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**The Minutes of the Meeting of Walsoken Parish Council held in
Walsoken Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd September 2014 at 7pm**

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), John Woolley (Vice Chair), Chris Harvey, Clive Bettinson, Allan Landall, Frank Smith and Andy Houghton.

County Cllr. Fred Agnew, Borough Cllr. Roy Groom.

Three members of public – Anita Kent, Eileen Granger and John Granger.

86. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The parishioners expressed their concern about a Play group operating at 30 Burrett Road, which started last year. They stated there are between five and eight children, under 5 years old, every day in the back garden screaming and being very noisy. They have contacted Social Services but been told they cannot deal with it. There is also a problem with cars parked outside, making it difficult for residents to get out their own cars out of their drives.

Cllr Groom advised that a Change of Use application would be required.

Clerk to write to Kings Lynn Borough Council to express residents' concerns regarding the noise and parking, enclosing the list of problems from the neighbours, and let them know the Borough Council's reply. They also stated that the road between Sparrowgate and Chapnall Road was in a very poor condition with a sunken gully halfway across the road, believed to be a new sewer connection to the new property.

Cllr Harvey will report this to the Highway Rangers.

87. APOLOGIES AND REASONS

County Cllr. Harry Humphrey and Cllr. Brian Long– Borough Council meeting, Cllr Joanna Woolley – work commitments, Cllr Lisa Wiffen – holidays.

88. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

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

Clerk had two items of Correspondence.

90. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 15th July 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2014 had been circulated. Cllr Harvey proposed they be accepted as a true copy, seconded Cllr Bettinson, unanimously agreed.

91. MATTERS ARISING

a) Tree to commemorate World War 1 – Cllr Landall advised that the proposed position for the tree was in a large area to the East of the War Memorial in the main cemetery.

Cllr Leach had spoken to a tree supplier who could supply a Cardinal Royal Rowan (Mountain Ash) tree for £62 + VAT. This would grow to approximately 20 metres high, be upright and quite compact, have red berries and live for approximately 120+ years. It would be about 10/12 feet high when delivered in a 45 litre pot, and would need a sturdy post and a large enough hole to accommodate the root ball.

The plaque would also need to be concreted in

Cllrs Leach and Woolley will mark the exact spot and arrange for the hole to be dug.

Cllr Landall suggested a ceremonial planting on Remembrance Sunday on November 9th, together with the unveiling of the plaque.

Cllr Harvey proposed a sum of up to £100 to be spent in total for the tree, post and concrete, seconded Cllr Houghton, unanimously approved.

Clerk to write to Bob Ollier to obtain permission for the tree planting.

b) Free transport in Walsoken – Clerk had contacted West Norfolk Community Transport who had advised that there would have to be sufficient demand (between 6 and 8 people) using the bus to make it viable to stop in Walsoken.

Cllr Houghton had been in contact with Norfolk County Council regarding school/college transport to Kings Lynn as although the Norfolk Green bus route travelled through Walsoken, there were no stops. The County Council had said there was no demand.

After discussion it was decided that the Clerk should contact Marshland High School to ascertain the number of students living in Walsoken, who left in July who are travelling to Kings Lynn.

c) Village Hall representative – Cllr Smith confirmed that he is happy to continue his role as Village Hall representative, all in agreement.

di) Flying Field Farm – Clerk advised that the site had been registered as an unauthorised application by the Borough Council.

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dii) Bambers Nursery site – the email from the Borough Council Enforcement Team had been circulated and noted.. This stated that “all existing buildings on the site are lawful, either because of specific planning permission or because of the passage of time.”

92. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Clerk advised that Cllr Houghton had been unable to meet during the summer, but the Society of Local Clerks was holding a meeting on 19th September to discuss websites and they would forward information to her from that meeting, which may be helpful.

93. VILLAGE ODOURS

A letter from the Environment Agency dated July 30th 2014 had been circulated advising that a Suspension Notice had been issued against Strattons because of continuing non-compliance with his permit.

A further letter from Julie Foley, Area Manager of the Environment Agency in Huntingdon was read out setting out what Mr Stratton had purchased and built on his site in recent years. It stated that Mr Stratton must comply with certain conditions by 30th September 2014 otherwise they will take legal advice on taking further enforcement actions, which could include prosecution and revocation of the permit.

It was noted that Strattons' latest planning application for an egg production unit had been withdrawn.

94. PLANNING

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

b) 14/00975/FM was discussed and the comments of Ms Allen were read out.

c) 7 S-Bend – Cllr Woolley had received Notice of a single storey extension although this application had not been received by the Council.

Clerk to enquire if this is a Permitted Development which would not need approval.

95. HIGHWAYS

a) A47 Focus Group – Cllr Houghton reported that the Group had made no further progress and he would possibly have to step down as Chair. A discussion followed noting that any improvements at the junction had been promised by Highways Agency by the end of this calendar year.

b) Highways Rangers – Clerk advised that they would be visiting Walsoken during the week commencing 13th October 2014 and any reports of work should be notified by 11th September. Cllr Harvey advised that he would forward on any problems to Highways. Cllr Houghton reported that the boundary of the pumping station just past Burrett Gardens is overgrown and unsightly.

96. STREET LIGHTING

Clerk had reported faults in the last few weeks which had been repaired promptly by Westcotec.

97. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the land had been combined and was in good order. Rent due in October.

98. CHURCHYARD AND WAR MEMORIAL

Cllr Landall reported that Landscape was giving a good maintenance service and had provided waste bags which had been filled.

99.FINANCE

a) Donation request for the Church WW1 booklet – sponsorship of this booklet had been discussed and declined at the last meeting and subsequently a request for a donation had been received. After discussion it was decided to make no donation as the Parish Council had already agreed to purchase and plant a memorial tree and plaque, and this was considered the limit of monies the Council would spend on this event.

Clerk to let Mr Woodhouse know this decision.

b) Audit of Accounts 31st March 2014 – Clerk had received the completed Audit back from Mazars which had been signed with no comments.

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

100.CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was available for viewing prior to the meeting. Clerk read out a letter from Norfolk County Council advising that a County Farms Advisory Board had been formed.

101. URGENT BUSINESS None.

102.AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING None.

Next meeting is Tuesday 21st October 2014 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm

Annette Williams, Clerk

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