WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON
5TH NOVEMBER 2024

Present:

Councillors: K Nixon, C Pearson, T Saunders, G Newby, D Brooke (from 7.30pm), J Sutcliffe, B Kaushiva, S Baker & J Carlon (Chair)

In attendance:

0 members of public. Peter Walsh (Clerk)

Ward Cllrs U Ali & M Cummings. Apologies from Cllr F Heptinstall & PC C Steel (West Yorkshire Police).

72 **To receive apologies for absence** – Cllr T Earnshaw submitted an apology for absence. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reason for absence.

73 **To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 1st October 2024**

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 1st October 2024 were **approved** as a correct record.

74 **To receive declarations of interest** – none.

75 **To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda** – none.

76 **Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update**

Cllr Cummings gave a report of current matters.

- Two new 'Low Bridge' signs will be erected in December 2024 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.
- From 11.11.24 till completion, Brooklands Road will be closed for 50 metres to replace a manhole frame & cover.
- Council **RESOLVED** to consider the feasibility of a Smiley SID in terms of type of equipment, location, position, mounting and whether moveable and to present these recommendations in January 2025.
- WMDC has granted permission for the Parish Council to refurbish the sign on The Balk.
- Cllr Cummings responded to a resident's letter asking for road sweepers to be deployed to clear the gutters and leaves. The mechanical road sweeper attended 25.10.24 and cleared all accessible areas in Walton as required.

77 **Public Forum** – none.

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

79 **Finance & Governance**

The Clerk submitted details for September 2024 of accounts paid totalling £3,286.25 and income received of £1,006.91. The account balances at the end of September 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£12,082.96
Barclays premium	£51,413.94
Nationwide savings	£81,972.70
Total	£145,469.60

RESOLVED

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in September 2024 were approved. A summary of payments follows at the end of the minutes.

- Clerk is to approach RoSPA and obtain a quote for regular playground inspections to compare to WMDCs annual quote of £549.30.
- Cllr Brooke is appointed as the representative to Friends of Waterton's Wall.
- Council is to re-review the potential appointees for the Walton Neighbourhood Plan WP by January 2025.

80 Planning Committee Working Party

Two applications, 1x TPO & a request to demolish garages were considered without comment.

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

81 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

RESOLVED

- Two further quotes are required for the full redecoration of Coronation Cottage.

82 Park & Jubilee Field

RESOLVED

- The quote for two dual netball/basketball hoops and for line marking up the courts is to be considered at the next meeting to allow time for the cost to be considered in the 2024/25 budget & whether CIL funding can be deployed.
- AWA Tree Consultants, Sheffield are to be engaged to provide a tree survey and tree risk report and to recommend a suitable rooted Xmas tree type for the Walton Park triangle.
- The lease agreement for Jubilee Field is to be redrafted to identify access points.

83 Parish environment

The rooted Xmas tree for the Cherry Tree triangle has been approved by WMDC and permission has been given to source a suitable tree which is to be actioned by Working for Walton.

84 Floral displays

A modest price increase for the florals was circulated.

85 Communications – the next edition of the newsletter will be printed & distributed next week.

86 Tennis Club Refurbishment – Cllr Saunders reported that quotations are being sought from prospective architects to provide an outline design which can be shared with the community for feedback next year.

87 Correspondence Received – see above in section 76 - request for road sweepers

THE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 23.12.24 TILL SUNDAY 29.12.24 INCLUSIVE FOR XMAS HOLIDAYS

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

Date	Payee	Details	AMOUNT £	DUE	Authorised	Budgeted	Contracted	Ratified	VAT £	Total £
7.10.24	ROYAL BRITISH LEGN	WREATH-DEBIT CARD	£50.00	7.10.24	OCT MINS	YES	NO		10.00	60.00
3.10.24	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS	£163.89	17.10.24	D/D	YES	YES		8.20	172.09
9.10.24	EDF	Electricity - VH	£443.67	24.10.24	D/D	YES	YES		22.18	465.85
27.9.24	H3G	MOBILE & WIFI	£21.61	28.10.24	D/D	YES	YES		4.32	25.93
26.9.24	SCRIBE	SOFTWARE SUBS	12.00	20.9.24	D/D	YES	YES		2.40	14.40
10.10.24	NEIL KELLOWAY	VH CHAIR CLEANING	180	NOW	OCT MINS	NO	NO			180.00
28.4.24	FoWW	GRANT APP	250	NOW	OCT MINS	YES	NO			250.00
1.11.24	PAUL READMAN	SALARY		29.11.24	JC	YES	YES			
1.11.24	PETER WALSH	SALARY		29.11.24	JC	YES	YES			
23.10.24	SCRIBE	SOFTWARE SUBS	12	6.11.24	D/D	YES	YES		2.4	14.40
4.11.24	EDF	Electricity - TC	21.61	19.11.24	D/D	YES	NO		1.08	22.69
5.11.24	WEST YKS POLICE	SAFE SCHEME Q2	890.42	30.11.24	JC	YES	YES			890.42
								Totals	**50.58**	