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**The Minutes of the Meeting of Walsoken Parish Council held in  
Walsoken Village Hall, Walsoken on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014 at 7pm**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), John Woolley (Vice Chair), Clive Bettinson, Andy Houghton, Lisa Wiffen.  
Borough Cllrs. Brian Long and Roy Groom.

**120. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present.

**121. APOLOGIES AND REASONS**

Cllr Frank Smith – family commitment, Cllr Landall – church meeting, Cllr Snow – ill, Cllr Joanna Woolley – working, Cllr Harvey – fallen off a ladder.

**122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

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

Clerk had 2 items to be read in Planning and Street lighting.

**124. TO CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 had been circulated. Cllr Houghton proposed they be accepted as a true copy, seconded Cllr Bettinson, unanimously agreed.

**125. MATTERS ARISING**

**a) Student transport** – Clerk read an email reply from Claire Bower (on behalf of Karl Buffin, Norfolk CC) which confirmed that a College day service leaves Wisbech Bus Station at 0755 and travels to the College of West Anglia.

When the College is closed, there is a bus at 0725 from Wisbech or 0730 from Walton Road arriving at Kings Lynn Bus Station at 08.12.

Cllr Houghton reported that presently there is a bus which stops at the Locomotive.

It was decided that Cllr Houghton would monitor the situation.

**b) Parish Council website** – Clerk to liaise with Cllr Houghton to sort out the problems.

**c) A47 junction** – a letter from Highways Agency was read stating that the improvements to the junction will be delayed for a few weeks to January 2015.

The Council expressed disappointment.

**d) War Memorial** – Clerk reported that she had not heard from the War Memorial Trust about the eligibility for a grant. After discussion about safety and potential vandalism problems of replacing the bayonet and leather strap, it was decided to leave the Memorial as it is.

**e) Overgrown area in church** – Cllr Bettinson reported this is to be cleared fairly soon. A discussion followed about the possibility of contacting the local Probation Officer for a team to tidy up the area if it is not cleared. Clerk can liaise with Watlington Parish Council if necessary.

**126. DATES FOR 2015**

The following dates were agreed for 2015 – January 13<sup>th</sup>; February 24<sup>th</sup>; April 14<sup>th</sup>; May 26<sup>th</sup>; July 14<sup>th</sup>; September 1<sup>st</sup>; October 20<sup>th</sup>; December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**127. ODOURS IN THE VILLAGE**

Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the Environment Agency and Kings Lynn Borough Council advising that Strattons Liquid Waste Disposal Ltd had appealed both Notices suspending part of its permit, plus had issued judicial review proceedings to quash one of the Notices.

It was noted that the company can continue as normal until the outcome of the Appeals is received.

**128. PLANNING**

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

**b) Briefing sessions** – Clerk advised of briefing sessions held by Kings Lynn Borough Council.

**129. HIGHWAYS**

**a) Argyl Gardens** – Clerk to chase Highways for repair of potholes at the junction with Burrett Road.

**b) Wilkins Road, Emneth** – Clerk to forward email from parishioner re overgrown hedge to Highways.

**129. STREET LIGHTING**

**a) Chapnall Road** - Clerk had received a request from a parishioner for an extra light in Chapnall Road opposite Legge-Bourke Court junction. The elderly lady had fallen on the kerb when getting off a bus at an unofficial stop in Chapnall Road. It was decided that whilst the Council was sorry to hear of the lady's fall, there was a sufficient quota of lights in the road and Clerk to advise the parishioner that if the bus is going to stop unofficially in Chapnall Road then it should stop under a light.

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**130. ALLOTMENTS**

Clerk reported that this year's rent had been received from Mr Clifton.

**131. SNAP MEETING**

Cllr long reported that it was not very well attended. No priorities were set but the Police will patrol for oil thefts.

**132. CHURCHYARD AND WAR MEMORIAL**

a) **Memorial Service** – Cllr Woolley reported that he had represented the Parish Council at the ceremonial tree planting service which went very smoothly. Cllr Houghton had forwarded a report to the local paper.

**133. FINANCE**

a) **Payments for approval** – the payments on the attached schedule had been circulated. Cllr Wiffen proposed the payments be accepted Cllr Bettison seconded, all in favour.

b) **Precept and Budget for year ending March 2016** – as not everyone had received a copy of these reports, it was decided to defer these items to the January meeting. Clerk to forward them both out again to all councillors in preparation for a decision to be made in January.

**134. CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was available prior to the meeting.

**135. URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

**136. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

none.

Next meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Annette Williams, Clerk

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