

Present:

Cllrs:- K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, J Carlon (chair), D Brooke, B Kaushiva (from 7.20pm), G Newby & S Baker

In attendance:

Mr P Walsh (Clerk), 0 members of public

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 – Cllrs T Earnshaw, J Sutcliffe & U Ali were all no shows and none gave apologies for absence. Cllr Cummings & PC Craig Steel, West Yorkshire Police had both given apologies for absence.

04 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 9th April 2024

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 9th April 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

05 To receive declarations of interest – Cllr Nixon declared an interest in item 10, a £250 grant application from The Friends of Waterton's Wall. This was noted.

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

Initial ID documentation has now been received from Catteralls Solicitors and this was signed by Cllrs Carlon and Baker. The clerk is to return this to Catteralls to progress the preparation of the lease of Jubilee Field to WUJFC.

Chair advised that after due consideration, the oak with two boughs that diverge on the ex-tennis courts should be retained

07 To receive a written report from the Wakefield MDC Ward 5 councillors

Cllr Cummings advised that over the past 12 months the average speed on The Balk is 28mph based on GPS data captured from vehicles. It is 93% accurate and gives a good indication of how most drivers are travelling 24/7. Because of this data, there would be no intention of introducing speed controls.

Council asked whether we can also establish the average speeds for School Lane, Shay Lane, Common Lane, Greenside & Oakenshaw Lane?

'Smiley Sids', a speed-indicating radar sign which some parish councils have used to record traffic speeds cost around £2,500

20's Plenty advice and links to the campaign site were provided. The Parish Council can do this this on their own. It is not a District Council initiative.

08 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - The latest report was reviewed. A 'traffic' meeting has been arranged with PC Steel and his team for Monday 13.5.24 (a summary of that meeting was shared with the Council post-meeting).

09 Public Forum – none

10 Finance & Governance

Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in March 2024 and for the full year to 31st March 2024 were approved.

The Clerk submitted details for March 2024 of accounts paid totalling £4,931.93 and income received of £1,016.62.

The account balances at the end of March 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£16,765.25
Barclays premium	£16,096.68
HSBC deposit	£0.00
Nationwide savings	<u>£80,247.51</u>
Total	<u>£113,109.44</u>

RESOLVED

Council is to maintain the existing grant approval policy which is that all grant applications should be received by 20 September 2024 to enable the council to consider all the grant applications received at one time.

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, Cllr Brooke and Cllr Earnshaw
- Village Hall & Coronation Cottage** Cllr Carlon, Cllr Pearson (lead) and Cllr Newby
- Park & Jubilee Field** Cllr Pearson (lead), Cllr Nixon, Cllr Kaushiva and Cllr Sutcliffe
- Parish environment** Cllr Saunders (lead), Cllr Carlon, Cllr Brooke, Cllr Kaushiva 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, Cllr Kaushiva 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 Committee Working Party

Recent planning applications were considered.

Parish Council is to ask Cllr Faith Heptonstall to engage WMDC planning department enforcement team to instruct the owners of the land at the back of the Balk to cut back the overgrown vegetation on the mound.

Parish Council is to write to WMDC planning department to establish whether the wall being constructed at 2 High Meadows, The Balk is within permitted development and local covenants.

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

Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

Risk assessment for Coronation Cottage now completed. Roofing contractors to be engaged shortly.

Park & Jubilee Field

Millenium Landmark bench seating now refurbished.

Parish environment

Bus shelter now has a gutter and the cross beam has been inspected, treated and passed as sound by Iain Foster.

Floral displays – 35/51 sponsors have paid to date

Communications

WP asked for contributions to the next issue.

Tennis club refurbishment

WP to follow up with Simon (& others) for access to next stage of plans & to formulate design

Correspondence Received

None

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.