

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2020
held in Walsoken Village Hall at 7.00pm

PRESENT

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

Borough Cllrs Julian Kirk and Richard Blunt (both left at 7.50pm).

Item No.	Details
16	<u>Public Participation</u> None present.
17	<u>Apologies</u> County Cllr Sandra Squire – ill. Apologies were given by Cllr Jenny Snow after the meeting.
18	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.
19	<u>Urgent Matters</u> None.
20	<u>Approval of the Minutes</u> The Minutes of the meeting held 21 st January 2020 had been circulated and were approved as a true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Luff, seconded Cllr Joanna Woolley, signed by Cllr Fred Leach.
21	<u>Matters Arising</u> a) Council website Counter statistics – Clerk reported the user statistics as at 25 th February 2020 as 5 visitors today, 24 previous day, 159 the last 7 days, 836 the last 30 days and 8,496 in the last year. b) Flytipping signs – Clerk displayed the “No Fly-tipping” and “No Rubbish” A4 and A5 stickers sent by Kings Lynn Borough Council and it was suggested that Councillors take stickers to place at appropriate sites. Cllr Blunt reported that the Borough Council had their second successful prosecution against a flytipper. The Borough Council are checking vehicles to see if they hold a licence to collect rubbish. A discussion followed about Walsoken residents being unable to use the Fenland District Council tip and Cllr Blunt offered to enquire if reciprocal arrangements could be made with Norfolk Council. c) Burrett Road property – Clerk had circulated the reply from the Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance Officer at Kings Lynn Borough Council who had asked for photographic evidence to support any complaints. Cllr Snow had passed this information on to one of the residents who had attended the Parish Council's January meeting. d) Anglian Water sign – Clerk had sent a reminder requesting replacement of the “No Parking” sign at the pumping station in Burrett Road.
22	<u>Planning</u> a) The Planning Report – the Planning Report had been circulated to councillors, and was noted. b) 19/01979/PACU3 – Cllr Blunt offered to enquire why the Parish Council wasn't consulted. c) 19/00963/F – this application will be discussed at the Borough Council Planning Committee meeting on 2 nd March. After a lengthy discussion it was decided there will be no Parish Council representation. Borough Cllrs Kirk and Blunt left the meeting at 7.50pm. d) 20/00182/F – it was decided to reply saying that the Parish Council are unable to respond until neighbouring businesses have been notified and had the opportunity to contact the Parish Council if necessary.
23	<u>Church and War Memorial</u> a) Churchyard maintenance – A quote had been received from HHA which was in excess of Idverde's figure so it was agreed to accept the quote from Idverde subject to a 4 year contract, including the completion of job sheets. Clerk had now received the contract and will sign and return same. b) Homeless rough sleeper – Cll Landall advised the homeless adult was no longer in the churchyard and the tent and rubbish had been cleared. c) Heritage Lottery Grant – Cllr Landall reported the church is applying for a £750,000 grant for roof and drainage repairs and a condition of the grant is to involve the community. If successful, the church intends creating a wildlife area in the closed churchyard, to be used by local schools. Cllr Landall advised this would not need any additional maintenance.
24	<u>Street Lighting</u> – Clerk reported that the existing contract with Haven Power is due to expire in April 2020.

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	Three quotes had been obtained and circulated from Haven Power, Green Energy and E.ON. Clerk advised that on comparative figures, E.ON was the cheapest although they wouldn't provide a contract but would give 30 days notice of any price change. It was agreed to accept the E.ON quote on a quarterly payment basis.				
25	Finance				
a)	Payments – the schedule below had been circulated.				
	PAYMENTS TO BE MADE	DETAILS	NET AMOUNT	VAT	TOTAL
	101925 Mrs A Williams	Net salary 12 th Jan. to 15 th Feb 2020	£233.35	£0.00	£233.35
	101926 Mrs A Williams	Expenses to 25 th February 2020	£28.00	£0.00	£28.00
	101927 Inland Revenue	Income tax 12 th Jan to 15 th Feb 2020	£58.40	£0.00	£58.40
	101928 Westcotec	Maintenance Feb 2020	£13.46	£2.69	£16.15
	101929 Kings Lynn BC	Dog waste collection 12 m to Feb 20	£153.92	£30.78	£184.70
	101930 Info Commissioner	Annual Data Protection renewal fee	£40.00	£0.00	£40.00
	101931 Idverde	2019 grounds maintenance + turfing	£1,365.00	£273.00	£1,638.00
	Direct Debit Haven Power	Supply December 2019	£33.19	£1.66	£34.85
		TOTAL OF PAYMENTS	£1,925.32	£308.13	£2,233.45
	RECEIPTS	DETAILS	AMOUNT		
	Chq 101923 destroyed	Replaced by chq no 101931	£1,746.00		
	Cllr Joanna Woolley proposed the payments be accepted, seconded by Cllr Sisson, all in agreement..				
26	Highways				
a)	Monitoring Report – had been circulated and was noted.				
b)	Potholes on A47/Broadend Road junction – Clerk to report to Highways England.				
27	Allotments Nothing to report.				
28	Correspondence Clerk read Cllr Kirk's email advising he is trying to organise a meeting with a senior Police Officer and representatives from Walsoken, Walpole and Walton.				
29	Urgent Business None reported.				
30	Agenda items for the next meeting None reported. The meeting was closed at 8.20pm. The next meeting is the Annual Assembly on Tuesday 7 th April 2020 at 7pm at Walsoken Village Hall.				

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