

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2019
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT

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

Item No.	Details
17	<p><u>Report from PC Lee Anderton</u> Chair thanked PC Anderton for attending. PC Anderton answered questions and made the following points -</p> <p>Speeding -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • it's a national problem and not always deliberate, although there are persistent speeders • there are presently 6 cameras to cover 900 sites. Each site has to be risk assessed for safety and data checked for high collision rates • Officers will carry out speed checks at sites where serious or fatal accidents have occurred, lack of funds prevents full cover • the area covering Downham Market to Suffolk has only 3 Officers and 1 Sargeant per shift • there are 1,500 Officers including Detectives in Norfolk, but no PCSOs • any near misses should be reported on line at Norfolk Constabulary • the Traffic Police concentrate on major routes but can be called in if necessary • PC Anderton will send the Clerk information about the camera safety team but this could take 6 months to action <p>Parking on the pavement/at a junction -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Anderton advised this is only an offence in London, it is the actual driving on a pavement which is the offence but it has to be witnessed • it could be assessed as an obstruction if it is physically impossible to get through, if you can get through with care then it is classed as an inconvenience • cases should be reported but calls are triaged so an Officer may not be able to attend and assess the issue. They will encourage people to talk as it's often not deliberate • the Highway Code states vehicles shouldn't be parked within 10m of a junction but the Highway Code is a Code of Practice and not the law, unless it states there is legislation . However, the width of a junction, position of buildings etc will be taken into account to assess whether parking is an obstruction or a danger <p>Evidence -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • photos and a time diary can be sent in so the team can build up a case and send out an Officer if a persistent problem is established, however it can't be used in court <p>Speed Awareness Message (SAM) signs -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PC Anderton advised the data produced cannot be used as it has to be calibrated daily and checked that there is no interference from other radio waves depending on its position and angle • there are many SAMs in place which means that there is too much data produced for the team to process • they can reduce speed but will never stop drivers who don't care <p>PC Anderton stated he is willing to attend future meetings if there are any problems. Chair thanked him and he left at 7.30pm.</p>
18	<p><u>Public Participation</u> None present.</p>
19	<p><u>Apologies</u> County Cllr Humphrey – clash of meetings Bor Cllr Groom - unwell</p>

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20	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.</p>
21	<p><u>Urgent Matters</u> None.</p>
22	<p><u>Approval of the Minutes</u> The Minutes of the meeting held 22nd January 2019 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Sisson seconded Cllr Bettinson, signed by Cllr Leach.</p>
23	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a) Council website Counter statistics – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 24th February 2019 as 10 visitors that day, 14 previous day, 168 the last 7 days, 683 the last 30 days and 7,615 in the last year.</p> <p>b) Village Hall rates – Cllr Woolley was waiting for confirmation of the fees for the hire of the Hall. In the meantime, the Clerk advised she had deleted all hire rates from the website.</p> <p>c) Postal addresses – Clerk advised that the Address Management Unit had received all the requested information and was looking into the case.</p> <p>d) Worzals planning application – Clerk read the reply from Borough Council Planning Department stating that they will try to keep the Clerk informed but the Parish Council would not be able to influence the specifications, which will be resolved between the Borough Council and the Local Highway Authority.</p>
24	<p><u>Parish Council elections 2nd May 2019</u></p> <p>a) Procedures and timetable – Councillors took Nomination Packs for completion and the Clerk advised which sections needed to be completed. It was decided Cllr Joanna Woolley would complete the nomination for the North Ward with all other councillors standing for the Main Ward. Clerk advised all Nomination forms must be delivered in full, by hand, to the Borough Council and it was agreed that if councillors wished the Clerk to deliver their forms, they should be with the Clerk by Monday 18th March.</p> <p>b) Parish Warding – Cll Leach reported that, along with the Clerk and Vice Chair, he had spoken to the Returning Officer at the Borough Council about the need for 2 Wards in Walsoken. She had advised that the Parish Council should apply after the elections for an amalgamation into 1 Ward.</p>
25	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>a) The Planning Report – the Planning Report had been circulated to councillors, and was noted. 19/00198/F Chapnall Road – support was unanimously agreed for this application.</p>
26	<p><u>Church and War Memorial</u></p> <p>a) Turfing on both sides of church access path – Clerk was waiting for a reply from Andy Griffiths to meet to discuss the quote.</p> <p>b) Maintenance contract – Clerk was waiting for the signed contract from Idverde. Cllr Landall requested a copy of the contract for reference.</p>
27	<p><u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p>a) Renewal of maintenance contract – Clerk advised the new contract expires 31st January 2022.</p> <p>b) Light fault – the troublesome light in Sparrowgate Road was out again, Clerk to report.</p>
28	<p>a) <u>Finance</u> Payments – the schedule below had been circulated.</p>

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	PAYMENTS TO BE MADE	DETAILS	NET AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
	101873 Mrs A Williams	Net salary 14 th Jan to 17 th Feb 2019	£237.47	£0.00	£237.47
	101874 Mrs A Williams	Expenses to 26 th Feb 2019	£28.00	£0.00	£28.00
	101875 Inland Revenue	Income tax 14 th Jan to 17 th Feb 2019	£59.40	£0.00	£59.40
	101876 Westcotec	Maintenance February 2019	£13.46	£2.69	£16.15
	101877 Walsoken Village Hall	Hire for 2019	£190.00	£0.00	£190.00
	101878 Petty Cash	Cartridges, paper, stamps	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
	101879 Information Commissioner	Data protection renewal fee	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
	Direct Debit Haven Power	Supply December 2018	£32.87	£1.65	£34.52
		TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	£661.20	£4.34	£665.54
	RECEIPTS	DETAILS	AMOUNT		
	Fenland District Council	Grant for War Memorial	£735.00		
	Bank Interest	Business Savings Account for year 2018	£35.62		
		Total	£770.62		
	Cllr Houghton proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Joanna Woolley, all in agreement.				
29	Highways				
a)	Highway Rangers – Clerk advised they would be in the village during the week commencing 4 th March 2019.				
b)	Monitoring Report – it was noted the sign on the A47 had now been replaced. The Report was agreed with the addition of a separate “Date” column and renaming the final column as “Status”. Clerk will add new items at the top of the Report for ongoing purposes.				
c)	Pothole on roundabout – this had previously been reported but it was noted the edges were breaking away, Clerk to report.				
30	Allotments Nothing to report.				
31	Correspondence				
a)	Village Hall – Cllr John Woolley had attended the meeting on 29 th January and reported that a Christmas concert which had been held on 1 st December 2018 in memory of Cyril Snushall had been poorly attended but made a small profit. It had been agreed that more needs to be done to attract people to Village Hall events.				
b)	Removal of post box – Cllr Brian Long had forwarded a copy of a letter requesting reinstatement of the post box on the corner of Broadend Road West following requests from a number of elderly residents and had asked if the Parish Council would also consider a letter of support. Cllr Humphrey had also supported the request. After discussion about the post box often being knocked over by lorries, it was decided to write a letter of support requesting reinstatement of the post box.				
32	Urgent Business None reported.				
33	Agenda items for the next meeting Tree carving of beech stump in church yard. The next meeting is on Tuesday 2 nd April 2019 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall, including the Annual Assembly.				

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