

Present

Cllr J Carlon (Chair from 8.50pm)

Cllr G Newby

Cllr S Baker

Cllr S Leith

Cllr K Nixon

Cllr T Saunders

Cllr C Pearson (Chair to 8.50pm)

Cllr T Earnshaw

Cllr W Parker

In attendance

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr U Ali (From 7.25pm)

7 members of the public

274. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr M Cummings

PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police

Cllr J Carlon (late arrival)

The reasons for absence were **approved**

275. To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on 9th November & 6 December 2022

RESOLVED To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th November & 6 December 2022 as a true and correct record with the following amendment to the 6.12.22 Minutes:-

261 The grant paid to Walton Juniors was for £785

All matters arising are covered in the meeting's agenda items.

276. To receive declarations of interest

None

277. Public forum

A member of the public & near neighbour asked about the New Inn and whether the Council had heard anything further following the concerns voiced at the last meeting.

Council had written to Planning twice on 9.10.22 & 4.1.23 resisting the application & asked them to investigate the impact & intended site of the live music. A response is awaited

5 members of the public left after this discussion.

A resident of Oakenshaw Lane asked whether the traffic calming monitoring exercise was to be repeated as several recent traffic incidents had been noted.

RESOLVED Cllr Ali to report on whether a further Traffic Calming Monitoring exercise is proposed

278. SAFE scheme

The report was reviewed and a debate followed about whether all crime in Walton was covered and if the report painted was too rosy. Several known crime incidents did not seem to appear in the report.

Regarding traffic calming measures, Martin Barnes from WMDC had been asked in November 2022 to attend a Public Meeting in Walton on this issue.

RESOLVED Cllr Pearson to follow up with PC Craig Steel on the validity of the SAFE report & Cllr Ali to follow up the proposal for a Public Meeting with Martin Barnes.

279. To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward councillors

A report submitted by Cllr Cummings had been circulated covering VMS/Brook Farm/illegal tipping on Earnshaws land.

280. Finance

Accounts paid & already paid under delegated authority and income received were circulated & reviewed.

RESOLVED To approve accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority

Budget 2023-24

RESOLVED To remove £600 line 17 Forecast 2022-23 & £500 line 17 Budget 23-24 and to add £2,000 to a new line 21 for Walton Entry Signage Planters AND to approve the Budget 2023-24 as amended

Precept 2023-24

RESOLVED To ask WMDC for the same precept as last year at £39,000

281. To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

Updates from working parties provided:-

Planning

It was noted that all planning applications received since the last meeting should appear on the Agenda

Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Quotes for the repair of the wall at Coronation Cottage are needed. Clerk to follow up

Park

Nothing to report

Parish Environment

Nothing to report

Floral Displays

An estimate from First Impressions has been received quoting £4,070 for 50 summer baskets/plantings with 5% discount. Cllr Leith to ask for a re-quote for 49 and proposals and costings for Walton Entry Signage planters

RESOLVED To quote £110 sponsorship per floral basket for 2023-24

Communications

Draft Newsletter reviewed, approved and to be issued shortly

Tennis Club

Cllr Saunders distributed a report with recommendations to the council. This was reviewed.

RESOLVED To progress design ideas, establish who and what to quote. All Councillors to visit site

Finance

Nothing to report

282. To consider planning applications validated and decided in December 2022

No new planning applications received

Remaining two members of public left

283. Hire Charges for Village Hall & Charitable Lettings Policy

RESOLVED Any new hirer, regular & committed to be charged £11 p/h & commercial £14 p/h.

Rainbows £8 p/h & occasional & birthday parties to pay in full, up front.

Charitable lettings – no change. Cllr Nixon to update Hiring Table

To consider hiring policy at next meeting February 2023

284. HM The King's Coronation – Saturday 6th May 2023

RESOLVED To establish a working party to lead an event to celebrate the coronation and to contribute a budget of up to £500 towards the event. Cllrs Earnshaw, Leith, Nixon & Parker to action

Meeting ended 10.30pm