

**Present**

Cllr J Carlon (Chair)  
Cllr G Newby  
Cllr K Nixon  
Cllr W Parker  
Cllr T Saunders  
Mr N Shaw (Clerk)  
Cllr M Cummings, Wakefield MDC  
13 members of the public

**208. Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Pearson  
Cllr S Leith  
Cllr S Baker  
Cllr T Earnshaw

**209. Minutes and matters arising**

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022 as a true and correct record. The following matters arising were noted:

- Item 204 (Working Parties update: Parks) pruning has taken place to the trees in Walton Park adjacent to The Stables. This has not addressed the branches overhanging the residential properties and the issue is being followed up by Wakefield MDC who undertook the works.
- Item 202 (Shared Prosperity Fund) Wakefield MDC will not be formally consulting parish councils on their proposals for the fund. Their bid has now been submitted to Government.

**210. Declarations of interest**

None.

**211. Public forum**

- **Planning application (The New Inn) 20/01369/FUL:** a planning application variation request has been submitted which includes greater freedom on live music, the frequency of outdoor events and the residents attending the meeting are objecting to this. The potential for increased traffic and noise was raised as an issue of significant concern. The Chair acknowledged the issues raised. The Chair enquired whether residents had objected to the planning issue direct to Wakefield MDC. A series of issues were raised in relation to failure to meet existing planning conditions and the impact of noise. The Chair encouraged any resident who objects to the proposal to raise this with Wakefield MDC Planning direct. The Parish Council decided to examine the issue in more depth, seek an extension to the deadline for consultation on the planning application, with a view to discussing this at its October meeting.
- **Tennis court site:** is the tennis court site to be re-opened or developed in the future? Members of the council summarised briefly the history of the site and the current plans to gather the views of residents on priorities for the future redevelopment of the site.

**212. Ward 5 councillor report**

Cllr Cummings provided the following update:

- School Lane resurfacing – 19-29 September have been agreed for the road resurfacing works
- VMS – a traffic sign has been ordered and waiting for the supplier to be able to install
- Signage on Oakenshaw Lane – Wakefield MDC Highways have decided the bend on Oakenshaw Lane does not warrant the installation of improved signage. The council has requested that Wakefield MDC grounds maintenance cut back the vegetation at the relevant location
- Fun day – feedback on the August fun day and thanks for the support of the Sports & Social Club and Working for Walton
- ‘Changing Places toilets’ – Government funding is available for additional public toilets under this fund. A member of the council asked if Wakefield MDC will be considering an application to the fund and some contact details were provided

**213. SAFE scheme**

PC Steel was not in attendance at the meeting. A SAFE report has been received after the agenda papers were published. It was circulated at the meeting, discussed and the summary of police activity was noted.

**214. Planning Committee [move up the minutes]**

The current planning applications were noted and the following comments were made:

- **20/01369/FUL (The New Inn)** – (and refer back to Minute 211). Councillors discussed the implications of the request to vary the existing planning conditions. The Planning Committee has decided to explore the application in more detail to understand the implications before making a decision. The date for objections has currently been extended to 27 September.  
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council contact Wakefield MDC Planning seeking an extension to the planning deadline beyond the October Parish Council meeting.

**215. July 2022 bank reconciliation**

The reconciliation was noted. Accounts paid totalled £4,519.37 for July 2022 and income received totalled £1,777.63. The account balances at the end of July 2022 are:

Current a/c:	£6,432.60
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£22,843.08
HSBC & Nationwide deposit a/cs:	<u>£101,283.12</u>
Total	£130,558.80

**216. Working Parties update**

- **Tennis court** – a draft poll has been produced and contained in the agenda papers. The poll will be circulated to each household alongside the Autumn parish council newsletter to residents to gather feedback. More background information will be posted on the website. A visit has taken place to the tennis court site ahead of the contractor visiting site to remove the trees. Some actions were identified for the caretaker to address to prepare the site and the following actions were to be raised with Altoft Tree Services:
  - Agree a date for the works
  - Remove the mechanical and manual rollers
  - Remove the existing two wooden benches and Tennis Club sign
  - The net posts including the concrete surrounding need removing
  - 3 hooks in the middle of the nets need removing
  - Kickboards around the fence to be removed
  - Vegetation from the courts need removing and holes filling

- **Communications** – the Autumn newsletter draft was discussed and agreed.
- **Floral displays** – the order for Christmas trees is to be agreed and placed prior to the end of September. The council is still awaiting the outcome of the street column testing to be undertaken by Amey. 32 sponsors have paid their 2022 sponsorship. A list of the outstanding sponsors to be sent to Wendy/Kate
- **Coronation Cottage** – the annual risk assessment is still outstanding and will be actioned shortly.

At this point, the meeting was closed as one of the councillors had to leave the meeting, leaving the Parish Council inquorate. The remaining agenda items were deferred to the next meeting.