

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors P Byron (Chair) H Hearn, C Mousley, R Mizuro, M Rafferty, S Hilton, N Forrest, Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC), Parish Clerk, W Morgan (thirty47), A McInnes (BayWa r.e) & G Adams (BayWa r.e.)

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

22/151 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Swann (DCC)

22/152 Variation of Order of Business

None.

22/153 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

22/154 Public Speaking

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

22/155 Oaklands Solar Farm - Update

The Councillors were updated by representatives of BayWa r.e on the developments since the last presentation in October 2021. The document provided highlighted the reduction in size of the overall project and maps showing the proposed routes to the site. The Option A route would be by the new bridge, however should the bridge not be constructed by the time the work is planned, probably 2025, then Option B is to have deliveries dispersed over a wider area. Due to the size of the maps the routes and the impact on the area were unclear.

BayWa r.e were unaware of other developments in the area and the impact additional traffic, especially due to the state of Chetwynd Bridge that are going to have on the local area.

The Environmental Impact Assessment that has to be completed will also include the impact of additional traffic in the area.

An annual Community Benefit Fund is going to be made available, but as to how or who will manage it has yet to be decided.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council requested that BayWa r.e provide clearer, larger maps so that the proposed routes could be ascertained.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council requested that BayWa r.e consider using a local organisation to manage the Community Benefit Fund to ensure that the money is used to benefit the local communities.

22/156 Chairman's Announcements

None

22/157 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2023.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2023 be approved as a true record.

22/158 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

- i. **Village Hall – Keyless System** – Funding still available for a Keyless Entry System to the Hall

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to review the benefits and feasibility of an entry system.

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 with 1 incident of Harassment and 1 Traffic offence that had been reported in the Walton on Trent area during the month of January 2023.
- ii. **20's Plenty** – Details of a scheme to introduce a 20mph speed limit in areas around Derbyshire was discussed.

22/159 Planning matters for consideration

None submitted.

22/160 Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
SDDC	VH – Council Tax	140.00	Direct Debit
Rigid UK Ltd	VH – Kitchen (1st Instalment)	2000.00	BACS
SDDC	Dog Bin Service (2022/23)	267.70	BACS
British Gas	VH- Electricity	101.18	Direct Debit
DALC	Clerk – Election Training	20.00	BACS
Sth Derbys CVS	January Wages	613.51	BACS
P&J Brickwork Ltd	VH – Wall repair	1020.00	BACS
Waterworx	VH – Window Cleaning	24.00	Direct Debit
EDF Energy	VH - Gas	159.00	Direct Debit
Parish Clerk	VH – Dishwasher & Cooker	543.96	BACS
Parish Clerk	Microsoft – Stationary - Expenses	57.25	BACS **
S Boydon	VH – Gas Fitter (Kitchen)	180.00	BACS
AP Electricians	VH – Electrics (Kitchen)	620.00	BACS
ADS Kitchens Ltd	VH – Kitchen Fitters	2700.00	BACS
TOTAL		£8446.60	

b. Receipts

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

Village Hall Hire (Jan/Feb)	£315.00
DCC – Cllr Swann – Grant	£500.00
Cosmic – Rent (Jan & Feb)	£1100.00
Cosmic – Services (Jan & Feb)	£750.00
Total	£2585.00

- c. **Concurrent Payment** – Cllr A Wheelton identified that Walton on Trent Parish Council had failed to claim for £11,947 over the previous 2 financial years. As a result, on 23 January 2023 a request was made to SDDC that the maximum claim for Concurrent Expenses for this year is increased to allow for the cost in refurbishing the kitchen in the Village Hall

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed with the action taken and that SDDC should be contacted to query the outcome of the request.

22/161 Community Garden – Plans/Lease

Information still awaited from SDDC.

22/162 Village Hall

a. **Kitchen** – Work on the new kitchen has started and should be completed early next week. A discussion took place over the proposal for new flooring.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the proposed new floor to complete the kitchen.

22/163 Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk provided an update that the PCC grant of £3000 had still not been received despite a further request. Cllr S Swann is aware and contacting the PCC. The Object in the Highway Licence from the DCC Legal Department is still ongoing and not likely to be granted until the end of March 2023.

A discussion followed about the current proposed design of the speed indicator device which allows it to be set at 30 or 40mph due to consideration being considered in Derbyshire of 20mph limits in certain areas.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact SWARCO and change the design for one that allows 20 or 30mph.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to further chase the PCC with regards to the grant.

22/164 Speed Watch

Due to recent communication from Derbyshire Police, the Councillors discussed the possibility of resurrecting Speed Watch within the Village. Although after training, Speed Watch had previously been operated in the Village, unfortunately Covid restrictions put a stop to it and since then has not been reinstated. However, when used it was thought to be ineffective with no speeding vehicles identified.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to wait to see what impact the Speed Indicator Device in the Village will have.

22/165 Working Group Reports and Review of Specific Areas of Responsibility

a) **Employees (Cllr Byron)** – Nothing further to discuss.

b) **Village Hall (Cllr N Forrest)** – Now that the kitchen is almost complete, consideration to be given to what should be the next project at the Hall.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that future plans should be discussed at the next meeting.

c) **Finance (Cllr P Byron)** – Discussed at 22/160.

d) **Roads and Pavements (Cllr M Rafferty and Cllr C Mousley)** –

i. The potholes as identified are continuing to be reported to DCC and action to resolve appears to be prompt.

ii. Concern was raised over the state of Station Lane, Barton and the fact that fence barriers had now collapsed. It was felt that essential maintenance was required.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the clerk to contact Barton Parish Council and Staffordshire Highways.

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

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

22/166 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix B

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

22/167 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 13 March 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.48pm.