

**Present:**

Cllr J Carlon (Chair), Cllr T Earnshaw, Cllr G Newby, Cllr K Nixon, Cllr T Saunders & Cllr J Sutcliffe

**In attendance:**

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr M Cummings & Cllr U Ali (both until 7.30pm)

2 members of the public (until 7.30pm).

- 49 To receive apologies for absence** - Cllr C Pearson, Cllr S Baker & PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police. The reasons for absence were **approved**.
- 50 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**  
**RESOLVED** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were **approved** as an accurate record.
- 51 To receive declarations of interest** - none
- 52 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda** - none
- 53 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward 5 councillors**  
Cllr Cummings advised: -
  - The access area to Neville Drive is uneven and has been reportedCllr Ali advised:
  - The debate about the responsibility for the repair of The Balk road surface is ongoing
- 54 SAFE Scheme & Police matters** - the latest report was reviewed.
- 55 Public Forum** – none present
- 56 Finance & Governance**
- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in August 2023 were approved
  - The Clerk submitted details of accounts for August paid totalling £2,482.26 and income received of £868.11  
The account balances at the end of August 2023 were: -

Barclays current	£11,061.85
Barclays premium	£28,916.73
HSBC deposit	£998.88
Nationwide savings	<u>£102,946.99</u>
Total	<u>£143,924.45</u>
  - The Council **RESOLVED** to award the following grants:-  
£250 – Walton & Crofton Sports ARLFC  
£250 – Walton United JFC
  - The Clerk confirmed that the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP had successfully completed their review of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for Walton Parish Council on 29.9.23 for the year to 31.3.23 and that the notice and certified AGAR were published on the Parish Council website as directed. **RESOLVED** to pay their audit fee of £378 for the review of the AGAR

## 57 **Planning Committee Working Party**

- Planning applications received during September were noted without significant comment

## 58 **To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties**

- **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage** – Iain Foster has completed the schedule of works in a timely and satisfactory manner as expected
- **Park & Jubilee Field – RESOLVED**
- To obtain quotes from SR Trees, Bowmans & Altofts Tree Services (to include the preparation of the planning applications for the TPOs) to remove the Poplar & Silver Birch alongside School Lane & the dead Ash tree in the ex-tennis court area
- To instruct Bowmans to carry out the clearance work on the overgrown areas surrounding Jubilee Field and to clear Chippy Lane & the access path (cheapest of three quotes obtained)
- To instruct the drains specialist, C and H Digging & Gritting to clear the ditch & blocked drain on the access path to Jubilee Field
- To seek alternative quote(s) in addition to Kompan to replace the two split tyres in the playground area
- To issue an invoice to Walton United JFC for annual rent, grass cutting & initial overmark of pitch layout & to update the draft Jubilee Field lease to £600 rent payable in the first year and thereafter £1,200
- **Parish environment** – no report
- **Floral displays – RESOLVED** To advise First Impressions that the Council will attend to the winter planting of the four metre planters & to seek a quote for the three stone entrance sign planters
- **Communications – RESOLVED** To switch the Parish Council mobile phone contract from Vodafone to H3G to run in tandem with the existing Village Hall H3G Wi-Fi contract
- **Tennis club refurbishment** – Leeds Beckett University students to present their recommendations in the Village Hall 2.11.23.

## 59 **Correspondence received**

- The correspondence regarding the Royal Garden Party 2024 was noted.

Clerk's next holiday is 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October. Chair to be available in case of need.

Caretaker's next holiday is 2<sup>nd</sup> week in October during which the village hall openings will be managed by Cllrs Nixon & Sutcliffe.

The meeting ended at 10.15pm.

