WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON 6TH OCTOBER 2026

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, S Guinan, T Saunders, J Sutcliffe & J Carlon (chair).

In attendance:

Ward councillors: B Watkins, S & P Ashton (till 7.50pm). Apologies from PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police).

Clerk: P Walsh. 1 MoP.

71 **To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence** - Cllr B Kaushiva provided an apology for absence and this was accepted by the council.

72 **To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 1st September 2026**

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st September 2026 were **approved** as a correct record subject only to the addition of the approval to purchase essential H & S items for the village hall and confirm the need for a fire risk assessment.

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

74 **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.

75 **Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update**

Ward councillors updated the council on the white lining of School Lane and dog waste bins.

76 **Public Forum** – a resident talked of the 50th Anniversary of the launch of BBC kids programme Multi-Coloured Swap Shop and the potential for play equipment for the disabled in Walton Park.

77 **SAFE Scheme & Police matters –** The current report was discussed.

78 **Finance & Governance**

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

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

Barclays current	£9,516.67
Barclays premium	£47,473.54
Nationwide savings	£61,741.26
Total	£118,731.47

- To open an account with Unity Trust Bank, initially a savings account with 4 signatories, JC, TS, JC & KN
- 2027 Hanging Basket contractor will be Easter Bros. at a cost of £9,000 inc. watering & maintenance. Cllr Nixon to action.
- 2026 Hanging Basket Xmas Trees will be Plantscape at an estimated cost of £6,500. Clerk to action.
- The Risk Management Review Plan is to be distributed monthly.

79 **Planning Committee Working Party** – Three current planning applications under review were considered. WP to respond to WMDC about 26/01432/FUL - Erection of 8 dwellings with associated access, infrastructure, drainage, parking, storage compounds & associated works - Land to West of Nevile Drive, Walton.

To receive Working Party Updates and Correspondence Received (if any). RESOLVED:-

80 **Village Hall & Coronation Cottage**

- Clerk to obtain quotes from Calder Security for Fire & Lighting
- To obtain a fire risk assessment report from the three contractors listed by Cllr Sutcliffe. Clerk to action
- Three quotes are needed for boarding out the cellar and rewiring the electrics. Cllr Carlon to action

81 **Park & Jubilee Field** – To purchase an incinerator to dispose of green waste.

82 **Parish Environment** – Chair confirmed that the fingerpost is expected to return in Spring 2027.

83 **Floral Displays** – One sponsor has not paid. Three have not renewed. The rest have paid in full.

84 **Communications** – No report

85 **Tennis club refurbishment** – The village hall car park will be made available to users of the proposed padel courts.

86 **Correspondence Received** – Following a written request from Working for Walton, the parish council **RESOLVED** to take over responsibility for the ownership and maintenance of the defibrillator at the village hall.

87 **Staffing Matters**

- Cllr Guinan was appointed to the staffing committee
- It was RESOLVED to seek a locum and replacement clerk ASAP

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

1.9.26	I MORRIS & CO	EXTRA WATERINGS X3	£900.00
8.9.26	SHARLSTON PC	HIRE OF SID AUG/SEPT	£200.00
22.9.26	KATE NIXON	WINTER PLANTS	£114.13
1.9.26	SCRIBE	IT SOFTWARE	37.00
22.9.26	SANDAL SECURITY	FIRE ALARM CALLOUT	125.00
25.9.26	MARK CARTER	WINDOWCLEANER	44
30.9.26	WKFLD LOCK & KEY	SIDE DOOR ACCESS	250.00
17.9.26	BARCLAYS	COMMISSION AUG/SEP	8.50
1.10.26	SCRIBE	IT SOFTWARE	37.00
22.9.26	TURNER SUPPLIES	T ROLLS/SCOURERS	16
30.8.26	ICO	DATA PROTECTION FEE	47
5.10.26	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS	169.68
5.10.26	EDF	ELEC - VH	353.85
5.10.26	EDF	ELEC - TC	94.05
5.10.26	IAN MORRIS	SALARY	
5.10.26	PETER WALSH	SALARY	
5.10.26	PKF	EXT AUDIT AGAR 2026	420
12.10.26	I MORRIS-EXPENSES	LIGHT BULBS-CR	37.21