WALTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON
7TH JANUARY 2025

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:

0 members of public. Peter Walsh (Clerk)

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

118 To receive apologies for absence – none.

119 To approve the minutes of the council meeting held on 3rd December 2024

RESOLVED The minutes of the Parish Council meeting 3rd December 2024 & those of the EGM held 27th December 2024 (presented as an extra item in 121 below) were **approved** as a correct record

120 To receive declarations of interest – none.

121 To be advised of matters achieved or arisen since the last meeting not included elsewhere on the agenda…

The renewal of the contract with Shackleton Rollin has been received and was considered in Finance (125).

122 Wakefield MDC Ward 5 Councillor update

Cllr Cummings gave a report of current matters.

- School Lane is to be resurfaced 27.1.25-31.1.25 & will be closed during this time except for access
- Chevet Terrace off Oakenshaw Lane is not an adopted road. This was subsequently confirmed by WMDC…"The footpath that runs down the side of Chevet Terrace is a PROW. Wakefield Council have a duty to maintain the right of way for pedestrians, but not to repair it for private vehicles to have access over it. This is the homeowner's responsibility".

123 Public Forum – none

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

125 Finance & Governance

The Clerk submitted details for November 2024 of accounts paid totalling £3,157.20 and income received of £798.74. The account balances at the end of November 2024 were: -

Barclays current	£9,349.34
Barclays premium	£51,413.94
Nationwide savings	£82,545.82
Total	£143,309.10

RESOLVED

- Accounts paid and already paid under delegated authority and income received in November 2024 were approved. A summary of payments follows at the end of these minutes.
- The annual budget for 2025-26 (updated) is approved along with the Precept 2025-26 of £45,000.
- The payment of the annual ground maintenance costs of £1,692 for 2024 for Walton Park (12 cuts) is approved.
- The purchase of a replacement bench on Shay Lane & installation costs is approved (Tanya's bench).
- The payment of the AWA Tree Consultants invoice of £700 is approved.

- Renewal of the hosting package contract with Shackleton Rollin is approved at £250

126 Planning Committee Working Party

- The planning committee consider that 24/02172/FUL & 24/02173/FUL Plots 1 & 3 at the former Walton Golf Centre may be in breach of the original approved planning application and have asked for an extension beyond 8.1.25 to allow them time to prepare an objection or comments to WMDC
- 24/0106/FUL Boundary wall at 2 High Meadows – Chair advised that residents can object to the appeal

127 To consider the feasibility of a Smiley Sid

Cllrs Nixon & Brooke advised that more time is required to investigate feasibility.

128 Village Hall & Coronation Cottage

RESOLVED

- The planned redecoration of Coronation Cottage may now become a major refurbishment programme to include redecorating, reflooring, kitchen/bathroom replacement, rewiring and replumbing. With appropriate surveyor's experience, the chair is to scrutinise the property once it has been emptied and returned to the Council and consider, along with experienced contractors, what programme of works is required to bring the property up to a habitable and lettable standard. Stuart Taylor has been advised that the Council will need access and repossession of the property by the end of January 2025.
- Cllr Carlon to follow up the immediate prospect of reboarding the village hall cellar.

129 Park & Jubilee Field

RESOLVED
AWA Tree Consultants are to be instructed to carry out the works outlined by the chair and to prepare TPO applications as necessary to achieve this. Cllr Carlon to provide the clerk with the outline of these works.

130 Parish environment

RESOLVED – Cllr Carlon to follow up the instructions to Matt Saynor of MCS to lift The Balk fingerpost.

131 Floral displays

RESOLVED – Clerk to follow up the cost of the replacement stone planters with First Impressions.

132 Communications – Input requested for the next newsletter.

133 Tennis Club Refurbishment – Cllr Saunders reported that further invitations to tender are to be sought from architects to provide an outline design which can then be shared with the community for feedback.

134 Correspondence Received

RESOLVED – To approve the request from Stuart Taylor, son of Paul Readman, to sponsor a hanging basket in memory of his mum and dad on the lamppost opposite the village hall.

135 To consider and approve the 2025 Annual Parish meeting date
The date for the Annual Parish meeting will be decided, after further review, at the February 2025 meeting

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

27.11.24	H3G	MOBILE/WIFI	£21.07	27.12.24	SB/JC	YES	YES		4.21	25.28
1.12.24	SHACKLETON/ROLLIN	HOSTING PACKAGE-IT	£250.00	NOW	SB/JC	YES	YES		50.00	300.00
2.12.24	EDF	ELECTRICITY-TC	£32.27	17.12.24	D/D	YES	YES		1.61	33.88
2.12.24	EDF	ELECTRICITY-VH	£185.12	17.12.24	D/D	YES	YES		9.25	194.37
16.12.24	AWA TREE CONS LTD	TREE SURVEY DEC24	700.00	15.1.25	SB/JC	NO	NO		140.00	840.00
19.12.24	WMDC	PARK GRASS CUTS 24	1692.55	18.1.25	SB/JC	YES	YES		338.51	2,031.06
20.12.24	PICKERING FLORIST	FLOWERS-AMY BURREL	25	PAID	PW/DR	NO	NO			25.00
23.12.24	SCRIBE SOFTWARE	SCRIBE SOFTWARE	12	6.1.25	D/D	YES	YES		2.4	14.40
2.1.25	EDF	ELECTRICITY-TC	46.80	17.1.25	D/D	YES	YES		2.34	49.14
2.1.25	EDF	ELECTRICITY-VH	399.37	17.1.25	D/D	YES	YES		19.97	419.34
3.1.25	TOTAL ENERGIES	GAS	512	17.1.25	D/D	YES	YES		25.6	537.60
7.1.25	PETER WALSH	SALARY		31.1.25	NOW	YES	YES			