

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2023 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors P Byron, R Mizuro, S Hilton, M Rafferty, Cllr S Swann (DCC), Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC), Cllr G Jones (SDDC) & Parish Clerk.

Cllr P Byron welcomed everyone to the June Parish Council meeting and noted that it was good to see all the elected County and District Councillors were in attendance.

23/35 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr H Hearn, Cllr N Forrest & Cllr C Mousley.

23/36 Variation of Order of Business

None.

23/37 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

23/38 Public Speaking

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

Concern was raised by the Council about the cap on the number of dwellings able to be sold at Drakelow prior to the bridge being built being raised. The Council were advised that this would have to go to planning and then out for comments.

Cllr P Byron thanked the Councillors for their continued support and appreciated their involvement.

23/39 Chairman's Announcements

None.

23/40 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9 May 2023.

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

23/41 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

- i. **Tree Felling at Walton Hall** – Following the response from SDDC, Cllr N Forrest has now moved the complaint to Stage 2
- ii. **Kings Coronation** – Following the offer of financial help towards the Coronation Celebrations there has still been no update from the school.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should approach the school 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. **Anti-Social Behaviour** – The Council had been made aware of reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in Bells End Road and that this had been reported to Derbyshire Police and SDDC.

- ii. **Bearded Theory** – The Clerk reported that there had been correspondence and social media content complaining of the way the tickets supplied by Bearded Theory had been distributed, the number and size of the HGV's that had been passing through the village and a couple about the lateness of the noise. There had been one email congratulating the organisers on how they had policed Station Lane and the Bailey Bridge. The organisers had concern over the adverse comments on the tickets and responded to the noise complaints by stating that all music was off by 3.00am.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to review the supply and allocation of tickets to the next Bearded Theory in 2024.

- iii. **Police Incident Figures** – The Council noted the incident figures provided by the Police.
- iv. **Oakland Solar** – Information that feedback from the targeted additional consultation is being processed and once final plans are in place, they would like to update the Council at a future meeting.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to invite Oaklands Solar Farm Project Team to a future meeting once the plans have been finalised.

- c) **Parish Council Laptop** – The Clerk reported that the current Parish Council Laptop is becoming a concern as it is taking a long time to start-up, often drops out from the internet and the cursor regularly jumps to different places when typing. Based on specifications required the cost will be about £650-£700.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed from the Clerk to purchase a suitable laptop replacement

23/42 Planning matters for consideration
None submitted.

23/43 Finance
a. **Accounts for Payment**

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
Gaskell Safety Ltd	Station Lane Risk Assessment	594.00	BACS
SDDC	VH – Council Tax	147.00	Direct Debit
Sth Derbys CVS	May Wages	827.47	BACS
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Cutting	84.00	BACS
British Gas	VH - Electricity	93.17	Direct Debit
Parish Clerk	Microsoft & Expenses	35.36	BACS
EDF Energy	VH - Gas	186.00	Direct Debit
TOTAL		£1967.00	

b. **Receipts**

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

Village Hall Hire (May & July)	£395.00
Cosmic – VH Rent (May & June)	£1100.00
Cosmic – VH Services (May & June)	£750.00
SDDC – Concurrent Underspend	£6371.13
Total	£8526.13

23/44 Speed Indicator Devices - Update

The Clerk stated that the Object in the Highway Licence from the DCC Legal Department was still awaited and until received the PCC will not release the £3000 grant. However, the 2x Speed Indicator Devices have been ordered and DCC are in the process of getting the required posts installed. It is hoped that completion will be in August/September 2023.

23/45 Traffic Issues Report - Update

- a. The email, prepared by Cllr N Forrest, was emailed on 17 May 2023 to MP's, County Highways, County and District Councillors in both Staffordshire and Derbyshire with regards to the traffic concerns in the area. A number of positive supportive responses have been received. An email from Anthony Hodge (SCC Assistant Director for Business & Enterprise), was read, on request, to the Councillors.
- b. Leaflets seeking out volunteers for a Walton on Trent Community Speed Watch group have been printed and are ready to be circulated around the village and on social media. Depending on the interest a meeting and training session will be arranged.

23/46 Village Hall Toilets

Proposed ideas for upgrading the toilets at the Village Hall were reviewed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to further review and decide on an option at the next Parish Council meeting.

23/47 Bedford Educational Trust

Currently Andrea Barnes is the representative of the Parish Council on the Bedford Educational Trust and has one year of the term of office remaining. Information from the Bedford Educational Trust is that the Council's representative does not need to be a sitting Councillor.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to ask Andrea Barnes, if willing, to continue to be the Council's representative on the Bedford Educational Trust and to then review in one year.

23/48 Working Group Reports and Review of Specific Areas of Responsibility

- a) **Employees (Cllr Byron)** – Nothing to discuss.
- b) **Village Hall (Cllr N Forrest)** – Nothing further to discuss.
- c) **Finance (Cllr P Byron)** – Discussed at 23/43.
- d) **Roads and Pavements (Cllr M Rafferty and Cllr C Mousley)** – Cllr M Rafferty reported that several of the drains along Coton Road required cleaning out.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to report the drains to DCC

- e) **Footpaths (Cllr H Hearn and Cllr R Mizuro)** – The Clerk reported that correspondence received has reported that there are areas on Rosliston Road and on the footpath between Harbin Road and Rosliston Road that are becoming overgrown.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to report the footpaths to DCC/SDDC

- f) **Park (Cllr P Byron)** – The Clerk reported that SDDC, after a suggestion from the Parish Council and work by Cllr A Wheelton, are to use the remaining money from the Concurrent Underspend on improvements at the park. It is proposed that the money to be used to increase the length of the entrance path and to diary in additional grass cutting.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the remaining Concurrent Underspend be used on the park by SDDC.

23/49 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix B

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

23/50 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 10 July 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.