

# WALTON PARISH COUNCIL minutes

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Present:** Cllrs: E Fairclough (Chair), K Shaw, S Birkby, P Lee, C Pearson, C Wagstaff, T Saunders, S Leith, J Carlon and H Massey.

**In attendance:** Cllrs: Ward Councillor M Cummings, A Manifold (WMDC), and the Clerk to the Council.

**173. To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs: E Prince, F Heptinstall (Ward Councillor) and Sgt Matt Jackson.

**174. To receive declarations of interest.**

Cllr C Wagstaff in relation to planning application 19/00098/FUL.

**175. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of both parts of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 without amendment as a correct record.

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

New no smoking sign erected at the bus shelter.

Fly tipping adjacent to tennis club has been removed.

**177. To consider an amendment to Standing Orders 3(r) and a new 1(t).**

The Clerk presented draft wording based on NALC's model standing orders to limit the length of time each member could talk on any one issue and to change voting by show of hands. The 3-minute limit was a suggested figure based on the same limits afforded to members of the public under the public forum. The Clerk confirmed dispensation can be given by the Chair to extend time limits in certain circumstances. Cllr M Cummings confirmed this suggested time limit was in line with WMDC's standing orders.

Some members were concerned a time limit would curtail debate whilst others felt many views were repeated and debates not succinct. Voting by show of hands would still show consensus but ensures each member has a vote. It was proposed that the wording be adopted in accordance with NALC's model SO's but to increase the time to 5 minutes.

**Resolved:** to adopt the suggested wording by NALC's model standing orders with the exception of increasing the time limit to 5 minutes for each member speaking on any one issue.

**178. 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 on planning application 18/02288/FUL that it was overdevelopment and requested the Parish Council support his view along with 14 other objectors.

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

Sgt Jackson was not present, but a written report was circulated. The Chair highlighted a number of incidents including items removed from unlocked vehicles, cars obstructing the footpath on Greenside near the terraced houses and an attempted burglary at CTS. The Clerk reported a near miss accident on Shay Lane at the zebra crossing at school drop off with a car driving a BMW that failed to stop. Cllr Massey reported an incident on Elmwood with two padlocks broken on a garage, but nothing taken.

**Resolved** to note the reports.

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### 180. To receive reports from WMDC Ward 5 Councillors.

Cllr A Manfield reported:

- Resurfacing work on Shay Lane was due to start on 31<sup>st</sup> January but this may have been delayed due to weather conditions;
- Fly tipping on Sike Lane – WMDC officers attended but did not find any fly tipping. Members of the public are asked not to remove items but to report them directly to WMDC;
- ‘No dog fouling’ posters have been erected near Transpennine footpath;
- Blocked gully will be chased
- WMDC officers attended to investigate dangerous tree at Chevet crossroads and removed a limb from one tree. As this is private land any further issues will need to be reported to Tree enforcement to take up with the landowner;

Cllr M Cummings reported:

- An update on faulty road signs will be forwarded to the Clerk – it is understood 3 have been replaced;
- There will be a street surgery at the Manor estate scheduled;
- It is believed the road works at Oakenshaw Lane/Doncaster road junction has been completed although it is not known whether this would deter illegal right turning onto Doncaster Road;
- Following incidents reported on the eastern relief road of eggs and stones being thrown at cars, it was reported one female got out of her vehicle and was assaulted. The perpetrator was caught and is in custody.

Cllr Massey asked if the Walton and Sandal ward councillors would investigate a solution to the Chevet Lane/Common Lane crossroads due to concerns the speed of traffic will cause a serious accident. Traffic lights were previously suggested and agreed by Highways. Several residents have expressed concerns regarding the safety of this junction.

**Resolved** to note the reports.

### 1. To receive update on the Brook Farm development following meeting with the ward councillors, Kevin Fisher of WMDC and Cllrs Fairclough and Massey.

Cllr Cumming reported the meeting was positive with a view that a commuted sum should be made direct to the Parish Council for their use given they have strict reporting/transparent structures which could identify how the money is being spent.

