

# Walton on Trent Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 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 S Swann (DCC), Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC), Parish Clerk & S. Hilton (Resident)

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

### **22/168 To receive apologies for absence**

None

### **22/169 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **22/170 Declaration of Members Interests**

None disclosed.

### **22/171 Public Speaking**

S. Hilton (Resident) requested that the strip lighting in the Village Hall be changed to diffuse lighting to avoid glare when playing badminton and give a better all-round illumination and be more cost effective.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to investigate the cost of changing the lighting to a diffused system.***

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

A discussion followed on the current state of the new bridge, the poor state of Station Lane, Barton (Staffordshire) and the increasing number of large vehicles attempting to cross the Bailey Bridge particularly from the Barton side.

Cllr S Swann offered to try and arrange for a site visit at the Bailey Bridge.

### **22/172 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair reminded the meeting that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 6.30pm on Monday 3 April 2023 prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

### **22/173 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2023.**

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13 February 2023 be approved as a true record.***

### **22/174 Clerks Report**

#### **a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A**

- i. **Village Hall – Keyless System** – A review of installing a keyless system has identified no significant benefits and it was therefore proposed that the money be used for installing a more suitable and secure front door or fire door for the Hall.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to investigate the cost of installing new doors to the Village Hall***

- ii. **Village Hall – Kitchen** – The Clerk reported that the installation of the new kitchen and flooring had been completed and that only the fitting of blinds and painting was required.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to forward available weekend dates for the painting to the Councillors***

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr M. Rafferty to purchase and fit opaque covering to the kitchen window.**

**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 Public Order, 1 Burglary and 1 Theft of Vehicle that had been reported in the Walton on Trent area during the month of February 2023.

**22/175 Planning matters for consideration**

- a. DMOT/2023/0196 – The felling of trees at 64 Main Street, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ – **Comments required by 15 March 2023.**

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that they No Objection to the proposal**

- b. DMPA/2023/0221 – The erection of a commercial building to form five units for storage purposes Ash Tree Farm, Rosliston Road, Walton-on-Trent, DE12 8LR – **Comments required by 17 March 2023.**

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that they No Objection to the proposal**

- c. DMPN/2023/0205 - Prior notification for the demolition of an existing agricultural building and erection of a replacement agricultural building Fairfields Farm, Rosliston Road, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LR - **Comments required by 22 March 2023.**

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that they No Objection to the proposal**

- d. DMOT/2023/0266 - The pruning of trees at The Stables, Drakelow Road, Walton on Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NB – **Comments required by 28 March 2023**

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that they No Objection to the proposal**

- e. **Felling of Trees at Walton Hall** – Concern was raised over the felling of trees along Main Street, Walton at Walton Hall without any planning application having been passed to the Parish Council for consideration, especially as this was thought to be within the conservation area. The felling of the trees, some of which were ancient Yew trees, has altered the visual impact of the village in that area.

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr N. Forrest to investigate and write to SDDC Planning for clarity.**

**22/176 Finance**

**a. Accounts for Payment**

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
British Gas	VH - Electricity	108.18	Direct Debit
ADS Kitchens Ltd	VH – Kitchen Floor	989.40	BACS
EDF	VH - Gas	159.00	Direct Debit
Parish Clerk	Expenses – Microsoft – Kitchen Products	63.81	BACS
ICO	Data Protection Registration	35.00	Direct Debit
Sth Derbys CVS	February Wages	698.35	BACS
O Heap Ltd	VH – Fire Safety Inspection	242.20	BACS
Rigid Kitchens Ltd	VH – Kitchen Units	4713.00	BACS
E Fletcher	VH – Deposit Refund	100.00	BACS
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£7108.94</b>	

**b. Receipts**

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

Village Hall Hire (Feb/Mar)	£180.00
Cosmic – Rent (Mar)	£550.00
Cosmic – Services (Mar)	£375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1105.00</b>

**22/177 Community Garden – Plans/Lease**

Information still awaited from SDDC.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that for the item to be removed from the Agenda until further communication was received from SDDC.***

**22/178 Speed Indicator Devices**

The Clerk provided an update that the Object in the Highway Licence from the DCC Legal Department, hopefully with no objections will be granted on 20 March 2023 which will then release the grant of £3000 from the PCC.

The DCC has received a suggestion from a resident that the proposed siting on Rosliston Road should be moved further out the village. This would put the SID in a 50mph zone and is not considered appropriate by the DCC.

The DCC has suggested that further work on Rosliston Road to make the 30mph signage more visible can be undertaken if supported by the Parish Council.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact DCC and confirm the original proposed siting of the SID to remain.***

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact DCC and accept the proposal to make the 30mph zone on Rosliston Road clearer.***

**22/179 Traffic Management**

Concern was raised over the increasing amount of traffic already and planned for the village and surrounding area, due to several events and developments including, the forthcoming events at Catton Hall, the commissioning of the waste incinerator at Vitali Energy, the lack of progress with the new bridge, the imposed weight limit on Chetwynd Bridge, the development at Drakelow and the proposed development of the Oaklands Farm Solar Project. Coupled with the current poor state of Station Lane, Barton and the increasing number of large vehicles attempting to cross the Bailey Bridge, has made travelling around the area difficult and creating a problem for Road Safety.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr N Forrest to write to the local MP's, Staffs CC, Derbys CC and SDDC to express the concern of the Parish Council with a view to developing an overarching Traffic Management Plan for the area.***

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr P Byron to renew the Parish Council's objection to the proposed Oaklands Farm Solar Project and the designated Traffic Management Plan.***

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr C Mousley to progress with obtaining an independent Road Safety Survey of Station Lane, Barton.***

**22/180 Working Group Reports and Review of Specific Areas of Responsibility**

- a) **Employees (Cllr Byron)** – Nothing further to discuss.
- b) **Village Hall (Cllr N Forrest)** – Nothing further to discuss.
- c) **Finance (Cllr P Byron)** – Discussed at 22/176.

**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 still appears to be prompt.

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

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

**22/189 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix B**

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

**22/190 Date of the next Meeting**

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at 6.30pm on Monday 3 April 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.***

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the next Parish Council Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Monday 3 April 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.***

**There being no other business to  
be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.49pm.**