**Minutes of the** *Virtual* **Ordinary Meeting of the Walcott Parish Council**

**held on Monday 18th January 2021**

 Present: T Love, K Porter, P Porter (Chair), J Ransom;

in attendance: Cllrs E Seward (NCC), C Stockton (NNDC) and one member of the public

1.In the Chair, Mrs Porter welcomed all those present.

2. Declarations of interest - none

3. The Council approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on November 16th 2020, proposer KP, all agreed.

* 1. Matters arising: NNDC – there was no further advice from NNDC re Walcott Gap restrictions

4. Planning – no new business

5. Finance

5.1 Finance report – in his report the Clerk had received income (Christmas Tree) £220 – allowing the Parish Council to purchase a tree; there are some outstanding costs for lights and the switching-on ceremony. Ladywell had advised cessation of their payroll service – an alternative would be sought. The bank had advised of a problem re account type so signatory changes were not yet been implemented.

5.2 To consider awarding grants for local organisations – the Clerk had circulated an analysis of previous year’s grants so the Council agreed to award:

 Stalham First responders £200 NNCT £100

5.3 The Council reviewed the Parish Precept for 2021-2022 and following a proposal from the Chair confirmed it at £8534, all agreed. The Clerk would advise NNDC.

 5.4 The Council approved en bloc the following payments due, proposer TL, all agreed:

 - NNDC, dog bin collections £655.20 (cheque 0237)

 - Salle Estate, Christmas tree £198.00 (0238)

 - HMRC, paye £188.20 (0239)

 - SLCC, subscription (50%) £65.00 (0240)

 - Clerk’s payslips [Dec, Jan] £265.00, £265.00 SO’s

 Cheques are signed outside the meeting.

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6. Members’ Reports –

KP had heard of a request for an allotment; none available at present at Walcott.

JR asked for clarification over the route to grant awards by the Council.

PP reported on the success of the Christmas tree and the switching on of the lights which was supported by the Salvation Army representative and a socially-distanced crowd.

7. Clerk’s Report – the Clerk advised of receiving an abusive ‘phone call from a resident. He asked that members take all possible steps to prevent any recurrence. He had responded to a resident asking for information under FOI. He had received a letter from residents and responded to them about parking/yellow lines and visitor issues in Walcott.

In open session Cllr ES talked about the current NCC issues: budgets, finance, flooding; he fielded a question about this year’s expected increase in police funding.

Cllr CS (NNDC) who is shielding said that all households should have received a NNDC leaflet on COVID.

With no other business the meeting closed at 19.40.

Signed: ................................... Chairman Date: ........................ 2021