

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors P Byron (Chair) H Hearn, M Rafferty, R Mizuro, N. Forrest, Cllr S Swann (DCC), Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC) and the Parish Clerk.

Cllr P Byron welcomed everyone to the November Parish Council meeting.

22/98 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Ackroyd (SDDC) and Cllr C Mousley and S Hilton.

a) Co-option of a Councillor

Unfortunately, S Hilton was unable to attend and sent apologies.

22/99 Variation of Order of Business

None.

22/100 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

22/101 Public Speaking

The reports from both Cllr S Swann and Cllr A Wheelton had been forwarded by email and circulated to the Councillors.

22/102 South Derbyshire District Council Local Plan Review

Cllr A Wheelton gave an overview of the SDDC Local Plan, the period of consultation and the questions contained within the consultation document. The emphasis was on the importance for residents and Parish Councils to respond as this was going to shape the area until the year 2039.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the South Derbyshire District Plan to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

22/103 Chairman's Announcements

None.

22/104 To confirm the minutes of Walton on Trent Annual Parish and the Annual Parish Council meetings held on 10 October 2022.

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

22/105 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

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

b) Correspondence

- i. Crime Figures** – South Derbyshire Police had provided a breakdown of 5 incidents that had been reported in the Walton on Trent area during the months of September and October 2022. One incident reported a Theft and one incident of Assault.
- ii. Flood Liaison Meeting 17/11/2022** – Cllr N Forrest has agreed to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

- iii. **Poppy Displays** – The placing of the figures at the junction of Main Street / Station Lane has been well liked on social media. The Craft Club has also enhanced the area around the figures with knitted poppies and the ladies of the ex-Women’s Institute have created a stunning display in the window of the Village Hall.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that letters of thanks should be sent to the Craft Club and the ladies of the ex-Women’s Institute.

- iv. **Drakelow Steer Group - Update** – An update from the Group had been circulated by Cllr A Wheelton with the next meeting planned for 28 November 2022. The update included the Hotline to report HGV’s from the development passing through the village.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Hotline details should be placed on the website and circulated via social media.

- v. **Catton Hall Events** – Acknowledgement of invites to discuss the Traffic Management of events in 2023 at Catton Hall at the Parish Council meeting on 9 January 2023 have been received by James Adams (DCC) together with an Event Organiser and Chris Smith (SDDC)

22/106 Planning matters for consideration

- a. **DMPA/2022/1289** - The erection of a single storey rear living room extension, internal modifications, and side extension at 6 Rosliston Road, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NQ – **Comments required by 11 November 2022 – No Comments Submitted.**
- b. **DMPA/2022/1050** - The erection of a brick wall and block paving at the front and erection of fence on the side boundary at 25 Main Street, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ – **Comments by 18 November 2022.**

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed with No Comments Recorded.

22/107 Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
Sth Derbys CVS	Wages - October	518.83	BACS
Royal British Legion	Poppy Appeal Donation	50.00	Cheque
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Cutting	84.00	BACS
SDDC	VH – Council Tax	140.00	Direct Debit
Waterworx	VH – Window Cleaning	24.00	Direct Debit
British Gas	VH - Electricity	80.08	Direct Debit
Catena Ltd	Lamp post Testing	122.69	BACS
Parish Clerk	Expenses – Microsoft – Printer Ink - Flowers	162.55	BACS
Waterplus	VH - Drainage	86.59	BACS
J Harrison	VH – Cleaning (Aug,Sept & Oct)	144.00	BACS
H Hearn	Flowerpot Plants	57.60	BACS
TOTAL		£2099.75	

b. Receipts

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

Village Hall Hire (October & November) -	£210.00
Cosmic – Rent (October & November) -	£1100.00
Cosmic – Services (October & November) -	£750.00
Total	£2060.00

22/108 Community Garden – Plans/Lease

Information still awaited from SDDC.

22/109 Village Hall – Kitchen / Plans

Cllr H Hearn reported that Rigid Kitchen have agreed to keep the price as quoted, however the figure did not include a new cooker or dish washer, these would have to be sourced separately. It is anticipated that the work could be undertaken in a week in early January 2023. A meeting with the Kitchen Fitter to review the site was planned for later in the week.

The proposed obtaining plans for the alteration to the village hall were discussed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the fitting of the new kitchen was to be the priority and then once completed plans to modernise the toilets will be considered.

22/110 Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk provided an update on the process to obtain a Speed Indicator Device. Thanks to the assistance provided by S Lloyd, the grant application to the PCC had been submitted, locations on Main Street, Rosliston Road and Coton Road identified, licenses for placing signs on a highway submitted and tests to lamp posts for suitability conducted.

A discussion followed with regards to the type of sign, power source and wording to be displayed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to progress with the Swarco Sign Type 4 with battery power that had the speed display and the wording of either 'Thank You' or 'Slow Down'

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to send a letter to S Lloyd thanking her for all help and assistance in this matter.

22/111 Safer Access to School

A discussion was held on the options provided by the DCC as to making pedestrian travel safer to get to and from the school. The preferred option was to install a straight in-line tactile crossing points, on Coton Road and Rosliston Road, with PEM markings (elongated 'H' style) to enhance the access provision, and this would provide the connectivity over the road at this point. The elongated 'H' is the white road marking which extends over the crossing point to deter vehicular parking and a more visual awareness of the site.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to support the preferred option.

22/112 Grit Bins

It has been identified that the grit bins, both owned by the Parish Council, on Leedhams Croft and Standing Butts Close are only half full. SDDC are prepared to fill but currently awaiting details of cost.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to discuss once details of cost are received from the SDDC.

22/113 Drakelow Battery Storage Project

A Battery Energy Storage System is being proposed to be developed on land to the east of the Drakelow Substation. At this time the Planning Briefing Note has been released but remains in draft until a period of consultation can take place.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to wait until the process of consultation has begun.

22/114 Working Group Reports and Review of Specific Areas of Responsibility

- a) **Employees (Cllr Byron)** – The Clerk highlighted that the new Local Council Pay Awards from 1 April 2022 had now been agreed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to accept and introduce the new pay award.

- b) **Village Hall (Cllr N Forrest)** - The Clerk proposed for ease and cost effectiveness to combine the payment of water and waste to one management company.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to combine the payment of water and waste to one management company

- c) Finance (Cllr P Byron) – Discussed at 22/107
- d) Roads and Pavements (Cllr M Rafferty and Cllr C Mousley) – Nothing to discuss.
- e) Footpaths (Cllr H Hearn and Cllr R Mizuro) – Nothing to discuss.
- f) Park (Cllr P Byron) – Nothing to discuss.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to discuss the allocation of Specific Roles of Responsibility at the next meeting.

22/115 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix C

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

22/116 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 12 December 2022, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

a) 2023 Parish Council Meeting Dates

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to the proposed dates for Parish Council meetings in 2023

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.54pm.