

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva (from 7.40pm), T Saunders, S Guinan, D Brooke, T Earnshaw & J Carlon (Chair).

In attendance:

Ward Councillors: M Cummings (Apologies from Cllr U Ali). Apologies from PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police). Clerk: P Walsh. Two MoP.

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

159 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 3rd February 2026

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

160 To receive declarations of interest – none

161 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.

162 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

- Cllr Cummings confirmed that no grazing licence had been issued for the unlicensed horses in fields on Shay Lane.
- Cllr Cummings was asked to progress the request for 'Caution, people crossing' signs at the railway bridge junction of Oakenshaw Lane/School Lane and to follow up resident requests for Shay Lane and Manor Rise to be resurfaced

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

164 Public Forum – John Smith from Friends of Waterton's Wall, with permission from the chair, gave a brief presentation of a range of events in May 2026 (WallFest 26) to celebrate 200 years of Charles Waterton and his Wall.

165 Finance & Governance

The following were **RESOLVED**:-

- Accounts to be paid or already paid under delegated powers and income received during January 2026 were **approved**. A summary of recent payments follows on page 2.
- The Risk Management Review Plan was reviewed and WPs were tasked to update and submit their risk assessments by 1.4.26.
- The Parish Council Insurance Policies for 2026-27 were approved for payment.
- Cllrs Pearson & Saunders volunteered to complete the Internal Controls Checklist.
- The Grounds Maintenance SLA with WMDC was approved.
- Quotes for a burglar alarm at Coronation Cottage were reviewed. The clerk was tasked with obtaining a further quote from Calder Security (who provide service cover for CCTV at VH) for a wireless installation.
- White Rose Plants (WRP) was approved as the hanging basket & Xmas tree supplier for 2026-27. It was agreed to increase sponsorship cost to £150 per basket to cover the additional, forced costs of moving to WRP.

166 Planning Working Party

- Three applications under review were considered without issue.
- However, the Council will raise objections to 25/02314/FUL & 25/02313/FUL – Willows & Laurels, Walton Grange, Common Lane as previously considered.

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

167 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

- It was resolved that casual VH bookings should not be accepted unless a minimum of two weeks' notice is provided.

168 Park & Jubilee Field

- The Tennis Club pavilion was found to be in an unsatisfactory condition (again) plus a gas cylinder was left on site (again). Clerk to write to Walton Juniors again.

169 Parish Environment – It was resolved for the clerk to take over the process to refurbish The Balk finger post from Cllr Carlon and arrange for it to be cleaned & painted before 30.4.26.

170 Floral Displays – Clerk is to obtain a quote from WRP to plant out, maintain & water the village planters at The Grove (2), Oakenshaw Lane & Cherry Tree stores plus the three Walton village entrance stone planters.

171 Communications – Cllr Nixon presented the draft next newsletter for approval.

172 Tennis club refurbishment – An informal meeting was held after the council meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

9.2.26	ALDI - TOILET ROLLS	FOR VH	£7.46
9.2.26	ASDA	PRINTER PAPER	£3.67
18.2.26	ASDA	ENVELOPES	£0.83
27.1.26	THREE	MOBILE & WI-FI	22.01
10.2.26	CHUBB-SERVICE	FIRE EXTINGUISHERS	188.86
10.2.26	BUSINESS STREAM	WATER SUPPLY - VH	143.90
2.3.26	EDF	GAS - VH FEB 26	250.06
2.3.26	EDF	GAS - TC FEB 26	41
1.3.26	SCRIBE	IT MAR 26	37.00
1.3.26	SLCC MEMBERSHIP	PETER WALSH	200