

Walsoken Parish Council Minutes
of the ZOOM meeting held on Tuesday 6th October 2020 at 7pm

COUNCILLORS PARTICIPATING

Councillors Fred Leach (Chair), John Woolley (Vice Chair), Clive Bettinson, Jenny Snow, Andy Houghton, Barry Sisson, Clive Bettinson and Chris Luff.

Borough Cllrs Richard Blunt and Julian Kirk

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	Cll Leach welcomed everyone who had been able to participate in the Zoom meeting.
83	<u>Public Participation</u> No-one present.
84	<u>Apologies</u> County Cllr Sandra Squire – family bereavement; Cllr John Harwin – difficulties accessing Zoom and Cllr Jo Woolley – family.
85	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None declared.
86	<u>Urgent Matters</u> Cllrs Houghton and Leach had items to raise under item 94.
87	<u>Approval of the Minutes</u> The Minutes of the Zoom meetings held 18 th August 2020 had been circulated and were approved as true and accurate record, proposed by Cllr Houghton, seconded Cllr Woolley, the Minutes will be signed by Cllr Leach retrospectively.
88	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>a) Website figures – Clerk read the visitor figures as at 5th October 2020 - 9 today, 16 yesterday, 95 in last 7 days, 473 in last 30 days and 8,619 in last year.</p> <p>b) Bus shelter – Clerk reported that eSheet had looked at the bus stop but had felt the framework was too thin and the holes were too close to the edge to be able to bolt polycarbonate panels on to them. He had suggested a local fabricator to fix additional metal inside and/or possibly sheet metal plates. Cllr Woolley had also viewed the shelter and was concerned that the floor was sloping slightly and the roof needed replacing. Cllr Blunt advised that Walpole PC had recently purchased 2 new shelters, Clerk will contact the Clerk for information on them. Councillors will view them before the next meeting. Clerk reminded the Council that Westcotec's quote in June to replace and install a new shelter was approximately £4,500-£5,500 + VAT. As there had been no notification received of any CIL monies being forwarded, any new purchase would have to be included in next year's Budget.</p> <p>c) Defibrillator – Clerk advised that the defibrillator had been delivered and the cabinet was due to be delivered in the next couple of days. One quote had been received from C.Plumb Contractors Ltd for £360 to supply and install 13 amp RCD fused spur wired direct to the distribution board on its own circuit, install the defibrillaor to the outside wall and test and commission the unit. Clerk had contacted other electricians but been told they had a 3 month backlog of work due to Covid. Cllr Blunt will forward contact details for Action It Electrical and Cllr Luff will forward telephone number for Sam Smithee – Clerk to ask for quotes.</p> <p>d) Parish Council website accessibility – Cllr Leach thanked Cllr Houghton for the work involved in adapting the Accessibility Statement template to suit the Parish Council website and testing various pages on the website. Cllr Houghton considered that the site was as compliant as it could be. This had been circulated to the Council and it was agreed this could be posted on the website.</p> <p>e) Green Lane pedestrian gates– Clerk had been advised by Highways that the gates could only be funded through the Parish Partnership Scheme but the decision on the Council's bid application wouldn't be made until March 2021. it was agreed that the Clerk should ask County Cllr Humphrey again if he could speak to Highways to see if anything could be done quicker.</p> <p>f) Council Notice board – Clerk had met with Adam from Adcenterprises and he was able to provide a backing board at a rough price of £70. He had been off work due to a hospital appointment, Clerk will contact him again.</p>

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g)	<p>Incinerator consultations – the following consultations will be held -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walton Highway on 16th October 2020 • Marshland St James Community Centre on 13th October 2020
h)	<p>Housing Plans – Cllr Blunt advised that CIL is changing and Neighbourhood Plans are being encouraged.</p>
95	<p><u>Agenda items for the next meeting - 24th November 2020</u> None. Cllr Leach thanked everyone for attending and the Borough Councillors for their advice. The meeting was closed at 8.10pm. The next Zoom meeting is on Tuesday 24th November 2020 at 7pm.</p>

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