

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th September 2018
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), Joanna Woolley, Clive Bettinson, Allan Landall, Jenny Snow (arrived 7.05pm) and Andy Houghton (arrived 8.05pm).

County Cllr Harry Humphrey and Borough Cllr Brian Long.

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| 84 | <u>Apologies</u> Cllrs Brian Sisson – holiday, John Woolley – Holiday, John Harwin – holiday, Borough Cllr Roy Groom – no transport. |
| 85 | <u>Public Participation</u> None present. |
| 86 | <u>Declarations of Interest</u> None. |
| 87 | <u>Urgent Matters</u> None. |
| 88 | <u>Approval of the Minutes</u> The Minutes of the meeting held 10 th July 2018 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Bettinson seconded Cllr Leach signed by Cllr Leach. |
| 89 | <p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a) Council website Counter statistics – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 3rd September 2018 as 7 visitors that day, 12 previous day, 104 the last 7 days, 461 the last 30 days and 19,265 in the last year.</p> <p>b) Green Lane – Clerk advised that the latest entry on the planning web site had a revised drawing removing the touring caravan units, leaving the 3 static caravans only, for the use of the fishermen who will be using the existing lake facility.</p> <p>Maipop Farm – Clerk had received a response from Ely Land & Water Team advising the Planning Inspectorate decision was anticipated within a couple of weeks following the public hearing.</p> <p>c) East Wisbech Broad Concept Plan – the Planning Team at Fenland District Council had advised the Clerk that the Plan was approved in May by Fenland and a week later by King's Lynn Council. Fenland's understanding was that an outline planning application is being prepared for the whole site, which will be subject to pre-application discussions over the next 6 to 12 months or so prior to any application being submitted.</p> <p>d) Grasscutting – disappointment was expressed that although verges had been cut it was thought to be only the 3rd or 4th of the season.</p> <p>e) Pumping station - Anglian Water had advised they would make arrangements for the weeds inside the boundary to be treated and cleared but the large vegetation growing outside was not their responsibility.</p> <p>f) Highway items – it was noted the Highway Rangers were in the village this week and Church Road and Argyl Gardens had been repaired.</p> <p>Orchard Drive/Green Lane footpath – it was noted Fenland maintained the hedging and overgrowth to a satisfactory standard but the 100 yards or so in Norfolk had not been touched. Clerk reported that she had emailed Bob Ollier and Andy Wallace but had not response. Cllr Humphrey asked to be copied into the email and he will look into it.</p> <p>g) Defibrillator – Clerk had spoken to the Boots manager in Walsoken who had advised that Boots are not able to undertake the maintenance and upkeep of a defibrillator outside their premises as there is no-one trained in the store, they have no funding and if it was done in one store others would ask and they only undertake this in big shopping centres.</p> <p>Cllr Long was aware of a charity which funds defibrillators, he will forward the details to the Clerk.</p> |

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| 90 | Planning | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) | The Planning Report – the Planning Report had been circulated to councillors, and was noted. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 91 | Church and War Memorial | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) | War Memorial project – Clerk advised that the War Memorial Trust grant had been approved for white lettering, cleaning and re-pointing. The project will now be 100% funded with the Fenland District Council grant. J G Cross, the contractor, hoped to commence work some time in October. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) | Removal of branches – Cllr Landall provided a quote of £110 + Vat from Idverde to remove the large bough near the church building. Cllr Leach confirmed that this needed to be cut down following an inspection with Cllr John Woolley. A proposal to accept the quote was put forward by Cllr Snow, seconded Cllr Woolley, unanimously agreed. Cllr Landall will contact Idverde. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c) | Ceremonial tree – 3 quotes from Barcham Trees, Tamar Nurseries and Campions for a beech tree had been circulated It was agreed that Cllr Leach and Cllr John Woolley will make the final decision and will make arrangements to plant it in a location to be agreed with Cllr Landall. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| cii) | Ceremonial plaque – Clerk displayed the completed plaque. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d) | Beech tree project – Clerk read an email from the Church Parochial Church Council offering support to the carving of the beech tree stump subject to an appropriate design being chosen. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 92 | Finance | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) | Payments – the schedule below had been circulated. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Clerk explained that she was still having problems with Haven Power invoices and direct debits. Cllr Landall proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Woolley, all in agreement. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 93 | General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Following a meeting with the Clerk of West Walton Parish Council, a Privacy Notice had been posted onto the Council website and sent to all councillors. It was agreed that the necessity to blind copy councillors in emails could be dispensed with. Clerk will check whether email contact details from parishioners can be passed on to the Council or if their prior permission is required. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 94 | Highways | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| a) | Speeding – Clerk read out the 2 complaints received from residents in Burrettgate and Burrett Road. The concerns were discussed at length and it was agreed that enforcement is a Police matter. The Speedwatch Community project was suggested, although it was noted that a previous attempt to advertise for volunteers had not been successful. Speed Awareness Signs (SAM2) were discussed and Clerk was requested to obtain up-to-date prices. It was noted that the Highways Partnership scheme could help with funding. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b) | Parking – parking concerns in the village were discussed, particularly in Burrettgate Road opposite the mini industrial estate and on Burrett Road opposite the junction with Chapnall Road. Clerk to notify the Police and request advice. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 95 | <u>Street lighting</u> Nothing to report. |
| 96 | <u>Allotments</u> Nothing to report. |
| 97 | <u>Village Hall Rerport</u> Clerk read the report from Cllr John Woolley stating Cyril Snushall is very ill, but hopes to attend a concert in the Village Hall on 18 th August as it's his 95 th birthday. Concerts and dances are arranged for the rest of 2018 and all of 2019. The Treasurer had reported that the Hall is losing money and there are concerns about the future. |
| 98 | <u>Correspondence</u> Cllr Landall gave information on the Remembrance Day events. On Saturday 10 th November the church will be open with flower displays, Dad's Army exhibition, RAF and Fenland Family History Society stands and church bell ringing plus an indoor street party from 1pm. On Remembrance Day the commemorative tree will be planted plus laying of wreaths and a poppy Guard of Honour. Cllr Landall will email the information to the Clerk to forward on to councillors. |
| 99 | <u>Urgent Business</u> Nothing to report. |
| 100 | <u>Agenda items for the next meeting</u> As discussed previously. The next meeting is on Tuesday 16 th October 2018 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall. |
| | Cllr Leach thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.35pm |

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