WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2026

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, B Kaushiva, S Guinan, T Saunders & J Sutcliffe (Vice-chair).

In attendance:

Ward councillors: S & P Ashton. PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police). Apologies from Cllr B Watkins.

Clerk: P Walsh. 2 MoP.

55 **To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence** - Cllr J Carlon was absent from the meeting and no apology had been provided. However, the reason for absence was known and accepted by the Council. Cllr D Brooke had provided an apology for absence and this was accepted by the council

56 **To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 7th July 2026**

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

57 **To receive declarations of interest** – none

58 **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.

59 **Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update**

Councillors S & P Ashton updated the parish council on ongoing matters.

Following the meeting, Cllr Watkins advised that the white paint on the road under the bridge at the bottom of School Lane is to be renewed within the month (keep clear, give way and centre line).

60 **Public Forum** – a resident questioned when Shay Lane would be repaired – expected in 2026.

61 **SAFE Scheme & Police matters –** Current traffic transgressions and policing matters were outlined by PC Steel.

62 **Finance & Governance**

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during June, July & August 2026 were **approved.** A summary of recent payments follows on pages 2 & 3
- The Clerk submitted details of bank account balances at the end of July 2026 which were: -

Barclays current	£11,882.46
Barclays premium	£47,473.54
Nationwide savings	£61,573.92
Total	£120,929.92

- Payment of the Annual Grounds Maintenance Contract to WMDC for £2,175.24
- Payment of the SAFE Scheme Q1 invoice for Apr-Jun 26 for £1,007.73
- Annual rent for Walton Park to Walton Juniors at £560

- To open an account with Unity Trust Bank, initially a savings account ONCE the business Savings account with Nationwide has been closed and funds received. Notice to close the Nationwide account to be executed and actioned at the October meeting
- Parish Online was approved as the replacement website server provider and clerk to progress engagement
- 2027 Hanging Basket sponsorship is to be provided FOC to those sponsors who have paid in full in 2026 by way of apology for the dismal turnout in the current year. No further business to be conducted with the 2026 contractor, White Rose Plants. Florals WP to investigate alternatives to Xmas trees for 2026 and to consider and select the 2027 hanging basket contractor within any time constraints outlined by them.

63 **Planning Committee Working Party** – Four current planning applications under review were considered without further action.

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

64 **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage**

Village Hall - Further risk assessments are under way. VH WP produced a shopping list of items needed to comply with Health & Safety and it was resolved to purchase the items listed and action the requirement for an independent fire risk assessment.

Coronation Cottage - A quote for a new conservatory and back door has been received and a further quote is awaited.

65 **Park & Jubilee Field**

- The clerk has completed a witness statement for WMDC Planning in respect of the 2x trees felled by Bowmans in contravention of the TPOs in place and in direct violation of planning consent
- A four-seater replacement bench is required for Walton Park. BS EN1176. Clerk to order.

66 **Parish Environment** – Council **resolved** to care for and maintain the living tree planted on the land outside Cherry Tree Stores (to be known as a memory tree for residents). An event licence is required from WMDC to enable planting. The tree is being donated by a resident.

67 **Floral Displays** – 41 sponsors have paid to date. Two remain unpaid. Three have not renewed

68 **Communications** – No report

69 **Tennis club refurbishment** – Council **resolved** to consider outsourcing management of the padel courts (if approved) to a third party and that refurbishment of the pavilion may be a consideration for that party

70 **Correspondence Received** – Correspondence already received had been dealt with by the clerk and circulated before the meeting (relating to the poor hanging baskets display).

The meeting ended at 9.30pm

8.7.26	WEST YKS POLICE	SAFE Q1 APR-JUN 26	£1,007.
15.7.26	COSYSWEEP	COWLS-CC CHIMNEY	£160.00
13.7.26	ID ZINE	NEWSLETTER	120.00
20.7.26	EXPRESS SIGNS	FLORALS PLAQUE	21.95
21.7.26	WMDC	ANN GRASS CUTTING	1,812.
22.7.26	AGBRIG W CIRCLE	CANCELLED VH-RFD	100.00
23.7.26	MARK CARTER	WINDOW CLEANER	44
27.6.26	H3G	WIFI & MOBILE	24.65
7.7.26	ASDA	PRINTER PAPER	7.33
1.8.26	SCRIBE	IT SUBSCRIPTION	37
3.8.26	BARCLAYS	COMMISSION JULY	8.50

17.8.26	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS	187.54
18.8.26	EDF	ELEC - TC	57.66
18.8.26	EDF	ELEC - VH	194.87
1.9.26	SCRIBE	IT SUBSCRIPTION	37
27.7.26	H3G	WIFI & MOBILE	26.81
10.8.26	BUS STREAM	WATER SUPPLY	184.39
1.9.26	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS SUPPLY	165.40
21.8.26	TURNER SUPPLIES	TOILET ROLLS/SOAP	32.83
24.8.26	EXPENSES-IAN	WEED/WASP KILLER	23
19.8.26	SHARLSTON PC	HIRE OF SID - BOND	100
28.8.26	IRELANDALBRECH	LNDSCPING.INV 1815	747.50
28.8.26	WASPCONTROL	FOR VH	90
8.9.26	GOLDNSMTHS LTD	REFUND OF VHH FEE	60