

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th October 2019
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Councillors John Woolley (Vice Chair), Clive Bettinson, Barry Sisson, Chris Luff, Jenny Snow and Joanna Woolley.
 Seven members of the public.
 Cllr John Woolley took the Chair in the absence of Cllr Leach.

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101	<p><u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>Three local residents stated they had three issues. The first being a residential property in Burrett Road which they believe to have unregistered multiple occupancy by immigrants on a transient basis. They stated there are always six or seven cars parked in the drive, and on the highway, often being repaired. A delivery van, believed to be owned by one of the occupants, regularly parks next to the Anglian Water pumping station, where the “No Parking” sign has been removed. They added that black rubbish bags are thrown in the back garden which are then torn open and rubbish strewn over the garden. Also a dog in the house barks throughout the day. Cllr Woolley explained these concerns will be discussed later on the Agenda.</p> <p>Their second concern was the Wheatley Bank site on which caravans had been moved onto. A heated discussion then took place between the members of the public, which was soon placated.</p> <p>Their third concern was speeding in Burrett Road. Cllr Woolley advised that this is an ongoing problem, which is suffered in other villages.</p> <p>Cllr Woolley thanked three of the residents who left the meeting at 7.25pm.</p>
102	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Cllr Fred Leach – working, Cllr John Harwin – holiday, Cllr Andy Houghton, Cllr Allan Landall – church meeting. County Cllr Harry Humphrey – holiday, County Cllr Sandra Squire – County Council meeting, Bor Cllr Richard Blunt – family and Bor Cllr Julian Kirk – Parish Council meetings.</p>
103	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>None.</p>
104	<p><u>Urgent Matters</u></p> <p>None reported.</p>
105	<p><u>Approval of the Minutes</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held 20th August 2019 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Sisson seconded Cllr Luff, signed by Cllr John Woolley.</p>
106	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a) Council website Counter statistics – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 7th October 2019 as 16 visitors that day, 23 previous day, 214 the last 7 days, 707 the last 30 days and 8,056 in the last year.</p> <p>b) Ward amalgamation – Clerk read the response from The Local Government Boundary Commission stating this comes under the remit of Norfolk County Council but can't be undertaken until the Electoral Review of the County is completed, which will come into effect in 2021.</p> <p>c) Parking – it was noted that the offending car hadn't been seen recently parking near the junction of Chapnall Road and Burrett Road. The Clerk reported that the Care Company hadn't replied.</p> <p>d) Grass cutting – no comments made.</p> <p>e) Postal addresses – Clerk advised that Royal Mail had replied stating they will add the missing addresses to their list and send it to their delivery office. They will update with the next stages in their Code of Practice once they've heard back from the delivery office.</p>
107	<p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>a) The Planning Report – the Planning Report had been circulated to councillors, and was noted.</p> <p>b) 1901634/F – after discussion it was decided to recommend refusal as the Appeal decision in July 2008 for a similar application was dismissed.</p> <p>c) 19/01547/F – after discussion approval was recommended.</p> <p>d) 19/00963/F – Clerk read out the email from the Borough Council advising they were aware of the caravans being moved onto the site. The applicant had “been made forced off her most recent site” and “effectively been made homeless. With no alternative she has moved onto the site with family members 5 caravans in total.” They expected any Enforcement action to be held in abeyance until the application is determined. The applicant and her family were still present and explained their situation, advising that they want to be</p>

