

Present

Cllr J Carlon (Chair)

Cllr S Baker

Cllr S Leith

Cllr K Nixon

Cllr C Pearson

Cllr T Earnshaw

In attendance

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr M Cummings

Cllr U Ali

3 members of the public

285 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr G Newby

Cllr T Saunders

Cllr W Parker

PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police

The reasons for absence were **approved**

286 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 10th January 2023

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January were approved as a correct record.

287 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

288 Public forum

No matters arising.

289 SAFE scheme

- In the January 2023 meeting, Cllrs had raised concerns that the SAFE report painted was too rosy
- Cllr Pearson had been asked to review and advised the Council that the SAFE report only covered issues and potential for crime in *real time* when officers were actively engaged in the SAFE Scheme *and* not throughout the rest of the month when they were engaged in standard policing duties

290 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward councillors. Given verbally

- Cllr Matthew Morley, Cabinet Member for Planning & Highways has been invited to the 7th March Parish Council meeting
- Walton Common Lane VMS to be installed Friday 10.2.23
- Walton Nature Reserve – ‘No Overnight Parking’ signs to be erected
- Confirmation of Town and Parish Councils’ Liaison Group Meeting, Tuesday 21.2.23 between 11-12.30pm. Clerk to attend remotely via ‘Teams’
- Lack of road cleaning between 60-100 Oakenshaw Lane identified in resident letter – Cllr Ali to follow up
- Deteriorating footpath at Greenside identified in resident letter – Cllr Cummings to follow up

291 Finance

RESOLVED

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in January 2023 were approved. In addition:-
- The updated Village Hall hiring policy was approved subject to the addition of a fire policy with a separate advice to be provided to regular hirers regarding fire drill. Cllr Nixon to action
- SLCC renewal membership 2023-24 was approved at a cost of £189 for the full year
- The cost of a new steel litter bin for Walton Park at £270 was approved
- The Clerk was instructed to push back on the invoice received from WMDC for line marking
- Internal Audit Yorkshire was chosen for the Internal Audit at a cost of £375
- Risk Management Review Plan. Chair scrolled through the current plan identifying areas needing immediate action and those Cllrs who have been actively engaged in the risk areas directing them to update the plan in readiness for the audit. In addition, the following policies/statements are to be reviewed at the March meeting:-
 - Financial Regulations
 - Standing Orders
 - Data Protection
 - General Privacy
 - Accessibility
 - Safeguarding

292 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

Updates from working parties provided:-

Planning

Chair asked Cllrs to aware that the Walton Neighbourhood Plan expires 2026.

Planning applications 23/00107/FUL & 23/00142/FUL. No comments

Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Quotes for the repair of the wall and damp at Coronation Cottage plus plaster repairs at the Village Hall are needed. Cllr Carlon to follow up damp issues with Taylor Roofing and Foster/Ascough for the wall.

Park

Replacement bin to be delivered and installed. Branches have fallen into private gardens in recent weeks after strong winds. WMDC arbor team asked again to complete/investigate trimming of branches.

Parish Environment

RESOLVED To progress method statement & approach WMDC to agree process AND to approach The Heritage Fund and FCC Community Action Fund (formerly WREN) for grant to finance the removal, sandblasting, powder coating and painting of the signpost on the Balk.

Floral Displays

Awaiting approval for lamppost fittings and quotes for planters.

Communications

Several Cllrs reported that the Winter Newsletter was well received.

RESOLVED Cllrs to adopt separate email addresses for Parish Council communications (distinct from their private email addresses). Gmail recommended as it is the current Council email provider & compatible.

Tennis Club

Cllrs Nixon & Leigh met with Simon Kershaw (Landscape Architect) who has offered design & support FOC. Two more architects required to provide final design. Early resident support recommended & some form of display & promotion in Village Hall desirable.

Finance

The grant application to Leche Trust (to refurb the signpost on The Balk) was refused

RESOLVED To buy a basic mobile phone handset for the Council mobile number.

Coronation Event

RESOLVED To donate net surplus takings from vendors/stalls at the event to Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Wakefield Hospice.

293 Correspondence received

- Jetclean Yorkshire & Iain Foster to be added to local tradespeople list. Jetclean to provide a quote for Millenium Landmark.
- Clerk to address other items received and respond. Other issues raised referred to Ward 5 Cllrs for action.

Meeting ended 10.45pm