

**Walsoken Parish Council Minutes**  
**of the meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7pm**

**PRESENT**

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

Sixteen members of the public.

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68	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b>            Cllr Leach welcomed the public and introductions were made around the table.            Apologies were announced as below -            Cllr Lisa Wiffen – holiday, Cllr Allan Landall – church commitment, and Cllr Joanna Woolley – baby care/holiday, Borough Cllr Roy Groom, PC Lee Anderton, County Cllr Sandra Squire – Round the World Yacht Race.</p>
69	<p><b><u>Public Participation</u></b>            It was established that the residents were all present to put forward their concerns about the planning application in Green Lane to site caravans and touring pitches on the site. Their concerns are set out below -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• impact on the road of large vehicles</li> <li>• suitability of highway – single track, blind bends, no passing places</li> <li>• turning in resident's drives and onto grass/gravel to allow passing</li> <li>• car parks lights</li> <li>• noise level</li> <li>• no time restriction</li> <li>• caravans back onto a boundary fence and barn – potential fire danger</li> <li>• caravans positioned under an electric cable</li> </ul> <p>Comparison was made to a rejected application on a nearby site due to unsuitability of road, open countryside and local opposition.            The residents explained they had no objection to fishing lakes open to members only, with locked gates and time restrictions (7am to 7pm), which was one of the conditions of the original permission in the Club syndicate rules.            The residents asked that the Parish Council supported their objections in view of the significant local opposition.            Cllr Leach advised that his vehicles had to use the road and would leave the meeting if required, but every councillor was free to speak regardless of this.            It was agreed the Clerk would send the objection response to the Borough Council before midnight tonight as the closing date was 10<sup>th</sup> July, copying in County Cllr Harry Humphrey, Borough Cllr Brian Long and Elizabeth Truss MP.            Residents thanked the councillors for their support and left the meeting at 7.40pm.</p>
70	<p><b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>            None.</p>
71	<p><b><u>Urgent Matters</u></b>            None.</p>
72	<p><b><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></b>            The Minutes of the meeting held 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Houghton seconded Cllr Sisson signed by Cllr Leach.</p>
73	<p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b>            a) <b>Council website Counter statistics</b> – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 as 8 visitors that day, 16 previous day, 107 in the last 7 days, 399 in the last 30 days and 25,107 in the last year.</p>