It was identified that a sum of money would be made available to sports club to apply for in recognition of the adverse impact the development would have on the. Three eligible clubs are to submit their applications to WMDC who will determine how the money is distributed.

**Resolved:** to note the report.

### 181. To receive a report from Councillors following a meeting with Working for Walton on the siting of a storage container, the Millennium border and a planter outside the Hall. To consider the next steps regarding the siting of a storage container.

Members expressed concern of transporting any container into place without a large crane or causing damage to the land. There was also concerns as to the legal fees for preparing a lease and the costs to be incurred. It was proposed Cllr Massey would convey the Parish Council’s concerns to investigate further.

**Resolved:** Cllr Massey to write to Working for Walton to obtain further information.

### 182. Finance & Governance

#### 1. To approve accounts to be paid, already paid under delegated powers and income received January 2019.

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £9,659.46 and income received of £2,329.18 in January. The Clerk reported a new vacuum cleaner was purchased as the previous cleaner broke beyond repair.

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The account balances at the end of January are:

Current a/c:	£2,021.49
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£35,964.96
HSBC deposit a/c:	<u>£50,355.48</u>
Total	£88,341.93

**Resolved:** to approve the financial statements and payments.

## **2. To consider insurance renewal quotations.**

The Chair noted we were tied into a long-term deal which expires next year but the premium had reduced from the previous year.

**Resolved** to renew insurance premium with the addition of the CCTV cameras at a cost of £1,745.76.

## **183. To consider correspondence received.**

The Clerk summarised the correspondence received in January 2019.

**Resolved:** to note correspondence received and for the Clerk to request an update from WMDC on the allotments at the Grove.

## **184. Planning Working Party.**

### **1. To consider planning applications validated and decided January 2019.**

There have been 4 applications for Walton validated and 9 applications decided since the last meeting.

**Resolved:**

(i) To lodge an objection to application 19/00098/FUL stipulating the Parish Council (PC) discussed the above planning application at its meeting on 5 February 2019. The PC is aware of a recent planning consent for this site (18/01426/FUL) in respect of 2 new 1.5 storey detached dwellings together with the conversion of the clubhouse to residential use. The PC objects to the latest proposal as it does not meet the tests contained in paragraph 145 of the NPPF 2018 (specifically sub paragraph g), for the following reasons:-

- The 5 proposed new dwellings are each 2 storeys and, individually and collectively, present a greater elevational mass and visual impact than the 1.5 storey houses in the consented scheme.
- The applicant makes the point that the volume of the proposed dwellings is less than that of the existing clubhouse and driving range bays. The PC is not convinced that measuring building volume is particularly useful in determining the impact on the Green Belt. It is far more helpful to have regard to elevational mass and the site area of that which is proposed. It seems to the PC that the proposal will cover a materially greater site area than the consented scheme, is therefore more dominant, and thus would cause substantial harm to the openness of the Green Belt.
- In relation to the consented scheme, the PC considers that the application has already pushed to the limit the exceptions in the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF and, accordingly, there is no further scope for additional development.

(ii) Object to 18/01983/FUL - 2 Chevet Terrace, Walton - The Parish Council (PC) considered the amended plans regarding the above planning application at its meeting held on 5 February 2019. The PC wishes to lodge an objection on the following grounds:

- The PC understands there is approximately a 31% uplift in the floor area of the proposed building when compared to the existing, and remains of the view the amended plans will adversely affect the openness of the Green Belt.
- Accordingly, having regard to paragraph 145 of the National Planning Policy Framework, it is considered the nature and extent of the scheme will have an adverse impact on the Green Belt;
- There are no measurements stipulated as to how big the proposed building will be and no Design and Access statement filed;
- No special circumstances have been demonstrated to allow development to take place on Green Belt land in line with the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Chapter 13 in the NPPF; and/or
- The proposal does not comply with or reference Walton Neighbourhood Plan.

