WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON
3RD DECEMBER 2024

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, G Newby, D Brooke, J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva, S Baker, T Earnshaw & J Carlon (Chair)

In attendance:

3 members of public. Peter Walsh (Clerk)

Ward Councillors U Ali, M Cummings & F Heptinstall (until 7.40pm). Apologies from PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police).

88 **To receive apologies for absence** – none.

89 **To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 5th November 2024**

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 5th November 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

90 **To receive declarations of interest** – Cllr Sutcliffe declared an interest in agenda item 11, to instruct Matt Saynor to lift the fingerpost and was excused from voting on this matter.

91 **To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda** – A request from Walton Manor to use the village hall as an evacuation site was considered under item 104 below.

92 **Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update**

Cllr Cummings gave a report of current matters.

- Two new 'Low Bridge' signs have been erected at the junctions of Walton Lane/Oakenshaw Lane, Walton and Doncaster Road/Oakenshaw Lane, Crofton to help deter large HGVs accessing Oakenshaw Lane and then having to reverse back once they reach the 14'9" low bridge.
- Council requested that the following items be followed up with WMDC:-

-Drainage/soak away on School Lane – a continuing feature is pooled water which becomes a hazard
-When is School Lane to be resurfaced? – the latest roadworks update state that they were planned for mid-November 2024 – it was later confirmed by Highways that it is scheduled to commence 27th January 2025
- The road surface condition of Chevet Terrace off Oakenshaw Lane (if an adopted road).

93 **Public Forum** – The Parish Council had invited David Rock, a director of Hanover Developments to review and comment on indicative site plans provided by his company for land to east of Neville Drive with 6 larger detached properties accessed from The Balk and two semi-detached bungalows at the head of Neville Drive. A healthy discussion followed considering the merits of existing outline planning applications for this site alongside those also proposed and how there is conflict with the current Neighbourhood Plan.

RESOLVED – to await a formal planning application or other proposals for this site.

94 **SAFE Scheme & Police matters -** The latest report was reviewed.

95 **Finance & Governance**

The Clerk submitted details for October 2024 of accounts paid totalling £3,862.92 and income received of £4,060.88. The account balances at the end of October 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£11,985.04
Barclays premium	£51,413.94
Nationwide savings	£82,268.58
Total	£145,667.56

RESOLVED

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in October 2024 were approved. A summary of payments follows at the end of these minutes.
- The annual budget for 2025-26 is approved subject to the proposed amendments and is to be re-presented along with the Precept 2025-26 recommendation for approval in January 2025.
- Barry Riley is appointed internal auditor for the 2024-25 AGAR.
- To allocate the Community Infrastructure Levy funds received & retained of £8,142.70 in full towards the expenditure incurred on Jubilee Field in 2024 (£10,692).

96 Planning Committee Working Party

An application with TPO on the Balk was considered without comment.

97 Friends of Waterton's Wall (FoWW) – 2026 event update

Cllrs Nixon & Brooke advised that throughout May 2026, FoWW will be providing events engaging local businesses, residents and village hall users which will showcase Waterton's Wall and the work being carried out to preserve this important heritage site. The main emphasis will be during 20th- 26th May.

To receive reports and consider recommendations from working parties (WP) & any correspondence received

98 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

The roofs of both properties have now been repaired.

Two further quotes for a full re-decoration of Coronation Cottage will be presented to council in January 2025.

99 Park & Jubilee Field

RESOLVED

- To instruct the installation of two dual netball/basketball hoops in Walton Park with line marking of the courts to replace the existing basketball only hoops/line marking.
- RoSPA to be instructed to carry out an annual inspection of the playground equipment.
- WUJFC lease update – The acting solicitor is to be instructed to emphasise that WUJFC's access to Jubilee Field is to be from Walton Sport & Social Club only (via gates at the SE corner).

100 Parish environment

RESOLVED – To instruct Matt Saynor of MCS to lift The Balk fingerpost.

101 Floral displays

RESOLVED – To pay the Xmas Trees invoice to First Impressions of £2,928 (48 trees).

102 Communications – the latest edition of the newsletter had recently been distributed.

103 Tennis Club Refurbishment – Cllr Saunders reported that invitations to tender have been sought from four architects to provide an outline design which can then be shared with the community for feedback next year.

104 Correspondence Received – see above in section 91. The request was considered and will be considered further after sight of the evacuation policy and confirmation that their insurance covers this event. The proposed maximum term would be 12 months.

105 To consider and approve the 2025 Parish Council meeting dates
RESOLVED In accordance with Standing Orders, the Parish Council will meet on the first Tuesday of the month (excluding August).
The date for the Annual Parish meeting will be decided, after review, at the January 2025 meeting

The meeting ended at 9.35pm

7.11.24	LEAFLETFROG	NEWSLETTER	£135.00
11.11.24	MICROSOFT	OFFICE 365 RENEWAL	£59.99
21.11.24	EDF	Electricity - VH	£151.92
22.11.24	SCOTTISH WATER	WATER SUPPLY	£105.79
26.11.24	H3G	MOBILE/WIFI	21.07
20.11.24	MARK CARTER	WINDOWCLEANING	44
11.11.24	TAYLOR ROOFING	VH ROOF REPAIRS	880
11.11.24	TAYLOR ROOFING	CC ROOF REPAIRS	1780
3.12.24	PETER WALSH	SALARY	
3.12.24	PAUL READMAN	SALARY	
3.12.24	FIRST IMPRESSIONS	XMAS TREES	2,928
3.12.24	PAUL READMAN	XMAS BONUS	