

WALCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council held on Monday 31st October 2016 in the Coastline Village Hall, Walcott

Present: J East, G French, J Husselbee, C King, P McCarthy, K Porter, J Ransom, T Love (Chairman); in attendance: Cllrs L Walker (NNDC) and 17 members of the public.

1. Thomas Love, in the chair, welcomed all those present. Apologies were received from P Porter and Cllr E Seward (NCC).

2. Declarations of interest – KP re items 3 and 4. He sat within the public seating.

3. To consider the conduct of Cllr Mrs P Porter as having brought the Parish Council of Walcott into disrepute. The meeting was called following a requisition by JR and JE; the Chairman asked JE to introduce the item; he indicated that he had received representations concerning the conduct of the Chairman (PP). He felt he had been the focus for these complaints because he could be seen as impartial, not being a Walcott resident. A petition seeking resignations was presented to the Council and some unopened letters were passed to JE. The Clerk explained the Council's responsibilities and stressed that policing of members' conduct was not one of them. The correct process is referral to the Monitoring Officer for this District Council area and JE undertook to take this further on behalf of those who had indicated their concern. The Clerk explained the circumstances in which a member of a parish council leaves office; following a proposal by JR, agreed, the meeting was opened to the public and a number of residents expressed their concern about issues associated with the flooding in 2013 and the relationship of the parish council Chairman with WEVA. JE read a 'WEVA' communication on the latter and the Clerk was asked to read a written response from the Chairman about this.

The meeting resumed and it became clear that no motion from the meeting would have any impact on any matters of concern. Item 4, (to consider the conduct of Cllr K Porter) was not discussed and accordingly JE proposed the meeting be closed, agreed, at 19.55.

Signed: Chairman Date: November 2016