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(iii) Object to 18/02288/FUL - 19 Cherry Tree Crescent - The Parish Council (PC) considered the amended plans regarding the above planning application at its meeting held on 5 February 2019. The PC wishes to lodge an objection on the following grounds:

- The three car parking spaces directly abutting the footpath are inconsistent with the onsite car parking arrangements in the locality where parking is accommodated in driveways running along the sides of the dwellings.
- The dwellings nearby are generally bungalows with occasional dormers. The proposed drawings show a dominant full width front and rear dormer which effectively create a 2-storey house
- The PC remains of the view the amended plans are over development.

**2. To consider making representations to WMDC regarding the Local Plan 2036 consultation which affects plots of land protected in the Neighbourhood Plan.**

An outline draft letter was circulated with the agenda to members for consideration.

**Resolved** to submit the proposed letter with an addition to stipulate original Neighbourhood Plan was prepared based on the Local Plan and the Parish Council would like the constraints to be removed in any future Local Plan.

**3. To consider request by ENGIE to provide an introductory letter for new residents at the Grove and for representatives from the Parish Council to attend a new customers event in the show home.**

**Resolved** to prepare an introductory letter and accept the invitation to attend a new customers event.

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

The Clerk noted the gas heater has been fixed today after 3 separate visits by gas engineers and a new solenoid fitted. The charge for the works is yet to be agreed.

**1. To receive Risk Assessment report on Coronation Cottage.**

Cllr Carlon reported the bay windows will need to be replaced due to a potential damp problem and the reflagging of stones at the back of the cottage.

**Resolved:** The Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for replacement of bay windows and to await written report to schedule remainder works.

**2. To agree the date of holiday closures of the Village Hall.**

**Resolved** to close the hall between 10<sup>th</sup> August to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for refurbishment and maintenance work.

**3. To receive risk assessment report for Village Hall and car park and to approve the purchase of a new first aid kit and a new curtain rail. To incorporate a request into the terms of booking for hirers to switch off gas cooker after use.**

**Resolved:**

- (i) to purchase a new first aid kit and curtain rail using the debit card;
- (ii) to amend the terms of booking to incorporate a request for users to switch off any gas appliances are switched off.

**4. To consider and approve a callout charge to fix the clock at the hall.**

**Resolved** to request the electrician to check the electrics.

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**5. To consider extending an existing hirer's hours on Sundays.**

**Resolved** to decline a request for additional hiring hours on Sundays to allow the caretaker to have weekly rest.

**186. Recreation & Playgrounds Working Party - to receive reports.**

**1. To approve signatories for the funding contract with WREN as the third-party funder.**

**Resolved** to approve entering into the funding contract with WREN and for councillors S Birkby and K Shaw to sign the contract.

**2. To approve the contract with the winning contractor for the provision and installation of play equipment and confirm signatories.**

**Resolved** to approve entering into the contract between the Parish Council and Kompan and for councillors S Birkby and K Shaw to sign the contract.

**187. Environmental Improvements Working Party - to receive reports.**

**1. To approve the principles stipulated by WDH in their letter dated 8 January 2019 for siting of a memorial bench, by the Parish Council, on the land between Grove Crescent and Cherry Tree Crescent.**

**Resolved:** to the principles stipulated for siting of the bench on WDH land.

**188. Tree Working Party - to receive reports.**

The Clerk noted planning permission was approved for the removal of T27, T77 and T55 and crown lift for T85. A date for the work is due to be set.

**189. New website working party – to receive reports.**

**1. To consider including a section on Community Amenities on the website.**

**Resolved** for the working party to collate a full list of all the amenities to add for recommendation at next month's meeting.

**190. To consider if the Parish Council wishes to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walton Colliery disaster on 22nd April 2019 and potential ways in doing so.**

**Resolved** to add to following months agenda to consider ways to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Colliery closure.

**191. To consider the format of the Annual Parish Meeting and approve amending the date from 11<sup>th</sup> April to 7<sup>th</sup> May and changing the Annual Council Meeting to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

**Resolved** to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

**192. To receive matters reported directly to the Clerk.**

None.

Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.