested. He will be discussing the removal of green waste with the company and ascertain if charges will be applied.

81. FINANCE

a) Sponsorship of the "The Great War" Parish magazine – a draft of the magazine had been circulated and Cllr Landall requested sponsorship on behalf of the Church.

After discussion it was decided that, as the Council had decided to commemorate with a tree, it would not become involved with sponsorship, but would consider a donation if a request was received.

b) Payments for approval – the payments on the attached schedule had been circulated. Clerk confirmed that the lighting supply and maintenance invoices had been reduced as agreed. Cllr Snow proposed the payments be accepted Cllr Joanna Woolley seconded, all in favour.

82. SNAP MEETING FEEDBACK

Cllr Harvey reported that the anti-social priority was to be continued and all quad bike incidents should be reported by ringing 101. The next meeting is 10th September at Tilney St Lawrence.

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83.CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was available for viewing prior to the meeting.

Clerk read out a letter from Mr Doubleday regarding lack of representation on Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board. Cllr Leach stated this information was incorrect as the Council representative was Cllr Roy Groom, although there was no longer a farmer representative on the Board, he had notified Mr Doubleday.

84.URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr Houghton enquired as to who is responsible for the perimeter of the pumping station in Burrett Road as there is a great deal of overgrowth coming through the fence.

85.AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING (2nd September)

None.

Next meeting is Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Annette Williams, Clerk

Chair..... Date.....2014