

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva (from 7.42pm), T Saunders, S Guinan, D Brooke & J Carlon (Chair).

In attendance:

PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police) until 7.47pm. Apologies from ward councillors M Cummings and U Ali (In political Purdah).

Clerk: P Walsh.

1 To elect the Chairman and to receive the elected Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr J Carlon was elected as Chairman.

2 To elect the Vice-Chairman

Cllr J Sutcliffe was elected as Vice-chairman

3 To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence – none. Cllr Kaushiva had advised he would be late.

4 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 7th April 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th April 2026 were **approved** as a correct record.

5 To receive declarations of interest – none

6 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda. The list of outstanding actions was reviewed and updated.

7 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - The SAFE policing report was reviewed. PC Steel reiterated that all incidents should be reported on 101 or by email and not merely posted on Facebook.

8 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

All current matters under consideration had been reported prior to the meeting.

9 Public Forum – no members of public present.

10 Finance & Governance

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during March 2026 were **approved**. A summary of recent payments follows on page 3.

The Clerk submitted details of bank account balances at the end of March 2026 which were: -

Barclays current	£6,056.62
Barclays premium	£22,350.17
Nationwide savings	<u>£60,795.95</u>
Total	<u>£89,202.74</u>

- The allocation of CIL monies of £16,466.90 received 28.4.26 was deferred.

11 To consider the appointment of Parish Council representatives to (6) outside bodies

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following appointments to outside bodies:

- YLCA: Cllr Saunders
- Walton Community Centre: Cllr Carlon
- SAFE Scheme: Cllr Guinan
- Walton Library: Cllr Guinan
- Sandal Charities – Sandal Magna Relief in Need Charity & Harrison's Almshouse Charity: Cllr Carlon

12 To appoint councillors for membership to (8) Working Parties

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following appointments to Working Parties:

- Planning: Cllr Brooke, Cllr Carlon (lead) & Cllr Nixon
- Village Hall & Coronation Cottage: Cllr Carlon, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Sutcliffe (lead) and Cllr Guinan
- Park & Jubilee Field: Cllr Kaushiva (lead), Cllr Nixon, Cllr Sutcliffe
- Parish environment: Cllr Brooke, Cllr Carlon, Cllr Kaushiva, Cllr Saunders (lead) & Cllr Guinan
- Floral displays: Cllr Nixon (lead), Cllr Sutcliffe and Cllr Guinan
- Communications Cllr Brooke, Cllr Nixon (lead), Cllr Saunders and Cllr Guinan supported by the Clerk
- Tennis club refurbishment: Cllr Carlon, Cllr Kaushiva, Cllr Nixon, Cllr Saunders (lead), Cllr Sutcliffe
- Finance: Cllr Saunders (lead) and Cllr Sutcliffe supported by the Clerk

13 To appoint a Staffing Committee and an Appeals Panel (3 members each)

It was **RESOLVED** to make the following appointments to Committees:

- Staffing committee: Cllr Brooke, Cllr Kaushiva and Cllr Sutcliffe (chair)
- Appeals committee: Cllr Saunders, Cllr Nixon & Cllr Guinan

14 Planning Committee Working Party – no report

To receive Working Party Updates and Correspondence Received (if any)

15 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage – no report

16 Park & Jubilee Field – a fallen tree adjacent to the entrance to Jubilee Field is to be added to the tree works to be carried out in Walton Park

17 Parish Environment – no report

18 Floral Displays – Council is to consider watering options of both hanging baskets and planters before proceeding with the hanging basket order. Plants for the Planters are to be supplied (and watered) by the council.

19 Communications – Content for the next newsletter was requested.

20 Tennis club refurbishment – It was RESOLVED to approve the final layout of the padel courts and include them in the pre-app in the planning application.

David Ireland (Landscape Architect) is to attend the Party in the Park event (31.5.26) with a display board & field any questions asked by the public (supported by Cllrs Carlon, Guinan & Kaushiva).

21 Correspondence Received – The council confirmed that the burger van for a school leavers party in Walton Park in July should be parked in the grassy triangle adjacent to the basketball/netball courts and behind the terraced houses on School Lane to avoid damage to the playing fields.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	AMOUNT £
JETCLEANYORKS	WARMEM & STONESIGN	£175.00
TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS SUPPLY	£2,245.43
ASDA	PRINTERPAPER	£3.67
HAMPSONS	BEDDING PLANTS	19.98
EARNSHAWS	PLANTERS	317.48
AMAZON	BOARD MAGNETS	5.82
WMDC	WASTE COLLECTIONS	577.51
YLCA RENEWAL	MEMBERSHIP — 31.3.27	911
SCRIBE SOFTWARE	SCRIBE ACCOUNTS IT	37.00
PETER WALSH	SALARY 29.5.26	
IAN MORRIS	SALARY 29.5.26	
IRELAND ALBRECHT	LANDSCAPING PLANS	2,505.50
FAB-WELD ENG	REFURB WAT PLAQUE	350
SPRING GREEN	PLANTS FOR PLANTERS	26.50
H3G	WI-FI & MOBILE	24.11
EDF	ELEC-VH	236.57
EDF	ELEC-TC	60.34