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	<p>considered as part of the community and pay their Poll Tax. They advised they are gypsies and not travellers. Cllr Woolley thanked them for attending and they left at 7.40pm.</p> <p>Clerk advised that Cllr Blunt had telephoned her prior to the meeting and suggested that the Parish Council write to the Borough Council requesting that Enforcement action takes place immediately and he will support this request. He will speak to the Planning Department tomorrow.</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided to write to the Planning Department to state that the situation of the caravans being placed on the site before any planning has been granted, irrespective of any personal circumstances, is not acceptable and Enforcement action should commence immediately.</p>																																								
108	<p>Church and War Memorial</p> <p>a) Beech stump carving – Nothing to report.</p>																																								
109	<p>Street Lighting</p> <p>a) Bulk purchase for supply – Clerk reported that she had been contacted by The Utility Supplier, by the consultant who had previously worked for Great Annual Savings, offering the same bulk supply discount. Clerk had not received a reply from National Association of Local Councils but local Clerks in the Society of Local Councils had not heard of them</p> <p>It was decided not to take up this offer.</p>																																								
110	<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>101906 Mrs A Williams</td> <td>Net salary 12th August to 29th Sep 2019</td> <td>£252.09</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£252.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101907 Mrs A Williams</td> <td>Expenses to 8th October 2019</td> <td>£38.00</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£38.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101908 Inland Revenue</td> <td>Income tax 12th August to 29th Sept 2019</td> <td>£63.00</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£63.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101909 Westcotec</td> <td>Maintenance September 2019</td> <td>£13.46</td> <td>£2.69</td> <td>£16.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>101910 Petty Cash</td> <td>Cartridges, stamps, stationery</td> <td>£60.00</td> <td>£0.00</td> <td>£60.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Direct Debit Haven Power</td> <td>Supply July 2019</td> <td>£33.39</td> <td>£1.67</td> <td>£35.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF PAYMENTS</td> <td>£459.94</td> <td>£4.36</td> <td>£464.30</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Cllr Snow proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Joanna Woolley, all in agreement.</p>	PAYMENTS TO BE MADE	DETAILS	NET AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL	101906 Mrs A Williams	Net salary 12 th August to 29 th Sep 2019	£252.09	£0.00	£252.09	101907 Mrs A Williams	Expenses to 8 th October 2019	£38.00	£0.00	£38.00	101908 Inland Revenue	Income tax 12 th August to 29 th Sept 2019	£63.00	£0.00	£63.00	101909 Westcotec	Maintenance September 2019	£13.46	£2.69	£16.15	101910 Petty Cash	Cartridges, stamps, stationery	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00	Direct Debit Haven Power	Supply July 2019	£33.39	£1.67	£35.06	TOTAL OF PAYMENTS		£459.94	£4.36	£464.30
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111	<p>Highways</p> <p>a) Monitoring Report– had been circulated and was noted.</p> <p>The Highway Rangers - had reported that they had recently cut back hedges/overgrowth obscuring speed limit signs near the junction of Sparrowgate and Burrett Road and on main roads through the village plus washed traffic signs. They had programmed the trod, drain and bus stop in Burrett Road for inspection as part of their maintenance routine.</p> <p>b) Concerns in Burrett Road – Cllr Snow had received three letters from local residents complaining about a residential property in Burrett Road. They believe it to be an unregistered multiple occupancy home and a transient house for immigrants. Concerns were also expressed about the numerous vehicles parked in the driveway, on the road and outside Anglian Water pumping station. Car repairs are undertaken at the house. A dog is left barking during the day.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed the Clerk should write to advise the Borough Council of these concerns together with the residents' concerns expressed at the start of the meeting. Clerk advised that under General Data Protection Regulations she is unable to forward the letters on, so it was decided to return them to the residents advising them to send them on the to Borough Council themselves.</p>																																								
112	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Clerk reported she had requested the 2020 annual rent from the tenant.</p>																																								
113	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) Feedback from Police meeting – Cllr Luff and Cllr John Woolley had attended the meeting with the new Local Inspector. Cllr Woolley reported that the main focus was for councillors to put forward any concerns, Most villages reported that the main ones are speeding, anti-social behaviour and parking.</p> <p>b) RAF Marham – Clerk had received information about a Community Information Event on 30th October which is a drop in event between 1400-1800. For further information contact the Clerk.</p>																																								

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114	<p><u>Urgent Business</u> None reported.</p>
115	<p><u>Agenda items for the next meeting</u> 2020 Budget and Precept to be considered; dates for 2020 meetings and donation requests. Clerk was reminded to order the wreaths for Remembrance Day. The meeting was closed at 8.05pm. The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.</p>

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