

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva (from 7.55pm), T Saunders, S Guinan (from 7.25pm), D Brooke & J Carlon (Chair).

In attendance:

Apologies from ward councillors M Cummings and U Ali and PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police).

Clerk: P Walsh. Two MoP.

173 To receive apologies for absence & approve reasons for absence – none

174 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 3rd March 2026

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd March 2026 were **approved** as a correct record.

175 To receive declarations of interest – none

176 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.

177 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

An update report from Cllr Cummings had been distributed prior to the meeting.

A request to consider double yellow lines outside the New Inn down to the bus stop will be submitted to help prevent delinquent parking. Additionally, the white lining at the junction of Oakenshaw Lane and School Lane needs to be renewed.

The names and contact details of three local historic wall builders will be provided to Cllr Cummings to assist WMDC in resolving the damaged wall at the junction of Shay Lane/Greenside.

178 Public Forum – A healthy discussion regarding parking and traffic in Walton followed.

179 SAFE Scheme & Police matters - The SAFE policing report was reviewed.

The issue of delinquent parking outside the New Inn is to be raised with PC Steel.

Cllr Guinan is to contact Sharlston PC to follow up an invitation to hire out their Smiley Sid.

180 Finance & Governance

The following were **RESOLVED:-**

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during February 2026 were **approved**. A summary of recent payments follows on page 2.
- Risk reports for the Village Hall and Coronation Cottage are due imminently with the Park report expected July-September.
- To approve the YLCA membership renewal for 2026-27 at £911.
- To approve the burglar alarm installation at Coronation Cottage with Sandal Security Services at £690 + VAT.

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

181 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage – no report

182 Park & Jubilee Field – no report

183 Parish Environment

Cllr Saunders proposals for refurbishment works to seats and stone signs were approved with works to be carried out by the caretaker and local contractors.

Commercial jet washing of the war memorial area and nine arches stone Walton sign was approved with the caretaker to jet wash the village hall block paving area.

184 Floral Displays – Quotes for replacement planters were considered and it was **RESOLVED** to purchase bespoke planters from Earnshaws.

185 Communications – The Spring newsletter has been printed and distributed.

186 Tennis club refurbishment – It was **RESOLVED** to include padel courts in the pre-app in the planning application

The meeting ended at 9.20pm

6.3.26	R B GLAZING - VH	5X WINDOW HANDLES	£175.00
15.3.26	ID ZINE	NEWSLETTERS	£120.00
19.3.26	MARK CARTER	WINDOW CLEANING	£44.00
19.3.26	CLEAR COUNCIL INS	WPC ANN INSURANCE	2,101.11
30.3.26	CLEAR COUNCIL INS	CC ANN INS	520.75
27.2.26	H3G	MOBILE & WIFI	22.01
31.3.26	YLCA COURSE	PONDS - T SAUNDERS	10.00
2.4.26	YLCA RENEWAL	MEMBERSHIP - 31.3.27	911
2.4.26	EDF	ELEC - TC	49.20
2.4.26	EDF	ELEC - VH	247
20.3.26	TURNER SUPPLIES	T ROLLS/BLUE ROLL	31.94
1.4.26	SCRIBE SOFTWARE	APRIL	37
24.4.26	PETER WALSH	SALARY 30.4.26	
24.4.26	IAN MORRIS	SALARY 30.4.26	
2.4.26	ARCHIDEC	PAINTS-BENCHES ETC	95.55
27.3.26	H3G	MOBILE & WIFI	22.55