

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING **HELD ON 7 February 2022 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT Councillors A Barnes (Chair), P Byron, H Hearn, N Forrest, R Mizuro, C Mousley, Parish Clerk, and Councillor A Wheelton (SDDC).

Cllr A Barnes welcomed everyone to the February meeting.

21/180 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Swann and Cllr M Rafferty.

21/181 Variation of Order of Business (if any)

None.

21/182 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

21/183 Public Speaking

Cllr A Wheelton stated that her updates had been forwarded by email and circulated to the Councillors.

Cllr A Wheelton commented on the issue of the overflowing dog poo bins recently noted in the village despite these being emptied by SDDC each Friday.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to review the number of dog poo bins and the possible siting of one near the bailey bridge for those dog walkers returning to the village.

Cllr H Hearn stated that Jayne Burton had received a draft lease from SDDC for the land to the rear of the Village Hall for the purpose of using it for allotments.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Allotments to be placed on the agenda for the next Council meeting and that Jayne Burton should be invited to discuss the proposal.

21/184 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr A Barnes thanked Cllr H Hearn for helping to plant the Women's Institute (W.I) commemorative roses and plaque in the Village Hall Garden with members of the W.I.

21/185 To confirm the minutes of Walton on Trent Parish Council meeting held on 10 January 2022.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 January 2022 be approved as a true record.

21/186 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

Highlighted Resolutions/Actions:

21/64 – Speed Indicator Device – Minutes of the Rosliston Parish Council where traffic through the villages was discussed have been circulated and a decision is now awaited from the DCC as to whether Parish Councils can purchase their own device.

21/97 – Catton Hall Events – Cllr A Barnes stated that following an update email she had spoken with O Neilson and attempts are now being made to forward the current traffic plan agreed for Bloodstock (This plan is similar for all the events being held at Catton). Due to height restrictions some traffic (e.g. fairground equipment must be routed through the village and notice will be provided to the Clerk in advance so that

villagers can be made aware. SDDC have agreed to investigate the issues of taxis. Cllr N Forrest raised concern over the effect that the events have on mobile phone signals due to the increased number of users.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to monitor the effect on mobile phone signals during the next large event at Catton Park.

21/149 – Chevron Boards – Report of chevron boards missing on Catton Road when driving from Walton has been reported to DCC and a Highways Inspector has been out to inspect. Email received from Cllr A Wheelton thanking the Council for actioning the concern.

21/174 – Potholes – Report of potholes in Bells End Road and Harbin Road have been reported to DCC and work has been authorised. The recent problem of a large pothole causing wheel damage along Drakelow Road was discussed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that details of how to report potholes in the Derbyshire area should be circulated via the website and social media, together with details of those already reported.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted all other outstanding Resolutions/Actions and agreed with all entries marked as Completed.

b) Correspondence

- i. **Oaklands Solar Farm Questionnaire** – Land Use Co. are conducting an Environmental Impact Assessment which is to assess the impact of the proposed solar park on users of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) and are inviting organisations to complete a questionnaire. The questions including the use and issues of the PRoW in the area were discussed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to complete the questionnaire as if answering for the village.

- ii. **Women's Institute – Commemorative Rose/Plaque** – Discussed under Chairman's Announcements.

- iii. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Event** – T Franklin in conjunction with the Walton Cricket Club is arranging for a group of people to organise several events in the village to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and was inviting the Parish Council to be involved.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for either Cllr P Byron or Cllr C Mousley to attend the next group meeting.

- iv. **CPR/AED Training** – Following a request to hire the Village Hall for the purpose of several CPR/AED training sessions, consideration was suggested as to whether a discount could be offered.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that as the hire is only £10.00 per hour there is little room to introduce any discount.

21/187 Planning matters for consideration

- a. DMOT/2022/0005 - The felling and pruning of Oak Trees at Land at SK2117 3689, Catton Road, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote – **Comments required by 4 February 2022 – No comments were made.**
- b. DMPN/2022/0146 - Prior Notification of a single storey rear extension, with eaves of 2.2 metres and maximum height of 3.5 metres extending 4 metres from the rear wall and having a width of 7m, at 81 Bells End Road, Walton-On-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NF – **Comments required by 25 February 2022.**

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council had No Comment on the proposal.

21/188 Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to make the following payments.

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
Opus Energy	VH Gas (Final Bill)	117.92	Direct Debit
ICO	GDPR/Data Protection	35.00	Direct Debit
Sth Derbys CVS	Wages	564.22	BACS
British Gas	VH Electricity	87.94	Direct Debit
Parish Clerk	Microsoft 365 (January), Clerk Expenses & Stationary	53.26	BACS
O.Heap & Son	VH – Fire Safety Equipment Service	173.28	BACS
TOTAL		£ 1031.62	

b. Receipts

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted the following receipts:

Village Hall Hire (January)	£122.50
Village Hall Hire (February)	£170
Total	£292.50

21/189 River Bridge / Bypass

Cllr A Barnes stated that the Drakelow Development Steering Group had met on 1 February 2022 via Teams and was very promising. The minutes will be circulated once received. Countryside is hopeful to start work on the bridge in early summer once the design technicalities and the culvert sizes have been agreed with Staff CC. Countryside are to produce the route for all HGV traffic entering and leaving the site at Drakelow together with a contact hotline number. Cllr S Swann's report that has been circulated identifies the progress to date and includes that a footway over the bridge is now being proposed and an independent Road Safety Audit has been requested. It is hoped that Breheny, the bridge constructors, will be at the next Group meeting and in readiness it has been suggested that questions for them should be prepared and submitted in advance.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the previous unanswered questions that have been forwarded to DCC / SCC / SDDC should be submitted to the Steering Group

21/190 Working Group Reports and Review of Specific Areas of Responsibility

- a) **Employees (Cllr A Barnes and Cllr Byron)** – Nothing to discuss.
- b) **Village Hall (Cllr A Barnes and Cllr N Forrest)** – Cllr A Barnes stated that during the meeting with Cosmic concern was raised over the state of the kitchen and its safety to users. As the proposal for the Village Hall improvements has still not been approved by SDDC, it was suggested that quotes for replacing the kitchen should be obtained.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that Cllr C Mousley should contact suppliers to obtain a quote for replacing the existing kitchen units and equipment as needed.

- c) **Finance (Cllr A Barnes)** – Discussed at 21/188.
- d) **Roads and Pavements (Cllr M Rafferty and Cllr C Mousley)** – Cllr R Mizuro stated that the school amber flashing lights along Coton Road appear to be remaining on longer than is required.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that Clerk should report the fault to the DCC.

- e) **Footpaths (Cllr H Hearn and Cllr R Mizuro)** – Nothing to discuss

f) **Park (Cllr P Byron)** – Nothing to discuss.

21/191 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix B

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted the other Circulated Emails for Information.

21/192

Date of the next Meeting

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the next Parish Council Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 14 March 2022, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Parish Council Meeting in April is to be moved to Monday 4 April 2022.

There being no other business to be transacted the meeting closed at 8:04pm.