

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th March 2019

Present: Cllrs: E Fairclough (Chair), K Shaw, S Birkby, C Wagstaff, T Saunders, S Leith, J Carlon and E Prince

In attendance: Cllrs: Ward Councillor A Manifold (WMDC) F Heptinstall (Ward Councillor), one member of the public and the Clerk to the Council.

200. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs: P Lee, C Pearson, H Massey, M Cummings and Sgt Matt Jackson.,

201. To receive declarations of interest.

None.

202. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 5th and 13th February 2019.

Resolved to approve the minutes of both parts of the meeting held on 5th and 13th February 2019 without amendment as a correct record.

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

Wren funding agreement has been received and returned. The contract will be issued to Kompan tomorrow following signatures obtained this evening.

ENGIE's solicitors have requested a response on the lease for the allotments.

Quote for the replacement for a new roof has been received and this will be circulated next month.

Sgt Jackson has agreed to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting at the invitation of the Chair.

Ballet will only be hiring from 3.30pm to 5pm on Fridays till Easter so we have a temporary space on Friday evenings.

204. 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.

None.

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

Sgt Jackson was not present, but a written report was circulated. The Chair noted a burglary took place at a house on 'The Balk'. The homeowners disturbed them, and police were in the village who attended the house and gave reassurance to the victims.

The Chair confirmed Sgt Jackson has agreed to speak to residents on the SAFE scheme at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Resolved to note the reports.

206. To receive reports from WMDC Ward 5 Councillors.

Cllr F Heptinstall reported:

- Good response received from residents attending the street surgery near Manor Road. Issues raised surround parking, speeding, uneven pavements;
- Work at the play area at Brooklands due to start soon;
- Road closure on Common Lane/Greenside on 15th March.

Cllr A Manifold reported:

- Some data has been captured on usage by vehicles on the crossroads on Chevet Road and Common Lane over a 24-hour period. Enquiries will be made if this can be shared with the Parish Council. Enquiries were made as to whether figures were available for vehicles coming

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from Royston turning right onto Common Lane to understand if Walton is being used as a thoroughfare for Eastern relief road and Shay Lane. It appears ward 19 still want the road leading to Newmillerdam Hill Top Road made into a private road.

A councillor raised concerns expressed by residents as to whether the speed limit on Oakenshaw Lane should be reduced to 40mph.

Councillor Shaw made a request for funding from WMDC for two benches and two bins for the play area as part of the refurbishment. Ward Councillors asked for quotations and will investigate.

Resolved to note the reports.

207. Finance & Governance

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

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £5,662.31 and income received of £2,013.75 in February. The Clerk reported a new vacuum cleaner was purchased as the previous cleaner broke beyond repair.

The account balances at the end of January are:

Current a/c:	£(1,377.07)
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£35,964.96
HSBC deposit a/c:	<u>£50,355.48</u>
Total	£84,943.37

The Clerk confirmed the outstanding payment for the last floral baskets for 2018 was paid. VAT submission will also be made this week with a view to reimbursement being made before the financial year end.

Resolved: to approve the financial statements and payments.

2. To consider and approve the Asset Register and valuations for 2019/20.

The Clerk noted the new benches are not insured and have therefore been added to the assets register only together with key purchases. Members felt that a quote should be obtained to the 3 new benches should be added to the policy.

Resolved to approve the register and valuations for 2019/20 and for the clerk to obtain a quote for cover for the three recently purchased benches.

3. To consider the contribution to the SAFE Scheme for 2019/20.

Resolved to pledge £6,000 towards the SAFE Scheme and to carry over the projected £1,000 underspend from this financial year in addition to the £6,000 pledged.

4. To consider a new phone plan for 2019-21.

The Clerk noted that a new plan was required with more minutes per month. The contract will run for 24 months.

Resolved to enter into a monthly plan for the sum of £7.99 per month with the option to purchase add-ons for additional minutes if required at an estimated contract value of £191.76.

5. To consider and approve the Risk Management Review Plan.

Resolved to approve the Risk Management Plan and to schedule a fire risk assessment as soon as possible.

6. To consider and authorise training for the RFO on Finance and Year End accounts at a cost of £115.

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Resolved to approve and authorise the Clerk to attend training at a cost of £115.

208. To consider correspondence received.

The Clerk summarised the correspondence received in February 2019.

Resolved: to note correspondence received.

209. Planning Working Party.

1. To consider planning applications validated and decided February 2019.

There have been 6 applications for Walton validated and 6 applications decided since the last meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) To object to planning application 19/00153/FUL 28 Cherry Tree Road on the following grounds;
 - The area is known to suffer from drainage problems in the combined sewerage system particularly in times of heavy rainfall. The application would appear to contravene Policy 13 of the Walton Neighbourhood Plan as it would lead to an increase in flood risk and drainage problems and does not seem to provide a sustainable solution.
 - The Parish Council expects the applicant adheres to the WMDC's Residential Design Guide and considers the proposed plan contravenes this on the basis it is over development;
 - The proposed plans would adversely affect the streetscene and out of kilter with the nature of the locality.
 - The onsite car parking provision is cramped and excessive particularly where it is shown that the front garden is entirely taken over by hardstanding for 2 vehicles.
- (ii) To delegate authority to the Clerk after consultation with the Working Party to respond to WMDC on amended plans submitted on planning application 18/02288/FUL - 19 Cherry Tree Crescent.
- (iii) To note all other validated and decided applications.

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

The Clerk noted there was a further leak from the roof on 8th February 2019. Andrew Taylor attended and queried if any sections of the roof had been worked on to replace/fix tiles. He suggested using a piece of equipment that can photograph the affected area from the inside to investigate the issue further.

1. To consider request by individual to hire the hall for the promotion of a hemp related product.

Resolved to allow the individual to hire the hall.

2. To receive a report on the gas service and consider three quotes for a replacement heater.

The Clerk reported after 4 visits to repair the gas heater and fitting a new solenoid the gas heater was condemned following a service.

Resolved request a reduction in the presented invoice for repairs works on the gas heater following it being condemned and if agreed, to commission a new heater with SDW Plumbing and Heating at a cost of up to £1,295 exc a new flue or £1,510 including plus VAT.

3. To consider quote for parts for the Clock or to request specialist engineer to attend.

Resolved to commission the specialist engineer to repair the clock at a cost of £350 plus parts estimated to be £298 plus VAT after determining if it is under warranty. The Clerk is to negotiate if the work could be completed as part of the call-out charge without incurring additional labour costs.

211. Recreation & Playgrounds Working Party - to receive reports.

1. To receive a report on the Playground risk assessment and consider obtaining quotes for stone cleaning.

Resolved for Cllr Wagstaff to attend with specialist equipment to clean the stonework.

2. To consider offering unwanted play equipment to the School.

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Resolved to offer the School the opportunity to remove and reuse the equipment save for the springers. The Clerk to confirm the contractors will dispose of all other items the Parish Council does not wish to dispose of as scrap.

212. Environmental Improvements Working Party - to receive reports.

The Chair noted Cllr Massey had secured free wildflower seeds following a successful application from a funder.

213. Tree Working Party - to receive reports.

The tree work was completed on 3rd March 2019 with the stumps due to be removed at a further scheduled date.

214. New website working party – to receive reports.

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

Item deferred.

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

Resolved to defer item.

216. To receive matters reported directly to the Clerk.

None.

Meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.