

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 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, R Greenfield (Bloodstock), A Gregory (Bloodstock), S Joynes (Bearded Theory), B. Barker (Bearded Theory) & E Fearn (Resident)

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

23/1 To receive apologies for absence
Cllr S Swann (DCC)

23/2 Variation of Order of Business
None.

23/3 Declaration of Members Interests
None disclosed.

23/4 Public Speaking
The reports from Cllr S Swann and Cllr A Wheelton had been forwarded by email and circulated to the Councillors.

23/5 Catton Events
The organisers highlighted the concern over the impact that a width restriction coupled with a weight limit on Chetwynd Bridge could have on traffic in the surrounding villages. After discussions with SCC and DCC it is hoped that the width restriction will only be temporary and during the day of events will be regulated via a traffic light system operated by the event staff.
The Traffic Management Plan agreed and to be used by all the event organisers has been updated and provided to the Parish Council.
Possible additional control to assist in the traffic over the Bailey Bridge was suggested and is to be discussed by the Event Organisers.
The intention is to keep the Parish Council updated on large vehicle movements and any updates to the Traffic Management Plan.
The Chair thanked them for their willingness to work with the Parish Council and taking into consideration the residents of Walton on Trent.

23/6 Chairman's Announcements
The Chair reminded the Councillors that the deadline for submitting nominations for the Parish Council Election was 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023.

23/7 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council meeting held on 13 March 2023.

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

23/8 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

- i. **Concurrent Payment** – A meeting of the SDDC Finance Committee was held on 16 March 2023 but as yet no official update on the under payment has been received.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact SDDC for an update.

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

b) Correspondence

- i. **Oaklands Farm Solar Project** – As a result of correspondence from a resident, the Project Team have provided a larger map of the Traffic Management Plan which has been placed on the Village Notice Boards and local social media.
- ii. **Kings Coronation** – A request to decorate the Village Hall window to celebrate the King's Coronation had been accepted. At this time there was no knowledge of any other events taking part within the Village. A discussion followed about offering support for the School in celebrating with the children.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact the local school to offer financial support to assist the school in celebrating the Coronation with the children.

- iii. **New Area Police Officer** – An email had been received from Pc Joe Stafford introducing himself as the new Police Officer for the area. An open invitation has been sent to Pc Stafford inviting him to the Village and to any of the Parish Council meetings.

23/9 Planning matters for consideration

None received.

23/10 Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
BCosy Ltd	VH – Boiler & Gas Fire Service	114.25	BACS
British Gas	VH – Electricity	120.18	Direct Debit
Sth Derbys CVS	March Wages & Annual Audit	680.83	BACS
M Rafferty	VH – Kitchen Window Cover	12.00	BACS
Parish Clerk	Expenses – Microsoft – Pint – Hob Covers	83.52	BACS
J Harrison	VH – Cleaning (Jan/Feb/Mar)	162.50	BACS
TOTAL		£1173.28	

b. Receipts

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

Village Hall Hire (Feb)	£50.00
Total	£50.00

c. 2022/2023 Overview

The Clerk had circulated an overview of the 2022/23 Financial Accounts and stated that the Internal Audit for the Financial Year 2022/23 had been booked for 24 April 2023 and work for the External Audit had commenced.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Chair to sign the 2022/23 Accounts Overview as a true record.

23/11 Speed Indicator Devices

The Clerk stated that there had been no official update on the Object in the Highway Licence from the DCC Legal Department, which should have been granted on 20 March 2023. The authorisation of the licence will then trigger the release of the £3000 grant from the PCC and the installation of the required posts.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact DCC to enquire about Object in the Highway Licence.

23/12 Tree Felling

Concern was raised over the total lack of consultation that had occurred with the Parish Council and residents over the felling of trees at the entrance to Walton Hall. Several substantial trees had been felled leaving the site a mess and with total disregard to a large badger set situated within the trees.

The removal of the trees that were in a Conservation Area has also caused a loss of a visual cultural asset in that area of the village.

A resident is awaiting a response from SDDC with regards to the guidance and procedures that do not appear to have been followed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to write to SDDC requesting a formal comment on the guidance and procedures taken to allow the felling of the trees.

23/13 Traffic Management

A site visit with DCC Highways, arranged by Cllr S Swann, to look at the Bailey Bridge and Station Lane, Barton took place on 3 April 2023. Although there was no additional work that could be done on the Walton on Trent side, DCC Highways were prepared to speak to their counterparts in SCC to see if there was any assistance they could provide.

An unannounced closure of Station Lane, Barton by SCC is taking place over 3 days commencing on 3 April 2023 which is apparently for potholes and the pavement to be repaired.

Cllr N Forrest had circulated a draft copy of an email that he is working on with regards to the traffic planning in the area, which is to be sent to MP's, County Highways, County and District Councillors in both Staffordshire and Derbyshire.

An Independent Road Safety Assessment for Station Lane, Barton is awaited.

23/14 Working Group Reports and Review of Specific Areas of Responsibility

- a) **Employees (Cllr Byron)** – Nothing further to discuss.
- b) **Village Hall (Cllr N Forrest)** – The Clerk reported that a request had been received for the purchase of new mugs for the kitchen.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase new mugs for the kitchen.

- c) **Finance (Cllr P Byron)** – Discussed at 23/10.
- d) **Roads and Pavements (Cllr M Rafferty and Cllr C Mousley)** – 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.

23/15 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix B

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

23/16 Date of the next Meeting

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the Annual Parish Council Meeting is to be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.50pm.