

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on Tuesday 16th October 2018
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), Clive Bettinson, Barry Sisson and Lisa Wiffen.

County Cllr Harry Humphrey and Borough Cllr Roy Groom.

Nine parishioners.

Item No.	Details
101	<p><u>Apologies</u> Cllrs Andy Houghton – work, Allan Landall – church meeting, John Woolley – unwell, Joanna Woolley – unwell, John Harwin – holiday and Jenny Snow – family commitment. PC Lee Anderton – prior engagement.</p>
102	<p><u>Public Participation</u> Cllr Leach welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised the residents that the Parish Council had supported their views in the recent Green Lane planning application. Clerk confirmed that no reply had been received from the Borough Council. The residents were advised to contact Cllr Brian Long and ask him to put the application forward to committee so they had the opportunity to voice their concerns. They also expressed concern that the original conditions of landscaping had not been adhered to and were advised to report anything to the Borough Council which is non-compliant to the planning permission. Cll Leach advised that the Parish Council is not a statutory planning consultee. The residents left at 7.30pm.</p>
103	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.</p>
104	<p><u>Urgent Matters</u> Motor cycles in the village to be discussed under Urgent Matters.</p>
105	<p><u>Approval of the Minutes</u> The Minutes of the meeting held 4th September 2018 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Leach seconded Cllr Bettison, signed by Cllr Leach.</p>
106	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a) Council website Counter statistics – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 14th October 2018 as 8 visitors that day, 15 previous day, 121 the last 7 days, 495 the last 30 days and 16,062 in the last year.</p> <p>b) Parking – Clerk read the response from PC Lee Anderton stating there is no definition in law to what exactly obstruction is and not merely an inconvenience. The local authority only deal with issues if there are parking restrictions in place. He suggested the Parish Council approaches County Council Highways and request restrictions in areas where there are problems. Cllr Humphrey advised that Traffic Orders are expensive and some parking is a nuisance rather than a danger. After discussion it was decided not to pursue this matter.</p>
107	<p><u>Postal Addresses</u> Clerk read out the email from the Royal Mail stating that they no longer use county details in postal addresses and Wisbech will remain as the post town as this is required for the routing of mail and cannot be changed. If the inclusion of the village name was requested, Royal Mail would carry out a consultation and site visit of the geographical area and check it's operationally acceptable. After discussion it was decided not to take this forward.</p>
108	<p><u>2019 Meeting Dates</u> The following dates in 2019 were approved subject to the Village Hall being free - January 22nd, February 26th, April 2nd (Annual Assembly), May 21st (AGM), July 9th, August 20th, October 8th and November 26th.</p>

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109	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) The Planning Report – the Planning Report had been circulated to councillors, and was noted.</p> <p>b) Maipop Farm Appeal – Clerk had been notified by Ely Environment Agency that they would let the Parish Council know when a decision is received from the Planning Inspectorate.</p>																																								
110	<p>Church and War Memorial</p> <p>a) War Memorial project – Clerk advised that work had commenced on the Memorial and was due to be completed in time for Remembrance Day. Barry Woodhouse had expressed sincere thanks to the Parish Council for their work on this project.</p> <p>b) Ceremonial tree, stand and plaque – Cllr Leach confirmed he would arrange for collection and planting of the tree from Campions plus installation of the plaque and stand.</p>																																								
111	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) Payments – the schedule below had been circulated.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</th> <th>DETAILS</th> <th>NET AMOUNT</th> <th>VAT</th> <th>TOTAL</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>101855 Mrs A Williams</td> <td>Net salary 3rd September to 14th Oct 2018</td> <td>£238.99</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£238.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101856 Mrs A Williams</td> <td>Expenses to 14th October 2018</td> <td>£33.00</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£33.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101857 Inland Revenue</td> <td>Income tax 3rd September to 14th Oct 2018</td> <td>£59.80</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£59.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101858 Westcotec</td> <td>Maintenance Sept and October 2018</td> <td>£26.92</td> <td>£5.38</td> <td>£32.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit Haven power</td> <td>Supply April and July</td> <td>£60.47</td> <td>£3.04</td> <td>£63.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit Haven power</td> <td>Supply August</td> <td>£32.23</td> <td>£1.62</td> <td>£33.85</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</td> <td>£451.41</td> <td>£10.04</td> <td>£461.45</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>b) Cllr Wiffen proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Sisson, all in agreement. Donation requests – after consideration a request from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service was declined.</p>	PAYMENTS TO BE MADE	DETAILS	NET AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL	101855 Mrs A Williams	Net salary 3 rd September to 14 th Oct 2018	£238.99	£0.00	£238.99	101856 Mrs A Williams	Expenses to 14 th October 2018	£33.00	£0.00	£33.00	101857 Inland Revenue	Income tax 3 rd September to 14 th Oct 2018	£59.80	£0.00	£59.80	101858 Westcotec	Maintenance Sept and October 2018	£26.92	£5.38	£32.30	Direct Debit Haven power	Supply April and July	£60.47	£3.04	£63.51	Direct Debit Haven power	Supply August	£32.23	£1.62	£33.85	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS		£451.41	£10.04	£461.45
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112	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) Speed Awareness Signs – Clerk read out the quote from Westcotec for a SAM 2 sign for just under £3,400 + VAT. A permanently fixed solar powered sign cost is £4,150 + VAT and if mains electricity is available this could be reduced by around £200. Additionally £2,000 per sign for 10 years maintenance is payable to Norfolk County Council. Cllr Humphrey advised that in addition to the 50% funding available from the Highways Partnership scheme, he could provide some funding for a SAM2. It was noted that a volunteer would be required to commit to moving the sign, monitoring, maintenance etc. It was decided Clerk should ask the Councillors if anyone was willing to volunteer. A discussion took place about speed limits in the village. A councillor had noticed that 30mph speed signs were attached to posts in Sutton Bridge. Clerk to ask Sutton Bridge Parish Council who provided them and ask Andy Wallace if they're available in Norfolk.</p> <p>b) A47 Highways Safety Audit – Clerk reported that Highways England had notified that the Audit had been delayed and completion was anticipated within a month or two, they will notify the delivery date once finalised. It was noted that signs at the junction are still erected on scaffolding.</p>																																								
113	<p>Street lighting</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>																																								
114	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Clerk had requested the rent for the 12 months to October 2019.</p>																																								
115	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Clerk had received correspondence about reporting scam mail. It was decided to post this information on the Council's website.</p>																																								

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116	<p><u>Urgent Business</u></p> <p>a) Anti-social motor bikes - Concern was expressed about motor bikes coming down Burrett Road from Bucksholt Road with the riders not wearing helmets, very noisy and riding dangerously around the village. They had been reported to the Police.</p> <p>b) Noise from Princes factory – a complaint was received about the noise emitted from the front of Princes factory on Lynn Road. Clerk will contact the factory manager and let Cllr Groom know the outcome.</p> <p>c) Clerk's holidays – Clerk advised that she would be away from 18th to 29th October 2018 and will type up the Minutes on her return.</p> <p>d) Overgrown hedges/trees – Clerk to write to the owner of the overgrown hedge on the corner of Broadend Road plus the owner of land in Green Lane where the hedges and trees are encroaching onto the road. A barrier was also in need of repair on the corner of Broadend Road, Clerk to report.</p>
117	<p><u>Agenda items for the next meeting</u></p> <p>Review Clerk's salary. The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.</p>
	<p>Cllr Leach thanked everyone for attending. The meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>

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