

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 June 2018

Present: Cllrs: E Fairclough (Chair), K Shaw, T Saunders, C Pearson, H Massey, Sue Birkby and J Carlon.

In attendance: Cllrs: M Cummings, F Heptinstall and A Manifold (WMDC), Sgt Matt Jackson, Police Volunteer Lois Latham, seven members of the public & the Clerk to the Council.

26. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from P Lee, C Wagstaff, E Prince,

27. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

28. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 1st May 2018.

Resolved to approve the minutes of both parts of the meeting held on 1st May 2018 without amendment.

29. To be notified of matters accomplished or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda.

None.

30. Public forum session – To permit members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

A resident raised concerns regarding the traffic volumes which have increased, high speeds and size of vehicles using Oakenshaw Lane. The resident noted there was a serious accident on this stretch of road. Cllr M Cummings noted the VMS is facing the other way so has limited impact on this issue and the relief road together with roadworks in the town centre and construction traffic will also be impacting the size/volume of traffic. A Cllr also noted the different speed limits along the road leading to Common Lane may impact this. The ward councillors agreed to review the issue.

31. To receive a report on the SAFE scheme and Police matters.

Sgt M Jackson introduced Lois who is a new police volunteer. Sgt Jackson confirmed 13 hours have been worked over the last month. No major issues to report. A member of the public was arrested for drink driving and a car was seized for having no tax. Patrols were undertaken in the woods and round the primary school.

There has been a burglary on Cherry Tree Road due to a window being left open and graffiti reported. Sgt Jackson confirmed more time will be spent on Oakenshaw Lane to monitor traffic speed/limits and any graffiti.

A Cllr reported there was a big fire at the Van on Oakenshaw Lane whereby two fire engines and two police cars attended.

A Cllr requested if WMDC would look at obtaining 'No Parking' signs on Shay Lane near Brooklands as many cars are illegally parking after the chicane which causes poor visibility.

A member of the public raised the poor visibility from the left on T junction between Shay Lane and Greenside. The road is due to be re-surfaced and enquiries were made if the line marking could be bought forward.

Resolved to note the reports.

32. To receive an update on Walton Community Library (WCL) and Open Gardens 2018

The Chair to WCL confirmed negotiations with the WAT/School had been completed with a 50-year lease agreed. At a meeting on 25 May, the two possible locations, being the School site or space within the Community Hub at the Grove development, were considered. By a show of hands, it was unanimous

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decided that the new library would be cited on School grounds. WCL will now circulate letters to residents and hold a public meeting to showcase plans. It was confirmed that WCL has until summer 2020 to complete building works.

Open Gardens 2018

The secretary of WCL confirmed expected attendees are expected to increase, overall sponsors increased and prizes for raffle doubled. Many local businesses are also supporting the event. The event is being publicised in local and national papers, with live music scheduled between 11am to 4pm. The church and the chapel will be open, and the local school has accepted an invitation. A note of thanks was expressed for sharing the event on Facebook and for listing on the Council's webpage. Leaflets will also be left at the Village hall for hirers to take and pop up stall will be positioned at the front of the Village Hall if the Parish Council is agreeable.

Resolved: To note the reports.

33. To receive reports from WMDC Ward 5 Councillors.

Cllr M Cummings of WMDC reported: -

- The Ward Cllrs attended the meeting on 25 May 2018 regarding WCL. It is proposed the building will be 2 stories high and is a significant project which is being funded by residents. Residents should have a say on the projects and it is important that safeguards are put into place to protect the use of the building;
- One of the new swing seats at the Community Centre has been damaged;
- Following the Local Development Framework, a call on sites for housing has been launched with two sites identified near Walton: one near Sandal Grange and another near Bridgegate Farm on Shay Lane.
- It is proposed another meeting is held with Kevin Fisher on Brook Farm as it is believed the last meeting was sometime in October 2017.

A representative from Working for Walton requested a dog waste bin to be placed near the footpath at the back of Brooklands. During the litter pick, over 30 full dog waste bags were found discarded on the floor.

Resolved to note the reports.

34. To receive a report from the Chair to the HOW project.

The Chair of the Heritage of Walton project confirmed it was established in November 2017 and focuses on three walking trails; 1) Nature Park 2) Around the village and 3) Waterton Park. Some of these trails already exist and some need creating. Wakefield College are assisting with the IT to develop the technology to deliver key information via earphones, as a member of the public is walking the trail. Drones are being used to map out the trails. The Academy has been very supportive in providing historical information and photos. The group also has a Facebook page which requires volunteers. It Parish Council agreed to share any events on their Facebook page and webpage. The Chair of HOW project was also advised a website called Stumpy's could contain key historical information. WMDC footpath officer has also provided assistance. There have been some issues identified regarding Waterton Park and that the grave is on private land which people have been enquiring about access. It is considered the sources of funding will be different to WCL.

The Chair of the Parish council thanked the Chair of HOW project for the report and to revert to us from time to time or if we could assist.

Resolved to note the reports.

35. To receive an update from Working for Walton and consider the following proposals;

1. an external letterbox be affixed to the Village Hall for Working for Walton post;
2. for the placement of two planters near the War memorial all year round, to be purchased and maintained by Working for Walton.

