

**Present:**

Cllr J Carlon (Chair), Cllr G Newby, Cllr T Saunders, Cllr J Sutcliffe, Cllr S Baker, Cllr C Pearson & Cllr K Nixon.

**In attendance:**

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr U Ali, Cllr M Cummings (both from 8.15pm)

0 members of the public.

- 27 To receive apologies for absence** - Cllr T Earnshaw & PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police. The reasons for absence were **approved**.
- 28 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023**  
**RESOLVED** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were **approved** as an accurate record.
- 29 To receive declarations of interest** - none
- 30 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda**  
It was noted that no representatives from Walton Juniors FC were present at the meeting nor had there been a response or update from them regarding the request for a business plan or proof of income for the lease of Jubilee Field and the future intentions for the white-lining of Walton Park.
- 31 Public Forum** - none present
- 32 SAFE Scheme & Police matters** - the latest report was reviewed
- 33 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward councillors**  
Cllr Cummings advised: -
- Elmwood's footpaths are to be skimmed
  - The long grass on Greenside and Walton Station Lane is now cut back
  - After Planning Services review, no additional traffic calming measures are planned for Shay Lane after the New Inn down to the traffic calming chicane (CAS-358858)
  - School Lane is to be resurfaced in 2024
  - 62 Oakenshaw Lane. This application was to be heard at the Planning & Highways Committee meeting 13.7.23 (subsequently added to the agenda for the next committee meeting on the 17.8.23)
  - Cllr Ali advised that the signs on Oakenshaw Lane had been cleared of overhanging branches.
- 34 Finance & Governance**
- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in May 2023 were approved
  - The Clerk submitted details of accounts paid totalling £3,250.44 and income received of £2,397.97  
The account balances at the end of May 2023 were: -

Barclays current	£14,173.16
Barclays premium	£28,875.05
HSBC deposit	£994.75
Nationwide savings	<u>£102,218.54</u>
Total	<u>£146,261.50</u>
  - It was announced on the Council website on 18<sup>th</sup> June that the period for public examination of the Parish Council accounts 2022-23 would be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023

- The Council has received an invoice for 2023-24 from WMDC for grass cutting and white lining at Walton Park. **RESOLVED** To obtain a breakdown of the initial overmark of white lining costs and 2x additional grass cuts so that these costs can be passed on to Walton Juniors.

### 35 Planning Committee Working Party

- 23/01188/FUL. Detached garage/Walton Golf Centre. **RESOLVED** To determine if this is within the original footprint of the plans and if not, then the Council's response is an objection
- 23/00720/FUL. Application for temporary road access for 5 years (renewal). Land off the Balk, Walton. **RESOLVED** To object to this application robustly with an expectation that the WMDC enforcement team will take this up with Equans or the landowner to return the access to its original state and to fully repair the Balk road surface as promised in their original application.

### 36 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

- **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage** – **RESOLVED** To fix the broken VH clock and consider a service plan
- **Park & Jubilee Field** – Cllr Earnshaw to be asked to cut Jubilee Field & bale once the grass seed has dropped in July or August (provided there is no cost implication or pecuniary interest) alternatively, Chris Wagstaff
- **Parish environment** – Finger post refurbishment – to be on the agenda for September
- **Floral displays** – One unpaid sponsor. Confirmation to site the entrance planter at the ex-driving range site with caretaker to cutback weeds when necessary. **RESOLVED** To pay the additional costs for Xmas trees
- **Communications** – The Summer newsletter is now ready for issue next week
- **Tennis club refurbishment** – Plans & design ongoing.

### 37 Correspondence received

- Ex-post office post-box. A resident had noted that the collection times had been downgraded to 9am weekdays and 7am Saturdays only. **RESOLVED** To write to Royal Mail & ask for the original collection times to be reinstated
- Jubilee Field not being maintained. A resident had complained that the grass was overlong and needed cutting. **RESOLVED** To respond and explain that Jubilee Field is part of a planned maintenance programme this year as preparation for playing fields. It has been allowed to grow as part of 'no mow June' so that birds and mammals can flourish in the habitat. It will be cut in August once the grass seed has dropped
- No gate on Walton Park. A resident had asked if they could have a gate. **RESOLVED** To respond stating that the Council regularly carries out a risk assessment review of the whole area in use and the majority need for a gate has never arisen
- Trespass into my property over the back garden fence. Residents at 4 & 5 The Stables had complained that footballs were frequently landing in their gardens and were being retrieved without consent by delinquents scrambling over the fence and causing damage. **RESOLVED** To be risk assessed and reviewed at the next meeting.

Clerk's holidays noted as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week in August. Chair to be available in case of need.  
Caretaker's holiday is 2<sup>nd</sup> week in August during which the village hall will be closed.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