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74	<p><b>Planning</b></p> <p>a) <b>The Planning Report</b> – the Planning Report had been circulated to councillors, and was noted.</p> <p>b) <b>Maipop Farm</b> – Clerk to contact the Environment Agency to ask for an update advising that the smells are not as bad but still exist, copying in Elizabeth Truss.</p> <p>c) <b>East Wisbech Broad Concept Plan</b> – Clerk to chase for a reply from Kings Lynn Borough Council and Fenland District Council, copying in Elizabeth Truss.</p>																																													
75	<p><b>Church and War Memorial</b></p> <p>a) <b>War Memorial project</b> – Clerk advised that the War Memorial Trust grant decision would be received by mid-August. Fenland District Council had offered a grant of £735 subject to works being completed by 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019; 14 days' notice given to allow the Conservation Officer to agree a sample of stone cleaning and a mortar sample and works to be carried out to the satisfaction of Head of Planning. The Council agreed to accept the offer subject to the conditions. Clerk was instructed to notify the contractor, J G Cross, about the grants and ask if it would be possible to complete the work by November.</p> <p>b) <b>Removal of branches</b> – held over as Cllr Landall was absent.</p> <p>c) <b>Ceremonial tree</b>– Clerk advised that Fenland District Council had given permission for a tree. Cllr Landall was looking into the type of tree although a beech tree was suggested to replace the one which had to be cut down. Clerk to contact Barcham Farm Trees and Taymar Nurseries to obtain a quote for a common beech approximately 3 metres high. <b>Ceremonial plaque</b> – It was agreed Clerk will contact Fen Regis Trophies for a plaque, to be the same as the existing one with the words amended to include “end of World War One” <b>Plaque stand</b> – Cllr Woolley will look into the provision of a stand to be made up, similar to the existing one.</p> <p>d) <b>Beech tree project</b> – held over in the absence of Cllr Landall, who is looking into the permission.</p>																																													
76	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>a) <b>Payments</b> – the schedule below had been circulated.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="233 1227 1430 1615"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="233 1227 584 1261">PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</th> <th data-bbox="588 1227 1007 1261">DETAILS</th> <th data-bbox="1011 1227 1206 1261">NET AMOUNT</th> <th data-bbox="1211 1227 1318 1261">VAT</th> <th data-bbox="1323 1227 1430 1261">TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1267 584 1301">101844 BHIB Ltd</td> <td data-bbox="588 1267 1007 1301">Insurance renewal premium</td> <td data-bbox="1011 1267 1206 1301">£424.13</td> <td data-bbox="1211 1267 1318 1301">£0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1267 1430 1301">£424.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1308 584 1341">101845 Mrs A Williams</td> <td data-bbox="588 1308 1007 1341">Net salary 15<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</td> <td data-bbox="1011 1308 1206 1341">£277.13</td> <td data-bbox="1211 1308 1318 1341">£0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1308 1430 1341">£277.13</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1348 584 1382">101846 Mrs A Williams</td> <td data-bbox="588 1348 1007 1382">Expenses to 2018</td> <td data-bbox="1011 1348 1206 1382">£38.00</td> <td data-bbox="1211 1348 1318 1382">£0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1348 1430 1382">£38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1388 584 1422">101847 Inland Revenue</td> <td data-bbox="588 1388 1007 1422">Income 15<sup>th</sup> May to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018</td> <td data-bbox="1011 1388 1206 1422">£69.40</td> <td data-bbox="1211 1388 1318 1422">£0.00</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1388 1430 1422">£69.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1429 584 1462">101848 Westcotec</td> <td data-bbox="588 1429 1007 1462">Maintenance June and July</td> <td data-bbox="1011 1429 1206 1462">£26.92</td> <td data-bbox="1211 1429 1318 1462">£5.38</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1429 1430 1462">£32.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1469 584 1503">Direct Debit Haven power</td> <td data-bbox="588 1469 1007 1503">Supply March</td> <td data-bbox="1011 1469 1206 1503">£47.88</td> <td data-bbox="1211 1469 1318 1503">£2.40</td> <td data-bbox="1323 1469 1430 1503">£50.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1509 584 1543"></td> <td data-bbox="588 1509 1007 1543"></td> <td data-bbox="1011 1509 1206 1543"></td> <td data-bbox="1211 1509 1318 1543"></td> <td data-bbox="1323 1509 1430 1543"></td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="233 1550 584 1583"></td> <td data-bbox="588 1550 1007 1583" style="text-align: right;"><b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</b></td> <td data-bbox="1011 1550 1206 1583"><b>£883.46</b></td> <td data-bbox="1211 1550 1318 1583"><b>£7.78</b></td> <td data-bbox="1323 1550 1430 1583"><b>£891.24</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) Cllr Sisson proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Bettinson, all in agreement. <b>Election costs</b> – Clerk reported that Kings Lynn Borough Council had advised Parish Councils that at a meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 it was resolved to re-charge the costs of uncontested Parish Council elections to the Parish Councils concerned, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The Clerk reported that many Parish Councils had commented and protested and the outcome was awaited.</p>	PAYMENTS TO BE MADE	DETAILS	NET AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL	101844 BHIB Ltd	Insurance renewal premium	£424.13	£0.00	£424.13	101845 Mrs A Williams	Net salary 15 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	£277.13	£0.00	£277.13	101846 Mrs A Williams	Expenses to 2018	£38.00	£0.00	£38.00	101847 Inland Revenue	Income 15 <sup>th</sup> May to 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	£69.40	£0.00	£69.40	101848 Westcotec	Maintenance June and July	£26.92	£5.38	£32.30	Direct Debit Haven power	Supply March	£47.88	£2.40	£50.28							<b>TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</b>	<b>£883.46</b>	<b>£7.78</b>	<b>£891.24</b>
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77	<p><b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b></p> <p>Clerk had contacted the Clerk of West Walton, who had received NALC training on GDPR, and would be liaising with her to ascertain what was required. Cllr Houghton had also sent some links giving advice and information.</p>																																													

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78 a)    b) c) d)	<p><b><u>Highways</u></b></p> <p><b>Grasscutting</b> – Cllr Long had ridden around the village and noted the poor quality but advised that there was a staff shortage at present. A discussion followed about the number of cuts which had actually been completed. It was decided to monitor the situation.</p> <p><b>Anglia Water pumping station</b> – Clerk to chase for the overgrowth to be cut back.</p> <p><b>Princes Ltd verges</b> – Clerk to chase for the verges to be cut to the end of verge.</p> <p><b>Highways Parish Partnership scheme</b> – it was noted by the Council.</p> <p><b>Trod</b> – Clerk to report that the trod on the east side of Argyll Gardens is broken up.</p> <p><b>Green Lane footpath</b> – this is still overgrown at the Norfolk end. It was agreed to ask Bob Ollier if Fenland District Council would be willing to undertake the clearance as they keep the majority of the path clear in the Cambridgeshire section.</p>
79	<p><b><u>Street lighting</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>
80	<p><b><u>Allotments</u></b> Clerk reported that Norfolk County Council had increased the rent to £1,560 per annum with effect from October 2018, payable April 2019 as the rent is paid 6 months in arrears. After discussion it was agreed to increase the tenant's rent by £150 per annum payable from April 2019.</p>
81	<p><b><u>Correspondence</u></b> Clerks and Councils newsletter available.</p>
82	<p><b><u>Urgent Business</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>
83	<p><b><u>Agenda items for the next meeting</u></b> As discussed previously. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.</p>
	<p>Cllr Leach thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.40pm</p>

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