

WALSOKEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Walsoken Parish Council Meeting held at the All Saints Church Community Room on Tuesday the 9th of July 2024 from 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors – Fred Leach - Chair, Andy Houghton, John Harwin, Lynn Clarke, Clive Bettinson, Jenny Snow, Chris Luff and Lynn Ottaviano, Parish Clerk

Cllr Julian Kirk

No members of the Public

1. Welcome from Chairman to everyone.

Public Participation – to allow public participation (3 minutes per speaker, up to a maximum of 15 minutes in total). None

2. Apologies Cllrs Woolley, Taylor, and Richard Blunt.

3. Declarations of Interest of any items on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensations. None

4. Approval of the Parish Council Meeting minutes held on the 7th of May 2024 were proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Houghton and approved by all present at that meeting.

5. Matters Arising – to record matters arising from the last meeting:

5.1 Meerdyke Solar Farm update – going ahead, nothing further to report at this time.

5.2 Incinerator Response – going ahead.

5.3 Broad End Junction – up and running, working well.

5.4 Land/Allotment – still ongoing. Cllrs Bettinson and Woolley met with NCC representative. Cllr Woolley also met with garage owner but Cllr Woolley not present to

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report on this. Information recently received from NPLAW on behalf of NCC, to be read and discussed at next meeting.

6. To receive reports:

6.1 Councillors' reports of villagers' concerns, highway issues, allotments, and street lighting.

- Dead tree outside flats on Burrett Road. Clerk to contact Freebridge Housing regarding this.
 - Grass verges need cutting, some done but not finished. Cllr Kirk to discuss with Jason Moore (Highways).
 - Church Road sign in poor state. Cllr Houghton to take photo and email to Clerk to forward onto Highways for their input.
 - Litter bin on Burrett Road: after a lengthy discussion, Cllrs decided this would be a good idea. Clerk to get information about pricing and to be discussed at next meeting.
 - Cllr Houghton raised the issue of a lack of drop-kerbs for disabled access at pedestrian crossings. Cllr Houghton to forward exact locations to Clerk to forward to Jason Moore for input.
 - Clerk received email from Janet Luck with regards to her guardianship of the defibrillator outside the hairdressers. She reported that it is low on charge and that the pads will need replacing before November. Defibrillator is powered from the hairdresser's electricity supply, Cllr Clarke to discuss this with the business as she knows the proprietor. After a brief discussion, Cllrs agreed they are happy for Janet to check on the defibrillator, Clerk to email Janet.

6.2 County and Borough Councillors reports –

- Cllr Kirk raised the issue of the increasing traveller site, and he has asked the new council leader to become involved, nothing to report on this yet, ongoing.
- Wheatley Bank flooding issue still ongoing.

6.3 Clerk Report

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- Clerk is new to the role, and this is her first meeting so no report.

6.4 Churchyard matters

- Cllrs discussed the dead tree in the churchyard, this is the second tree to die on this spot, needs to be replaced in the winter, to discuss at next meeting.

6.5 Village Hall – Cllr Woolley emailed his report which was read out at the meeting as follows:

- All of the items required to apply for the Hygiene Certificate have been obtained and we are now waiting for the visit from the authorities.
- Fire Safety Certificate. With regards to this the Fire Safety Officers have visited the hall and specified what is needed to be compliant.
- It was agreed that we no longer proceed with the installation of Solar panels for the hall roof as it is thought that the cost would be prohibitive.
- After the damage caused to the toilets at a wake it has been decided that in future a £50 damage bond will be put in place for wakes.
- A Barbecue is planned for the August 4th for the committee and the volunteers of the Tuesday Coffee Morning and their partners.
- The next meeting is to be held on 5th August 2024.

6.6 Communications and Correspondence:

- a. CIL Funding Application. Cllrs discussed the possibility of gaining funds for future projects such as a speed awareness sign on Burrettgate Road. Cllrs discussed the benefits of either a fixed or mobile sign and how the police will act if speeding is an issue from the data collected. Clerk to enquire about the costs from Westcotec.
- b. Planning Department Parish Update Sessions These are held regularly for Cllrs to attend if they wish. Liaison officer to contact Parish Council, ongoing.
- c. After the resignation of Cllr Cocks, the position can now be co-opted.

7. Planning:

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7.1 Applications: None

No planning applications.

Decisions:

24/00478/F Walsoken The Barn Bucksholt Road Walsoken Wisbech Norfolk
PE14 7AR - Change of Use of Paddock Land to Residential and Construction of Domestic
Swimming
Pool Building

Application Permitted
25 June 2024
Delegated Decision

24/00814/F Walsoken Fairview Wilkins Road Walsoken Wisbech Norfolk PE14
8DQ - Build a rear extension, remove the roof structure and provide a new roof with rooms
over at first floor level. Provide new brick skin around the existing bungalow, construct a
porch and a balcony.

Application Permitted
24 June 2024
Delegated Decision

8. Finance

8.1 Approve payments, receipts, bank reconciliation and statements for June 24.

Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by Cllr Harwin.

8.2 To approve payments for July 24. Note, due to the early date of this meeting any
payments received after the meeting will be forwarded for approval. Proposed by Cllr
Clarke and seconded by Cllr Harwin.

8.3 To approve the 1st quarter financial review. Proposed by Cllr Clarke and seconded by
Cllr Harwin.

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9. New Parish Clerk approved.

10. To receive items for the next agenda by the 1st of May 2024:

- To discuss the issue of county on addresses (Cambridge/Norfolk)
- Fred's reimbursement for mobile phone purchase for new Clerk.

11. The next Meeting will be from 7.00pm on the 10th of September 2024 at the Church Community Room.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. Meeting ended at 20.30.

Payments June 2024

Salary	£231.15
HMRC	£57.580 + 19.95
Clerk Expenses May & June 2	£81.25
Wix domain annual payment	£15.24 paid by Clerk.
Wix annual subscription	£108.00 paid by Clerk.
Cozens	£30.00
Ewing	£30.00
Tawny Owl	£150.00

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