

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July 2015

Present: Cllrs: E Fairclough (Chairman), S Birkby, J Carlon, G Glenn, P Lee, H Massey, C Pearson, D Pickover, E Prince and T Saunders.

In attendance: Cllrs: M Cummings and F Heptinstall (WMDC), one member of the public & the Clerk to the Council.

41. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors: K Shaw and A Manifold (WMDC).

42. To receive declarations of interest.

There were none.

43. To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 2nd June 2015.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2015 without amendment as a correct record.

44. To be notified of matters accomplished or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda.

(Ref Min 39) The availability of grants from the Parish Council has been advertised in the Wakefield Express on three occasions so far with a deadline for receipt of applications by 24th July.

45. Public forum session – To permit members of the public to make representations, answer questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda.

There were none.

46. To receive a report on the SAFE scheme and Police matters.

There was no report given.

47. To receive a report from WMDC Ward 5 Councillors.

Councillor Cummings reported that the broken swings at the play area in Brooklands have been inspected and WMDC will be assessing whether the site remains viable.

She reported that horses had once again escaped from the field at The Grove. The horses were put back to the field, but the fence still needed mending properly. The agent for the owner of the land has received a Community Protection Notice and Environmental Health has sent an e-mail about the unacceptable atmosphere created by the horses. The agent believes that the horses will be removed by the end of August.

As a result of concerns expressed at the previous meeting, anti dog fouling stencils have been put down and the gullies have been cleaned. However, the potholes along Shay Lane, particularly between Cherry Tree Road and Drain Beck have not been attended to.

Members made the ward councillors aware that a severe pothole on Greenside at the bus stop near the junction with School Lane was not repaired although re-surfacing was carried out on the road nearby which did not appear to need it.

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Members also reported that the street cleaner had missed a portion of Brooklands Road.

Resolved to note the reports.

48. Finance

1. To approve accounts to be paid, already paid under delegated powers and income received June 2015.

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £4,430.04 and income received of £4,788.76 including a grant for Neighbourhood Planning of £3,150.00.

The account balances at the end of June are:

Current a/c:	£1,779.64
Business Reserve a/c:	£33,017.26
Deposit a/c	<u>£10,000.00</u>
Total	£44,796.90

Resolved:

- i to approve the financial statements and payments.
- ii to transfer £5,000 from the Parish Council's account at Barclays Bank to its current account at HSBC and combine with £10,000 from the maturing deposit bond.
- iii to leave the total of £15,000 in a current account at HSBC rather than a Money Market fixed term deposit where access cannot be gained during the term of the deposit.

49. To consider correspondence received.

Resolved:

- i to continue to receive paper Bank Statements from Barclays Bank rather than moving them online.
- ii to respond to the concerns of residents about the Jubilee Field by explaining that the current arrangements saved the cost previously incurred in its maintenance.
- iii to circulate training opportunities for Councillors.
- iv to point out to WMDC that the short timescales for two recent consultations did not give enough time for the Parish Council to consider them.
- v to contribute an article to 'The Clerk' magazine about the Parish Council's experience of Neighbourhood Planning.
- vi to note other correspondence.

50. Planning Working Party.

1. To review planning applications validated and decided June 2015.

2 planning applications were validated and 4 decided since the last meeting.

Application 14/02433/FUL for the caravan site on Oakenshaw Lane is not likely to be considered until after the summer break.

Resolved to make no comment on the validated applications.

2. Neighbourhood Planning.

Councillor Massey reported that a grant of £3150 has been received but is only valid for six months. WMDC is in the middle of its consultation period on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Independent Examiner has been appointed by, and will be paid for by, WMDC. It is hoped he will reach a conclusion and report back by the end of August.

Resolved to note the report.

51. Village Hall and Coronation Cottage Working Party -

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1. To receive reports.

The inspection of the electrical installations of the Hall, Coronation Cottage and the Tennis Club has been completed and, as a result, a quote has been obtained for two new outside LED lights with sensors for fitting under the eaves using a scaffolding tower. A quote has also been received for fitting replacement lights in the bathroom at Coronation Cottage.

PAT testing of items in both the Hall and at Coronation Cottage is due to take place on 15th July.

Door closers have been fitted to three doors in the Village Hall.

Resolved:

- i to note the reports.
- ii to accept the quotes for further electrical work.

2. to consider arrangements for painting of the committee room, kitchen etc. in the Village Hall.

Resolved: to paint the walls of the Committee Room, kitchen, toilet and lobbies off-white in eggshell paint and to paint the woodwork in a matching colour of gloss.

52. Recreation & Playgrounds Working Party - to receive reports.

The basketball post has been delivered and installed and a grant applied for to permanently mark out the court.

Resolved to note the report.

53. Environmental Improvements Working Party.

1. To receive an update on the floral displays and sponsorship .

The baskets have been put up by First Impressions and they will be kept up till October. £2,300 has been received in sponsorship so far out of an expected £2,500.

Resolved to note the report.

54. Tree Working Party - to receive reports and recommendations.

Resolved:

- i to renew the maintenance arrangement with Altofts on an annual basis for a further three years.
- ii to arrange for two conifers at the front of Coronation Cottage to be removed.

55. To consider village decorations for Christmas.

Resolved:

- i to obtain quotes from WMDC for erecting a Christmas tree at the Cherry Tree Road location.
- ii to obtain quotes for lighting around the Village Hall.

56. To receive matters reported directly to the Clerk.

There were none.

57. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2).

In view of the confidential nature of the business concerned, to resolve to exclude Press and Public to consider employee terms and conditions.

Resolved to accept the report of the Staffing Committee with some amendment.

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Meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.