

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 September 2023 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Parish Councillors P Byron, R Mizuro, M Rafferty, H Hearn, Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC), Cllr G Jones (SDDC), & Parish Clerk.

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

23/67 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Hilton, Cllr C Mousley, Cllr N Forrest & Cllr S Swann (DCC)

23/68 Variation of Order of Business

None.

23/69 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

23/70 Public Speaking

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

A discussion took place regarding the planning process concerning the application to increase the number of houses at Drakelow prior to the bridge being opened and the planning process in general.

Cllr A Wheelton informed the Council that the Police were aware that there had been several arson attacks to hay bales in the area and also of the volume of lorries that were now travelling through the village.

23/71 Chairman's Announcements

None.

23/72 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10 July 2023.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 10 July 2023 be approved as a true record.

23/73 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

- i. **Councillor Co-option** – Following the Elections in May 2023 there remains a vacancy for a further Parish Councillor.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the vacancy for the Parish Councillor to be advertised.

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

b) Correspondence

- i. **Complaint of Traffic** – The Clerk reported that there had been several complaints of speeding vehicles and overweight lorries travelling along Main Street and that the Police have been made aware. The Parish Council are hopeful that the introduction of the Speed Indicator Devices, the Community Speedwatch and Police intervention will have an impact.
- ii. **Oaklands Farm Solar Ltd** – The project team have requested a further meeting to update the Councillors on the progress of the planning.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to invite the Oaklands Farm Solar project team to the next Parish Council meeting.

- iii. **Volunteer it Yourself** – The Clerk reported that Volunteer it Yourself, an organisation that does work on village halls, involving community help, had offered to assist in upgrading the toilets at Walton on Trent Village Hall. Plans and Proposals had been forwarded and an approach by the organisation made to SDDC for funding.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to make further enquiries with Volunteer it Yourself on the progress of their proposed plan

- iv. **Police Incident Figures** – The Council noted the incident figures provided by the Police.

23/74 Planning matters for consideration

- a) DMOT/2023/0968 - The felling and pruning of trees at Barr Hall, Walton upon Trent, Derbyshire, DE12 8NB – **Response required by 23 August 2023 – No Comment**
- b) DMOT/2023/0974 - The felling of two Horse Chestnut trees at Barr Hall, Walton Upon Trent, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 8NB – **Response required by 24 August 2023 – No Comment**
- c) DMOT/2023/1024 - The modification of a planning obligation under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 dated 24th August 2021 and relating to permission ref. DMPA/2020/1460 (seeking to reset trigger for Walton Bypass to allow for it to be delivered prior to occupation of 785 dwellings on the Drakelow Estate) on Land at SK2420 2230, Walton Road, Drakelow, Swadlincote - – **Response required by 6 September 2023 – Response entered on 1 September (Circulated on Website and Social Media)**

Cllr P Byron, and supported by the all the Councillors, wanted to thank Cllr N Forrest for the excellent report that had been prepared and for the Clerk in ensuring the circulation.

- d) DMOT/2023/0985 - The felling of a poplar tree in a conservation area at Catton Road, Walton on Trent, DE12 8LL – **Response required by 8 September 2023 – No Comment**
- e) DMOT/2023/0975 - **Works to trees in a conservation area at Rectory, 2, Station Lane, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NA - – Response required by 9 September 2023 – No Comment**

23/75 Finance

a. Accounts for Payment

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
Parish Clerk	Computer Case, Expenses (July/August), Microsoft (July/August), Printer Ink	144.39	BACS
Time Assured Ltd	Church Clock – Annual Service	156.00	BACS
SDDC	VH – Council Tax (July & Aug)	294.00	Direct Debit
L. Sinclair	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
Sth Derbys CVS	July Wages	770.03	BACS
British Gas	VH - Electricity	69.96	Direct Debit
K, Barker	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
J, Harrison	VH – Cleaning (Apr/May/Jun)	162.50	BACS
J, Harrison	VH – Cleaning Items	6.38	BACS
J. Harrison	VH – Toilet Items	24.90	BACS
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Cutting (July)	84.00	BACS
Waterworxs	VH – Window Cleaning	24.00	Direct Debit
EDF Energy	VH – Gas (Aug/Sept)	372.00	Direct Debit
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	252.00	BACS

PPL-PRS	VH – Music Licence	511.60	BACS
Sth Derbys CVS	August Wages	648.83	BACS
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Cutting (August)	84.00	BACS
British Gas	VH - Electricity	58.09	Direct Debit
S. Young	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
K. Bowler	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
Parish Clerk	Fridge – Village Hall	199.89	BACS
TOTAL		£4262.57	

b. Receipts

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

Cosmic – Rent (July, Aug, Sept)	£1650.00
Cosmic – Services (July, Aug, Sept)	£1125.00
Village Hall Hire (July, Aug, Sept)	£770.00
PCC SID Grant	£3000.00
EDF Energy – Gas Refund	£43.19
SDDC – Election VH Hire	£250.00

Total £6838.19

23/76 Speed Indicator Devices - Update

The Clerk stated that the £3000 PCC grant had now been received and that it is hoped that details for the installation at the end of September 2023 is imminent.

23/77 Traffic Issues Report - Update

- a. Since the last meeting there have been no further developments although the report was again forwarded to SDDC Planning in support of the objection to the planning application to increase the cap on the number of houses being built at Drakelow.
- b. Derbys Police are currently in the process of arranging a date in October 2023 for a meeting of the volunteers and training.

23/78 Village Hall Toilets

The proposed layouts of the new toilets were discussed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that Option 3 was the preferred layout

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr H Hearn to obtain 3 quotes for the alteration to the toilets at the Village Hall

23/79 Specific Areas of Interest

- a) **Village Hall** – To assist, Mr & Mrs Cooper have for several years been caring for the garden in the front of the Village Hall and in ensuring the brown bins are placed out for emptying, however they are no longer able to continue helping. It has also been identified that the garden gates are now sticking and difficult to open and that weeds have overgrown the rear of the Hall.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr & Mrs Cooper for the assistance they have given to keeping the Village Hall tidy.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to see if the Lengthsman could fit in these duties within the role.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr R Mizuro to look at the garden gates.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr R Mizuro to prepare a selection of dates for a Working Party at the Village Hall.

- b) **Roads and Pavements** – Cllr M Rafferty reported that along Coton Road most of the drains required cleaning due to a buildup of dirt.

Concern was also raised about the lack of drainage at the Silsden development creating a stream down Coton Road to the nearest gully.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr M Rafferty to report each drain individually to DCC Highways via the portal.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to raise the issue with SDDC Planning,

- c) **Footpaths** – Several paths/walkways have been reported to DCC and SDDC due to overgrowing plants/weeds.
- d) **Park** – The remainder of the unused money from the SDDC Concurrent Expenses is to be used in extending the paths from the entrance to the equipment. Planning by SDDC is under consideration.

23/80 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix C

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

23/81 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 9 October 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.44pm.