

WALTON PARISH COUNCIL minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd January 2017

Present: Cllrs: E Fairclough (Chair), S Birkby, P Lee, C Pearson, E Prince, K Rolinson, T Saunders, and K Shaw.

In attendance: Cllrs: M Cummings, F Heptinstall and A Manifold (WMDC), 1 member of the public, APS Matt Jackson & the Clerk to the Council.

139. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs: J Carlon, H Massey and C Wagstaff.

140. To receive declarations of interest.

There were none.

141. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 6th December 2016.

Resolved to approve the minutes of both parts of the meeting held on 6th December 2016 without amendment as a correct record.

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

(Ref min 128) The leaning footpath sign on Oakenshaw Lane has been renewed.

(Ref min 130 i) A meeting has been arranged with Kevin Fisher about Brook Farm on 9th January.

143. 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.

A resident pointed out that during recent heavy rain, the drain gulleys were blocked along Shay Lane from the New Inn to Cherry Tree roundabout, and water cascaded down the road. He asked what is the routine for clearing them.

Councillor Cummings responded that gulleys are cleared once a year but, in exceptional circumstances, clearance could be requested and she undertook to make such a request.

The resident also asked whether the location and times of crimes reported under the SAFE scheme could be publicised. The Clerk pointed out that the full SAFE scheme report is published on the Parish Council's website and that this report usually includes this information.

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

APS Matthew Jackson reported that there were 9 crimes in December, 5 of which involved theft from vehicles in one locality and on one night. There were no calls of anti-social behaviour.

7 hours were worked in December under the SAFE scheme, all by Police Officers.

APS Jackson was hopeful of identifying the person responsible for the thefts from vehicles. He was requested to ask officers on the SAFE scheme to alert households where cars were being left unlocked.

It was requested that a warning not to leave cars unlocked be put on the Parish Council website.

Resolved to note the reports.

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145. To receive reports from WMDC Ward 5 Councillors.

Councillor Manifold said that he had circulated information that Shay Lane would be resurfaced in January/early February and that the leaning footpath sign on Common Lane would be rectified.

The cost for replacing a bin to be attached to the footpath sign at the bend on School Lane was awaited from David Narey, Assistant Street Scene Manager.

The flooding on the road around Nine Arches Bridge has been referred by WMDC to Network Rail.

To replace the goalposts in the Brooklands play area requires further consultation with the residents. Working for Walton will re-consider the project at their next meeting.

A request by a resident of Cherry Tree Road to have extra road signage in place showing house numbers has been dealt with. The request followed an incident where an ambulance could not find a particular house.

Councillor Cummings reported that the Ward Councillors have lodged an objection to the planning application of a caravan site on Oakenshaw Lane on the basis that the land is in the Green Belt.

Councillor Heptinstall reported that woodland has been cleared and a container installed at Haw Park Woods and this is being investigated by Planning Enforcement.

She also said that there are various consultation meetings about HS2 in the near future and the Ward Councillors will be attending them.

Resolved to note the reports.

146. Finance & Governance

1. To approve accounts to be paid, already paid under delegated powers and income received December 2016.

The Clerk submitted details (copy attached to minutes) of accounts paid totalling £4,811.39 and income received of £1,418.02 in December.

The account balances at the end of December are:

Current a/c:	£2476.81
Barclays Business Res a/c:	£30,838.54
HSBC deposit a/c:	<u>£15,129.36</u>
Total	£48,444.71

Resolved: to approve the financial statements and payments.

2. To consider renewal of the SLCC membership for 2017.

Resolved to renew the Clerk's membership of SLCC.

3. To consider the budget for 2017/18.

The Clerk had circulated a proposed budget with the agenda and he explained the basis on which it had been prepared.

Resolved to approve the budget.

4. To consider hire charges for 2017/18.

Resolved to make no change to the hiring charges for 2017/18.

5. To consider the precept for 2017/18.

Resolved to increase the precept by £700 from £34,000 to £34,700, a rise of 2%.

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147. To consider correspondence received.

Resolved:

- i to circulate to members the link to the survey from the Police Commissioner asking for views about a proposed increase in the Police Precept and to put this link on the Parish Council website.
- ii to note other correspondence.

148. Planning Working Party.

1. To consider planning applications validated and decided December 2016.

There has been 1 application for Walton validated, and 1 of significance in Crofton, and 1 application decided since the last meeting.

Resolved:

- i Application 16/02969/FUL - to make the Planning Officer aware of the proximity of protected trees to the siting of the proposed shed.
- ii to object to application 14/02433/FUL on the same grounds as the previous application at this site, namely:
 - a that it is inappropriate development within the green belt and there are no special circumstances which outweighs the harm that would be created.
 - b the application site is in a remote location with poor accessibility to services and hence is contrary to policy CS1 of the Core Strategy.
 - c there are unsuitable access arrangements with very limited visibility on a section of road where there is no lighting and which is subject to a 60 mph speed limit.
 - d this application could set a precedent for similar developments in the future.
 - e to request the Planning Officer concerned to make the Environment Agency aware that there is a watercourse running alongside the site which might become polluted from the planned use.

2. To consider future liaison with the developer of The Grove.

The owners of the site at The Grove have offered to provide a mechanism to enable a representative of the Parish Council and/or residents to have a direct link with the developer, Keepmoat.

Resolved:

- i to appoint Councillor Philip Lee as the representative to liaise with Keepmoat.
- ii to re-iterate the Parish Council's request to exercise influence on the selection of street names within the development together with Walton Academy.
- iii to note that an amended planning application is going to be presented for the 'Hub' building and to tell the owners that the Parish Council wishes to reserve comment until the revised plans are known.

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

Resolved:

- i that when the Christmas tree is taken down, the 'icicle' lighting should be taken down as well and stored in the cellar.
- ii to arrange for work on the paving outside the Village Hall to be started once the tree has been removed.

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

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The metal support for the backboard on the recently installed basketball post has broken and the supplier has offered to replace the post at a cost.

Resolved:

- i to assert to the supplier, Hexa Sports Ltd, that, although out of warranty, the post was not of satisfactory quality and that under the Sale of Goods Act the post should be replaced or repaired free of charge.
- ii to obtain an estimate for the cost of welding should agreement not be reached with Hexa Sports Ltd.
- iii to arrange for quotes for repairing the two wooden benches next to the site of the former school.
- iv to obtain further advice about the boundary of the Recreation Ground.

151. Environmental Improvements Working Party - to receive reports.

Nothing to report.

152. Tree Working Party - to receive reports.

Nothing to report.

153. To receive matters reported directly to the Clerk.

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.