

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st December 2015

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

In attendance: Cllrs: F Heptinstall and A Manifold (WMDC); Acting Sgt Matthew Jackson & the Clerk to the Council.

108. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs: J Carlon & M Cummings (WMDC).

109. To receive declarations of interest.

There were none.

110. To approve the minutes of the council meetings held on 3rd November 2015.

Resolved to approve the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd November without amendment as a correct record.

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

(Ref min 101.2) Photos have been printed and framed and are ready to be hung in the Committee Room.

112. 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.

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

APS Matthew Jackson reported 7 crimes in November involving burglary, theft from vehicles, damage and other crime.

There were 12 calls relating to anti-social behaviour, some of which were for the same incidents relating to fly tipping and loose horses.

17 hours were worked under the SAFE scheme, 13 by Police Officers and 4 by PCSOs.

All areas of the village were patrolled and, in particular, for inappropriate parking on Brooklands Road and in areas where overnight offences had occurred.

Speed checks along Shay Lane resulted in 7 traffic offence reports being submitted.

APS Jackson made members aware that police are using automatic number plate recognition devices which alert patrols of passing vehicles of interest and that dealing with untaxed vehicles is the responsibility of DVLA rather than the police.

Members made APS Jackson aware of further instances of inappropriate parking on Brooklands Road.

Resolved to note the reports.

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

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Councillor Heptinstall reported that a meeting will be arranged between WMDC and the Parish Council to discuss the development at Brook Farm. In the absence of the Clerk she was asked to contact the Chairman to make the arrangements.

Councillor Manifold reported on the forthcoming six week closure of Shay Lane for sewer works and the concerns already expressed by residents about the closure and lack of knowledge of diverted bus routes.

Councillor Manifold reported that he is setting up a meeting about parking problems at the school with Bob Whyatt, Senior Traffic Engineer.

White lining at the junction of Elmwood Drive with Shay Lane has been partially done and he is chasing up completion before the contractor moves out of the district.

Councillor Manifold reported further on the conifer which is on Network Rail land and where Network Rail have said bizarrely that a resident can remove the tree as long as he does not venture onto land owned by Network Rail. Councillor Manifold has taken up the case with a company specialising in dealing with complaints about large companies. Wakefield Express have also shown an interest in the situation.

With regard to issues about overhanging hedges and vegetation, he has passed the queries on, but relies on the Parish Council to tell him if the work has not been carried out because he receives little feedback from WMDC.

Councillor Manifold will pass on the response from the Clerk about the Jubilee Field maintenance to any concerned residents.

Councillor Manifold was informed that a recently repaired pothole is already showing signs of deterioration and he was asked about the Council tax situation for static caravans.

Resolved:

- i to note the reports.
- ii that the Clerk contact Yorkshire Water about the lack of information about the Shay Lane closure for sewer works.

115. Finance

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

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £5,064.12 and income received of £2,385.25 in November.

The account balances in the books at the end of November are:

Current a/c:	£1,117.14
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£34,320.67
HSBC deposit a/c:	<u>£15,053.69</u>
Total	£50,491.50

Resolved to approve the financial statements and payments.

2. To consider renewal of the Clerk's membership of SLCC £149.00 (no change from last year).

Resolved that the Council renew membership at a cost of £149.00.

3. To receive a budget monitor for the period April to November and forecast for the current financial year 2015/16.

The Clerk presented a budget monitor for the first eight months of the financial year together with a forecast for the whole year of 2015/16. Explanations of the difference between the forecast and budget were given.

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The forecasted funds shown for the end of the 2015/16 financial year will form the basis of the budget discussions for 2016/17 at the January meeting and ideas for what to include in the budget were discussed.

Resolved to receive the budget monitor.

116. To consider correspondence received.

Resolved:

- i to respond to residents in Brooklands Road that the police will follow up the complaints of inappropriate parking.
- ii to apply again to the Safer Communities Fund for a grant for marking out the basketball pitch.
- iii to note other correspondence.

117. Planning Working Party.

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

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

Resolved:

- i to delegate Councillor Philip Lee to discuss with the planning officer concerned with applications 15/021718/FUL and 15/02719/LBC, the comments made on the respective previous applications on the site and to make appropriate comments in line with those; and to point out that, subject to approval of the Walton Neighbourhood Plan by referendum and the adoption of the Plan by WMDC, the current applications need to be consistent with the Plan, in particular with respect to Policy No 4 relating to the Historic Core and the need for a Heritage Impact Assessment.
- ii to make no comment on the other validated applications.

2. Neighbourhood Planning.

Councillor Massey reported that leaflets have been distributed to residents and that banners put up to encourage a 'Yes' vote in the referendum. More posters will be put up around the Village Hall. She will inform Councillors as soon as the result is announced.

Resolved: to note the report.

118. Village Hall and Coronation Cottage Working Party - to receive reports.

Quotations for the renewal of the gas supply contract for the Village Hall which expires in March 2016 were circulated.

Quotations for the costs of paving outside the Village Hall and around Coronation Cottage and a quote for the 'Home Care 200' cover of the heating system at Coronation Cottage were circulated.

Resolved:

- i to renew the gas supply contract for the Village Hall for a period of four years with Total Gas and Power.
- ii to renew the Home Care 200 cover at Coronation Cottage.
- iii to place an order for the renewal of paving around Coronation Cottage.

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

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Discussions were held with WMDC about the actions to be taken from the annual inspection report and costs requested, and subsequently received, for attempting to fix the foot plates on the roundabout.

Resolved to accept the quote of £300 for refurbishment of the roundabout.

120. Environmental Improvements Working Party.

1. To consider an offer of discount for early payment for floral displays for 2016.

Resolved to accept extra discount for payment by 31st January.

2. To receive reports.

Risk assessments have been completed on the village seats, stone signs, bus shelter and war memorial with no major problems reported.

Resolved:

- i to note the reports.
- ii to add the finger post at the corner of the Balk and Shay Lane to the list of village signs for painting.

121. Tree Working Party - to receive reports.

Altofts have concluded their tree maintenance work. A report of the survey and quote for felling the elm is still awaited.

Resolved to note the reports.

122. To receive matters reported directly to the Clerk.

There were none.

123. 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:

- i. to exclude Press and Public in view of the confidential nature of the business concerned.
- ii. to implement changes to employee annual remuneration from 1st April 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.