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3. for the Parish Council to purchase of a gas fueled beacon and canister for Beacons of Light event on 11th November 2018;
4. The appointment of a representative from the Parish Council to sit on a Village Map Committee organised by Working for Walton.

Resolved:

- (i) To purchase a new bigger letterbox for use by the Working for Walton with sole access remaining with the Clerk;
- (ii) To place two new planters outside the village hall, to be purchased and maintained by Working for Walton all year round;
- (iii) By a vote of 4 in favour to contribute half the cost of a gas fuelled beacon and canister for the Beacons of Light event;
- (iv) For Cllr John Carlon to be appointed as a representative to sit on the Village Map committee.

36. Finance & Governance

1. To approve accounts to be paid, already paid under delegated powers and income received May 2018.

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £1,630.79 and income received of £1,910.50 in May 2018.

The account balances at the end of February are:

Current a/c:	£34,887.54
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£14,208.33
HSBC deposit a/c:	<u>£40,146.68</u>
Total	£89,242.55

The Clerk updated the PC that a cheque had been lost in the post.

Resolved: to approve the financial statements and payments.

2. To consider the potential options for CIL monies received.

A councillor noted the Neighbourhood Plan priorities refers to three projects which could be funded by CIL monies being 1) Bus Shelter improvements 2) MUGA and 3) Recreation Ground. A councillor reported that CIL monies should be directed towards projects that are affected by the development giving rise to the receipt of monies as therefore it would be prudent to consider the recreation ground. A councillor noted that we have just made temporary repairs to the benches at the playground and should consider replacing all of them as part of the refurbishment.

The Clerk reported part of the feedback from the consultation on the playground was that residents wished to have seating and picnic benches.

Resolved

- (i) Apply the £17,560.86 to playground reserves;
- (ii) Increase the Parish Council funding contribution to £15,000 as part of the WREN bid.

37. To consider correspondence received.

Resolved:

- (i) Not to respond further to Wrenthorpe Community Association regarding the Call on sites for housing;
- (ii) To inform BDV that all trees on the Recreation Ground are subject to a TPO;
- (iii) Not to advertise for a local business competition;
- (iv) To note all other correspondence.

38. Planning Working Party.

1. To consider planning applications validated and decided May 2018.

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There have been 4 applications for Walton validated and 3 applications decided since the last meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) To note the validated and decided applications.

2. To receive an update on the meeting with the Newmillerdam Area Liaison Group.

Cllrs Massey and Lee met with this group who are seeking to either designate the road as private or to re-align it in the alternative. Cllrs requested they keep us updated as to plans, via the Clerk.

Resolved: To note the report.

39. Village Hall and Coronation Cottage Working Party - to receive reports.

Cllr Carlon noted the reflagging will need to be completed over a weekend to allow the works to be scheduled due to capacity issues.

40. Recreation & Playgrounds Working Party

The Clerk reported that the playground bid was being finalised and over 100 responses were received. A feedback report has been prepared and will be circulated.

The Clerk also notified the Parish Council that the grounds attendant has requested plants for the millennium border on the recreation ground. These are to be sourced with the assistance of Cllr Shaw.

41. Environmental Improvements Working Party

The Clerk noted a resident has agreed to sponsor a bench at Walton Locks. It is believed this bench may already have a plaque. The Clerk noted the resident wished to have a bench near Cherry Tree Stores as their preference. The Clerk agreed to contact the Ward Councillors as to whether WMDC would give their permission for this in the first instance.

1. To consider a resident's request to purchase the 'WALTON' metal signs.

It was proposed that the signs be sold for the cost of the new stone signs, but others did not wish for the signs to be sold and suggested they be cleaned and framed/displayed.

Resolved: to inform the resident the Parish Council has some ideas for the signs but if these do not materialise that the resident will be given first offer to purchase them.

42. Tree Working Party

A Cllr reported that some trees were outgrowing the tree guards and need reviewing. It was also suggested that a new shrub be planted in front of the gap in fence near alongside The Stables. The matters will be reviewed and added to next month's agenda.

1. To receive an update on the floral displays.

The Chair reported the baskets have been erected but the plaques not yet.

Resolved: to note the report.

2. To receive a report on an unsafe tree report received from a resident via WMDC.

The Clerk reported a branch on one of the trees on the Recreation Ground has broken but not fully snapped. The branch is too high for the grounds attendant to cut it.

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Resolved to request the tree be made safe by SR Trees.

43. New website working party

Cllr Massey reported that the Waltonplan domain has expired.

44. Footpaths Working party

- 1.** To receive an update on the four footpath projects listed within the Neighbourhood Plan and consider any action regarding the footpath near the Brook Farm development.

The Chair reported that the Footpaths officer has advised that the Parish Council should contact the landowner direct regarding the proposed footpath between Waterton Historic Park and Haw Park Wood.

The improvements to footpaths north of Stubbs Wood and the Community Club fields have been added to WMDC's maintenance list.

Resolved: to note the reports.

45. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) – In view of the confidential nature of the business concerned, to resolve to exclude the Press and Public to consider the Recreation Ground boundary walls to the School Lane development.

Resolved: to call the developer.

46. To receive matters reported directly to the Clerk.

None.

Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.