

**Present:**

CLLrs: J Carlon (chair), K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, D Brooke, B Kaushiva, G Newby & J Sutcliffe

**In attendance:**

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

CLlr M Cummings & CLlr U Ali (both until 8.15pm)

1 member of the public until 9.45pm

**99 To receive apologies for absence** – CLlr S Baker (holiday) & CLlr T Earnshaw (lambing). PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police. The reasons for absence were **approved**.

**100 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**RESOLVED** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

**101 To receive declarations of interest** - none

**102 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda**

- A meeting with Working for Walton was held immediately prior to this Council Meeting to consider a possible location for a living Xmas tree to replace the current annual cut tree in front of the village hall. A potential agreed location is the triangular area to the right of the entrance to Walton Park. To be continued...
- Chair had a meeting with WUJFC to validate the invoice issued for pitch hire, initial line marking and 2x extra grass cuts. The outcome is pitch hire at £450 (to include line markings) to be re-invoiced and 2x extra grass cuts to be invoiced separately. To be continued...

**103 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward 5 councillors**

- CLlr Cummings advised that there was no further news of the prospect of a wind farm at Brooke Farm
- CLlr Cummings advised that no funding was available from WMDC to assist with the cost of the column testing proposed by Amey at c£100 per lamppost
- CLlr Ali advised that he would pursue a commitment from the developer to cut back the vegetation on the wildflower meadow land off The Balk which is the subject of the current planning application

**104 SAFE Scheme & Police matters** - The latest report was reviewed.

**105 Public Forum** - none

**106 Finance & Governance**

Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in December 2023 were approved. The Clerk submitted details for December 2023 of accounts paid totalling £5,355.13 and income received of £1,600.30.

The account balances at the end of December 2023 were: -

Barclays current	£6,737.93
Barclays premium	£9,062.41
HSBC deposit	£1,005.36
Nationwide savings	<u>£104,243.43</u>
Total	<u>£121,049.13</u>

**RESOLVED**

- To approve the Budget 2024-25 & Precept request for 2024-25 at £45,000
- To approve the renewal of the SLCC annual membership for 2024-25 at £188
- To approve the hire cost of the village hall for the May elections at £750
- To consider and review the Risk Management Review plan with the Assets Register in March

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**Planning Committee Working Party (Cllr Brooke now added to WP)**

- 24/00057/FUL Single storey rear extension. 75 Elmwood Drive – **Noted**
- 24/00052/FUL Pitched roof onto existing garage. 9 Chestnut Ave – **Noted**
- 23/02372/AGR Grain/equipment storage. Land to SW of Walton Lane WF2 6JR – **Strong objection to be raised as this is out of all proportion and is a possible stalking horse for a residential housing application**
- 23/00157/OUT 35/37? Units. Land between Balk/Wildflower Meadow/The Grove – **Chair to meet Cllr Ali on site to review this proposal**

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**To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties & any correspondence received**

**Village Hall & Coronation Cottage**

Chair advised that he had been unable to follow up on the attention needed to the village hall and Coronation Cottage roofs or the reported damp at Coronation Cottage. Clerk to provide photos of the damp at CC

**Park & Jubilee Field (Cllr Kaushiva now added to WP)**

Clerk to follow up on RoSPA report from 2022/23

Clerk to follow up on the Horse Chestnut tree planting by Bowmans to replace the recently felled Elm

**Parish environment (Cllrs Brooke & Kaushiva now added to WP)**

**RESOLVED** - Clerk to write to WMDC to ask for a structural engineer to inspect the Chippy Lane bridge

**Floral displays**

**RESOLVED** - To increase the request for sponsorship to £125

**Communications (Cllr Brooke now added to WP)**

A draft of the latest newsletter was reviewed

**Tennis club refurbishment**

Two A1 sheets were on display in the Committee Room showing the differing recommendations of the Leeds Beckett University students and these were considered for their appeal. A further meeting with their tutor and councillors (TS, KN, SB & BK) is to be held tomorrow

The meeting ended at 10.45pm

