

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr P Walsh (Clerk), Cllr U Ali (from 7.55pm)

01 To elect the Chair

Resolved to elect Cllr John Carlon as Chair who then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office

02 To elect the Vice-Chair

Resolved to elect Cllr Christopher Pearson as Vice-Chair

03 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Baker, Cllr T Earnshaw & Cllr M Cummings

PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police

The reasons for absence were **approved**

04 To receive declarations of interest - none

05 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 4th April 2023

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th April 2023 were approved as a correct record

06 Matters arising since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda

- Free Wi-Fi is now available in the Village Hall
- Cllr Pearson is to attend a charring course at Tadcaster. **RESOLVED** To pay the £60 course fee
- The caretaker's week off in August was agreed – Monday 7th August

07 Public Forum – none present

08 SAFE scheme and Police matters - the latest report had been circulated to council 28.4.23 & was reviewed

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

Cllr Cummings provided a written report in her absence...

- The new speed sign on Common Lane is covered by a rapidly growing tree, has been reported and I've asked that the vegetation is cut back
- The proposed build at top of the Grove with access from The Balk - I am supporting residents who are objecting to both
- School Lane is in a poor condition, but I am reliably informed it is on the resurfacing programme for 23/24 & I will continue to pursue.

Cllr Ali advised that the deteriorating footpath along the Barnsley canal, emerging opposite the New Inn has been reported.

10 Finance & Governance

RESOLVED

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in March 2023 were approved
- The Clerk submitted details of accounts paid totalling £2,010.50 and income received of £785.81
The account balances at the end of March 2023 are: -

Barclays current	£2,846.89
Barclays premium	£8,875.05
HSBC deposit	£992.46
Nationwide savings	<u>£101,741.88</u>
Total	£114,456.28
- To allocate the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £3,874.86 (5 years to spend) just received and the unspent £4,267 from 2020 (2 years to spend) towards the following:-
 - Repair of Coronation Cottage wall & roof (Cllr Carlon to follow up)
 - Repair of Village Hall block-paved frontage, missing render and broken step below side fire exit (Clerk to follow up)
 - Refurbishment of the 3-fingered signpost at the junction of the Balk (Cllr Carlon to follow up)

11 To consider the appointment of Parish Council representatives to outside bodies

RESOLVED

- YLCA South Pennine: Cllr Saunders, Cllr Baker and one vacancy
- Walton Community Centre: Cllr Carlon
- SAFE Scheme: Cllr Pearson
- Walton Library: Cllr Newby
- Sandal Charities - Sandal Magna Relief in Need Charity & Harrison's Almshouse Charity: Cllr Carlon

12 To consider membership of Working Parties

RESOLVED

- **Planning** Cllr Carlon (lead), Cllr Nixon, Cllr Baker and Cllr Earnshaw
- **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage** Cllr Carlon, Cllr Pearson (lead) and Cllr Newby
- **Park & Jubilee Field** Cllr Pearson (lead), Cllr Nixon and Cllr Sutcliffe
- **Parish environment** Cllr Saunders (lead), Cllr Carlon and Cllr Earnshaw
- **Floral displays** Cllr Earnshaw (lead), Cllr Nixon and Cllr Sutcliffe
- **Communications** Cllr Nixon (lead), Cllr Newby and Cllr Saunders, supported by the Clerk
- **Tennis club refurbishment** Cllr Saunders (lead), Cllr Carlon, Cllr Baker, Cllr Sutcliffe and Cllr Nixon
- **Finance** Cllr Baker (lead) and Cllr Saunders, supported by the Clerk

13 To appoint a Staffing Committee and an Appeals Panel (3 members for each)

RESOLVED

- Staffing committee: Cllr Sutcliffe (chair), Cllr Pearson and Cllr Newby
- Appeals committee: Cllr Earnshaw (chair), Cllr Saunders and Cllr Baker

14 Planning

RESOLVED

23/00596/TPO. Reduce canopy and remove dead branches to Ash & Sycamore trees. LOCATION: 93 Cherry Tree Road, Walton. **NO FURTHER ACTION**

23/00720/FUL. Application for temporary road access for 5 years (renewal). LOCATION: Land off the Balk, Walton, Wakefield. **ROBUST OBJECTION TO BE RAISED INC NOTING OF THE CONDITION SURVEY OF THE ROAD SURFACE OF THE BALK**

15 To review the following:-

- Financial Regulations (to adopt the NALC Feb 23 update model FR)
- Data Protection – deferred to July 23
- General Privacy – deferred to July 23
- Accessibility
- Safeguarding – deferred to July 23

RESOLVED

To adopt the Financial Regulations and Accessibility statement as amended

16 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

- Village Hall & Coronation Cottage – see Finance. Clerk to follow up on uneven/broken block paving
- Park – Clerk to investigate broken seesaw/replacement of missing paving slab cement & brick, after jet washing. Groundsman to remove hawthorn stumps/overgrowing Ivy
- Parish environment – risk assessments needed. WMDC Arboreal team to be asked to revisit and provide tree report
- Floral displays – outstanding pledges to be followed up by Clerk
- Communications **RESOLVED** To have an information page(s) on the Council website showcasing current village events and activities. Trial period of three months initially
- Tennis club refurbishment – meeting with lecturer at Leeds Beckett University completed and initial specifications to be provided shortly
- Finance. See earlier
- Coronation Event. **RESOLVED** To pay Cllrs Nixon & Parker £20 each for cash donations to charities

The meeting ended at 10.35pm