

Present

Cllr J Carlon (Chair)

Cllr S Baker

Cllr S Leith

Cllr K Nixon

Cllr C Pearson

Cllr G Newby

Cllr T Saunders

Cllr W Parker

Cllr J Sutcliffe

Cllr L Denton

In attendance

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr M Cummings

Cllr U Ali

11 members of the public

294 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr T Earnshaw

PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police

Cllr M Morley

Cllr Saunders asked if we could invite Cllr Morley to the Annual Parish meeting on 18.4.23

The reasons for absence were **approved**

295 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 7th February 2023

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th February 2023 were approved as a correct record, subject only to the addition that the grant application to Leche Trust was refused

296 To receive declarations of interest – None received

297 To appoint two candidates for the office of parish councillor to fill the existing two vacancies

RESOLVED To appoint Julie Sutcliffe & Les Denton as Parish Councillors

298 Public forum

- A member of public voiced a strong objection to an outline planning application 23/00157/OUT for 40 continuing care apartments on land to east of Neville Drive and this was supported by several others
- A spokesperson advised that an action group is being formed to oppose this planning application and asked if the Council would support the group and be opposing the application
- Cllr Carlon confirmed that he was aware of this application and that the Parish Council would be raising a robust objection to it with initial demerits as follows: -
- Traffic overload, not in keeping, overdevelopment on this site and privacy issues especially for those overlooked on the Balk

RESOLVED To construct a robust objection to the proposed outline application 23/00157/OUT for 40 continuing care apartments inc. means of access on Land to East of Neville Drive, Walton AND to allow the Action Group opposing the application to use the Village Hall for meetings for this purpose

299 SAFE scheme

- The latest report was considered and the question raised was, is it value for money?
- A larger than expected Q4 invoice has been received (£2,504), bringing the total annual spend to £6,500 against a total annual revised forecast of £4,180 and 2023-24 forecast of £4,600
- An itemised invoice detailing why there is such an increase will be requested

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

- Cllr Ali advised that whilst Cllr Matthew Morley, Cabinet Member for Planning & Highways had been invited to this meeting, due to an email mix up, his apology for non-attendance was not passed on until shortly before the meeting. Cllr Morley has asked for further meeting dates and will confirm attendance at a future meeting
- Walton Common Lane VMS is now installed
- Road cleaning between 60-100 Oakenshaw Lane has been completed albeit restricted by parked cars
- Deteriorating footpath at Greenside identified in recent resident letter has been passed over to Highways for attention
- A new triangular sign adjacent to 75 Oakenshaw Lane is expected by the end of March 2023
- Planning application 22/02182/FU at 62 Oakenshaw Lane for a second storey extension, previously objected to by the Parish Council in December 2022, has been quashed

301 Finance

RESOLVED

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in January 2023 were approved

The account balances at the end of January 2023 are: -

Barclays current	£3,808.70
Barclays premium	£10,861.66
HSBC deposit	£990.61
Nationwide savings	<u>£101,282.96</u>
Total	£116,942.93

- Provision of Wi-Fi to the Village Hall via a Three 5G broadband router was approved at c£17pcm
- Parish Council Insurance from 31.3.23 was approved with Aviva for 3 years at a reduced premium of £1,799.80 with separate insurance for Coronation Cottage with Ecclesiastical at £394.73 - total premium for 2023-24 will be £2,194.53
- The invoice from WMDC for the previously unknown cost for white-lining of Walton Park for Walton Juniors (c£1,490 pa) is to be challenged and an estimate for 2023-24 requested
- To submit a grant application to the National Lottery for £10,000 towards the cost of the Coronation Garden
- The Village Hall hire fee for the May 2023 Polling Station was approved at £750
- The Parish Council NEST enrolment was ratified
- The Village Hall emergency lighting and fire detection processes had recently failed under testing and replacement parts have been ordered and approval was given to pay for and install these
- Jetclean Yorkshire to jetwash the Millenium Landmark for £250 after Easter

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Planning Committee Working Party

- 23/00218/FUL 10 Cherry Tree Road – No action to be taken
- 23/00157/OUT Land east of Neville Drive – Robust objection to be raised see 298 above
- 22/02534/OUT Land east of Haw Park Lane – Objection to be raised - not in keeping
- 23/00191/CPL Extension to rear, 158 Shay Lane – No action to be taken

303 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

Parish Environment

RESOLVED Cllrs Carlon & Nixon to meet with Walton United Junior Football Club at Jubilee Field to consider bush and tree clearance and engage a plant hire company to quote and action within 7 days up to a cost of £700

Floral Displays

RESOLVED To approve the order for 3x Walton entrance planters & their summer/winter maintenance up to £1,000

Tennis Club refurbishment

RESOLVED To engage Sheffield University or Leeds Beckett University students to design a proposal or to pay for professional assessment subject to cost approval

304 Other matters

RESOLVED

- To settle the outstanding claim from a previous clerk for their final salary shortfall
- To reject to claim for the final Vodafone bill from a previous clerk

The review and update of the following was deferred to the next meeting...

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

The meeting ended at 10.35pm