

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mr P Walsh (Clerk)

Cllr M Cummings (from 8.35pm) & Cllr U Ali (both until 8.45pm)

3 members of the public.

- 60 To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr T Earnshaw & PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police. The reasons for absence were **approved**.
- 61 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 3rd October 2023**
RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd October 2023 were **approved** as an accurate record subject only to the addition that Council seek a quote from First Impressions for the winter planting for the three stone entrance planters (item 58, Floral Displays)
- 62 To receive declarations of interest** - none
- 63 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda** - none
- 64 Public Forum**
- A member of the public & WUJFC asked for an update on the Jubilee Field lease. Chair advised that this is in hand
 - A School Lane resident asked about ownership of the bridge leading to Chippy Lane and if it were subject to weight restrictions. A debate ensued and the resident promised to follow up with WMDC direct
- 65 SAFE Scheme & Police matters** - the latest report was reviewed. The consensus is that crime should be reported.
- 66 To receive a report from the Wakefield MDC Ward 5 councillors**
- Oakenshaw Lane will have a Traffic Regulation Order in 2024-25 which will result in a speed limit reduction
 - A couple of resident issues have been dealt with particularly the road surface and pavement at the top of The Grove in the first new area and several patches and repairs have been identified
 - Ongoing issues with the planning application for access off the Balk to the Grove development are to be fed back to WMDC by Cllr Ali
 - Cllr Saunders advised that the shale run off at the Brooklands play area off Cherry Tree Road has washed away with recent heavy rain. Cllr Ali to follow up
- 67 Finance & Governance**
- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority & income received in September 2023 were approved
 - The Clerk submitted details for September 2023 of accounts paid totalling £9,024.96 and income received of £738.11
- The account balances at the end of September 2023 were: -
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| Barclays current | £2,378.64 |
| Barclays premium | £28,994.21 |
| HSBC deposit | £1,000.46 |

Nationwide savings	<u>£103,264.29</u>
Total	<u>£135,637.60</u>

- The Council **RESOLVED** to award the following grants:-
£250 – Walton Primary Academy PTA
£129.99 – Working for Walton
- The Council reviewed the 6-month annual budget for 2023-24 and **RESOLVED** to approve it as presented

68 Planning Committee Working Party

- Planning applications & proposals received during October were noted without significant comment

69 To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties

- **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage** – Cllr Carlon is to re-establish the quote from Taylor Roofing for work at Coronation Cottage and also ask them to investigate the Village Hall roof tile slippage/bulge
- **Park & Jubilee Field – RESOLVED**
- Kompan have now re-quoted to replace two tyres in the play area and are to be instructed
- Quotes from Bowmans & Altofts Tree Services (to include the preparation of the planning applications for the TPOs) to remove the Poplar & Silver Birch alongside School Lane & the dead Ash tree in the ex-tennis court area were compared. Altofts Tree Services are to be asked to re-quote specifically for the above work. SR Trees would not provide a quote
- Clerk to investigate recycled replacement seating slats on the Millenium benches
- **Parish environment** – no report
- **Floral displays – RESOLVED** To advise First Impressions to proceed with the Christmas trees order & summer stone planters planting and ask to provide a quote for winter stone planters planting
- **Communications – RESOLVED** To proceed with registering an interest in moving to a .gov.uk domain
- **Tennis club refurbishment** – WIP discussed
- **Finance - RESOLVED** To give notice to withdraw £25K from the Nationwide as soon as the current proposed signatories are recognised
- **Staffing Committee – RESOLVED** To adopt, update and share the proposed Council Staffing Policy & Staff Support Policy as Cllr Sutcliffe continues to develop it

70 Correspondence received - none

Clerk's final 2023 holidays are the last week in December and the following week. Chair to be available in case of need.

Caretaker's final annual holiday is the last week in December during which the village hall will be closed.

The meeting ended at 10.20pm.

