

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7pm

PRESENT

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), John Woolley (Vice Chair), Clive Bettinson, Barry Sisson, Jenny Snow, John Harwin and Allan Landall
 Borough Cllr Richard Blunt and County Cllr Sandra Squire.

Item No.	Details
49	<u>Declarations of Acceptance and Returns for Election Expenses</u> Forms were completed, signed and witnessed where necessary by the Clerk.
50	<u>Nominations</u> Chair - Cllr Blunt took the Chair and took nominations for the position of Chair. Cllr Woolley proposed Cllr Leach, seconded by Cllr Snow. There were no other nominations. All in favour. Vice Chair – Cllr Leach resumed as Chair and took nominations for Vice Chair. Cllr Leach proposed Cllr John Woolley, seconded by Cllr Harwin. There were no other nominations. All in favour. Planning Committee – Cllr Landall proposed the existing committee continues i.e. Cllrs Leach, John Woolley, Bettinson, Snow, Houghton and Sisson. Seconded by Cllr Harwin. All in favour. Norfolk Association of Local Council Executive Representative – Cllr Houghton had expressed an interest in being nominated. Cllr Bettinson proposed his name is put forward, seconded Cllr Leach. All in favour. Village Hall representative – Cllr Leach proposed Cllr John Woolley continues, seconded Cllr Sisson. All in favour.
51	<u>Public Participation</u> None present.
52	<u>Apologies</u> Cllr Houghton – work commitments, Cllr Joanna Woolley – working, County Cllr Humphrey – attending Outwell meeting and Bor Cllr Kirk – attending West Walton meeting then Mayor's meeting.
53	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Cllr Landall declared an interest in church matters.
54	<u>Urgent Matters</u> None reported.
55	<u>Approval of the Minutes</u> The Minutes of the Annual Assembly and ordinary meeting held 2 nd April 2019 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Sisson seconded Cllr Snow, signed by Cllr Leach.
56	<u>Matters Arising</u> a) Council website Counter statistics – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 13 th May 2019 as 4 visitors that day, 16 previous day, 170 the last 7 days, 712 the last 30 days and 7,178 in the last year. b) Post box reinstatement – Clerk had received no response from Royal Mail but Cllr Snow had noted the post box had been re-instated but moved to the opposite side of the road from the original site.
57	<u>Council vacancy</u> The vacancy had been advertised on the Council noticeboard and the Council web site. Cllr Woolley will speak to a potential candidate and ask him to contact the Clerk if he's interested.
58	<u>Amalgamation of Wards within the Parish</u> A discussion took place about the two Wards, Main and North Wards, within Walsoken Parish and the need for them to be amalgamated into one Ward, especially since the reorganisation of the

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c) d)	<p>Certificate of Exemption - approved for completion by the Council. Clerk and Chair signed all sections of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return where appropriate together with the Certificate of Exemption.</p> <p>Donations – the only donation presented was from Norfolk Citizens Advice based in Norwich. After discussion it was decided to decline.</p> <p>Clerk's review – Clerk left the room while a discussion took place. On her return the Chair thanked her for work which he said was appreciated.</p>
63 a) b) c)	<p>Cllr Blunt As Cllr Blunt had to leave to attend another Parish Council meeting he asked if he could say a few points as below.</p> <p>Contact details – he asked for councillors contact emails and mobiles.</p> <p>Planning - he advised that training is planned for the future. If the Parish Council objects to any application he will be happy to take it forward to committee but would need supporting evidence and valid reasons.</p> <p>Borough Council information – Cllr Landall offered to forward him the contact details for the editor of the church magazine and Cllr Blunt will forward the information to the Clerk for publishing on the Council website. Cllr Blunt left the meeting at 8pm.</p>
64 a) b)	<p>Highways</p> <p>Monitoring Report– noted.</p> <p>Overgrown hedge on Biggs Road – it was reported that an overgrown hedge outside Holmleigh on a blind bend is causing problems and could cause a potential accident as a newly erected BT pole prevents vehicles from pulling over onto the verge.</p>
65	<p>Allotments It was reported they are in good order.</p>
66 a)	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Village Hall report – the AGM was held on 30th April 2019 and Cllr Woolley had attended. He reported the Hall had losses of £1,324 in 2017 and £2,560 in 2018. Four concerts had been arranged for this year. A portrait of Cyril Snushall will be placed on the wall behind the stage in recognition of the work he did raising funds for the Hall.</p>
67	<p>Urgent Business None reported.</p>
68	<p>Agenda items for the next meeting None reported. The meeting was closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9th July 2019 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.</p>

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