

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 3 April 2023 AT 6.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors P Byron (Chair), C Mousley, N Forrest, H Hearn, M Rafferty, R Mizuro, S Hilton and the Parish Clerk.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Cllr P Byron welcomed everyone to the Walton on Trent Annual Parish meeting.

To receive apologies for absence

None

Chairman's Report and Action Plan

Cllr P Byron commenced his report by thanking:

- All the Councillors for their work during the year and the welcome addition of Cllr S Hilton
- Andrea Barnes, who resigned from the Parish Council during the year for her many years as a Councillor and Chair.
- The Ladies who this year have gloriously decorated the Village Hall window for the Queens Jubilee, Remembrance and Christmas.
- Scott Hilton and Chris Beebee for their work in repairing the Village Hall floor.
- Ian Bentley who as Parish Clerk regularly goes above and beyond in the performance of his duties and does a consistently excellent job.

During the year the Parish Council has provided or paid for:

- Donations to the Community Club, Bank House and to assist in the villages Queen's Jubilee Celebrations.
- Summer Fun Day Friday at the Cricket Club which attracted 131 children.
- Repairs and servicing of the Church Clock.
- 2x Soldier Figures which were on display during Remembrance.
- New kitchen in the Village Hall

To better Road Safety the Parish Council have:

- Discussed with DCC to provide better foot ways to the school.
- Met on 2 occasions with organisers of events at Catton Hall to introduce a better Traffic Management Plan.
- Attended the Drakelow Steer Group to continue discussions on the development on the new river bridge.
- Regularly reported potholes and roads requiring repair to DCC Highways.
- Due to an increase of larger vehicles attempting the Bailey Bridge both SCC and DCC Highways have been contacted for extra signage enroute to the Bailey Bridge, particularly from the Staffs side.
- Sent letters of concern to Barton Parish Council, Staffs County Councillor and SCC Highways over the state of Station Lane, Barton.
- Raised concerns with both SCC and DCC Highways over the increase in traffic through the village due to the weight limit imposed on Chetwynd Bridge.
- Submitted requests to DCC and the PCC for the installation of a Speed Indicator Sign which can be utilized in 3 separate locations in the village.

The Parish Council has worked with SDDC to arrange the installation and upgrade in the park of the:

- Trim Trail
- Swings
- Replacement of the flooring under the play apparatus.

In addition the Council or members of the Council have met with:

- Oaklands Farm Solar Project
- Vitali Energy

During the next year the Parish Council's main objectives will be:

- Better Traffic Management through the village
- Installing and operating the Speed Indicator Sign
- Upgrading the toilets in the Village Hall.

No questions were raised.

Resolved: The members of the Walton on Trent Parish Council thanked the Chair for all his work and a comprehensive report and agreed with the outlined key objectives.

Date of the next Meeting

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the next Annual Parish Meeting to be confirmed

There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.40pm.