

Present:

Cllr J Carlon (Chair), Cllr T Saunders, Cllr J Sutcliffe, Cllr S Baker & Cllr C Pearson

In attendance:

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr M Cummings

12 members of the public.

38 To receive apologies for absence - Cllrs T Earnshaw, K Nixon, G Newby, U Ali & PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police. The reasons for absence were **approved**.

39 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 4th July 2023

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2023 were **approved** as an accurate record.

40 To receive declarations of interest - none

41 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda - none

42 Public Forum

- A member of the public and near neighbour to the New Inn public house expressed alarm at the recent planning application to increase the opportunity for live music to be played for up to 7 days a week. Chair will speak directly with the landlord of the New Inn to establish the likely & intended frequency and respond to the application as appropriate
- A member of the public complained about youths playing football in Walton Park and retrieving footballs from their garden without permission and in a threatening manner. This is an ongoing issue resulting from goalposts facing their back fencing. Practical solutions to be considered are extra SAFE policing, netting, CCTV signage and moveable goalposts

43 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - the latest report was reviewed. **RESOLVED** to pay the first quarter 2023 invoice

44 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward councillors

Cllr Cummings advised: -

- Elmwood's footpaths are to be skimmed in the next three months
- The 'missing' section of resurfacing on The Balk is to be addressed mid-October 2023
- New signage on the bridge on Oakenshaw Lane is to state maximum height 14.9ft and Low Bridge and Oakenshaw Lane will be signed Access Only, maximum weight 7.5 tonnes
- School Lane is to be resurfaced in 2023-24
- 62 Oakenshaw Lane. The application to raise the roof was decided in favour of the applicant

45 Finance & Governance

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in June & July 2023 were approved
- The Clerk submitted details of accounts for July paid totalling £3,294.57 and income received of £3,702.85
The account balances at the end of July 2023 were: -

Barclays current	£12,676.00
Barclays premium	£28,916.73
HSBC deposit	£997.35

Nationwide savings	<u>£102,697.42</u>
Total	<u>£145,287.50</u>

- The 4-month annual budget 2023-24 was reviewed and approved as submitted
- The Council **RESOLVED** to pay the revised invoice from WMDC of £1,900.58 + VAT for 2023-24 for grass cutting and initial white lining at Walton Park and agree the associated SLA
- Council **RESOLVED** to have a further meeting with Walton United Juniors FC to confirm the lease for Jubilee Field and the grant application for the white lining equipment (held Tuesday 12.9.23 7pm)
- Council **RESOLVED** to approach EDF for a one-year fixed rate tariff for the Village Hall electricity supply
- Council **RESOLVED** to remove past Cllrs Y E Fairclough & K Shaw as signatories to the Nationwide business savings account and to add Cllrs J Carlon & S Baker and the clerk, P Walsh
- Council **RESOLVED** to remove Cllrs Y E Fairclough, K Shaw & S Birkby as signatories to the HSBC deposit account and to add Cllrs J Carlon & S Baker

46 Planning Committee Working Party

- Planning applications received during July & August were noted without significant comment

47 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

- **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage** – **RESOLVED** To engage Iain Foster to repair the Village Hall side door exit step, replace missing flagstone render & refix wall end stone at the Millenium Landmark, reset the block paving at the Xmas tree mounting site, replace render above main door and replace the collapsed wall to the front of Coronation Cottage with a fence and to pay his invoices when received. To renew the quote from R B Glazing for the essential cellar work
- **Park & Jubilee Field** – **RESOLVED** To remove the dead elm in Walton Park & the fallen willow on Chippy Lane and to confirm arrangements for Jubilee Field to be cut. To pay invoices for this work when received. To remove the Poplar & Silver Birch on the School Lane edge of the ex-tennis courts prior to the commencement of groundworks. To engage Kompan to repair the split tyre & replace the missing cap on the upright in the playground area
- **Parish environment** – **RESOLVED** To proceed with the refurbishment of the finger post on the Balk at a cost of £5,100
- **Floral displays** – All sponsors have paid. **RESOLVED** To confirm the order for 49 Xmas trees and extra battery changes during display
- **Communications** – no report
- **Tennis club refurbishment** – Plans & design ongoing. Leeds Beckett University students to visit the site Monday 25.9.23 and present their recommendations in the Village Hall 2.11.23.

48 Correspondence received

- The correspondence was noted

Clerk's holidays noted as 4th week in September. Chair to be available in case of need.

The meeting ended at 10.50pm.

