

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 November 2023 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Parish Councillors P Byron, R Mizuro, M Rafferty, N Forrest, S Hilton, C Mousley, H Hearn, Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC), Cllr S Swann (DCC) and the Parish Clerk.

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

23/101 To receive apologies for absence

None

23/102 Variation of Order of Business

None.

23/103 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

23/104 Public Speaking

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

Cllr A Wheelton reported that although the application to amend the planning proposal at Drakelow was to be heard at the SDDC Planning meeting on 12 December 2023, the next meeting of the Steering Group for the Drakelow and Bridge Development would still go ahead on 27 November 2023.

23/105 Chairman's Announcements

Cllr P Byron noted that it was good to see a full Parish Council, the first for quite a while.

23/106 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Annual Parish Council meeting held on 9 October 2023.

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

23/107 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

- i. **Speed Watch** – Still awaiting update from Derbys Police as to when a meeting and training is to be arranged.
- ii. **Telephone Box** – Spare parts for the damaged glass have now been obtained. Work to replace the glass will need to be arranged.

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

b) Correspondence

- i. **Summer Holiday Provision 2023** – The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from SDDC, together with the invoice,
- ii. **Battery Storage - Harmony Energy Ltd, Walton Road, Drakelow.** – Following the consultation held at the Village Hall on 25 October 2023, it was identified that a further Battery Storage Site had already been authorised by SDDC with no local consultation.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to write to SDDC Head of Planning stating that as neighbours to Drakelow and that there are now linked

developments in the area creating additional traffic the Parish Council were not consulted.

- iii. **Parish Councillor Enquiry** – Enquiry received from a previous Parish Councillor to be considered should any vacancies at Walton on Trent become available in the near future.
- iv. **Web Page Enquiry** – An enquiry had been made by a national mobile phone company to install a link on the Parish Council website, for users to check the eco status of mobile phones.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to adopt a policy of not permitting links to businesses that could be construed as promoting their products.

- v. **National Salary Awards** – The Clerk informed the Council that the new Local Government Services Pay Award for 2023 had been agreed.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to adopt the Local Government Services Pay Award.

Cllr P Byron then proposed that due to the work that the Clerk does and that he has been in post for 2 years that the pay scale be increased from SCP 24 to SCP 26.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerks pay scale to be increased to SCP 26.

- vi. **Drakelow Community Governance Review** – Details concerning the Drakelow area becoming a Parish and having a Parish Council had been received and comments requested.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that they no objections or comments.

- vii. **Crossroads of Doom** – A meeting with DCC Highways has been arranged for Monday 27 November 2023 and an invite for a member of the Parish Council to attend has been received.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr H Hearn to attend and represent the Council.

23/108 Planning matters for consideration

- a) **DMPA/2023/1165** - The variation of condition no. 2 (plans) and 10 (parking and manoeuvring) of permission ref. DMPA/2020/1266 (for the demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and the erection of 4no. dwellings and associated new access) at Silsden, Coton Road, Walton On Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NL– **Comments by 24 November 2023**

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact SDDC Planning and object to the planning on the grounds that it would create additional water run-off which has not been addressed on the current development and the impact on the highway due to the limited access.

- b) **DMOT/2023/1311** - The felling of a norwegian maple tree, a laurel tree and works to cherry laurel hedge bushes at The Old House, Catton Road, Walton-On-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LL - **Comments by 14 November 2023 – No Comments**
- c) Proposed Base Station Installation Upgrade at CORNERSTONE 11051724, FAR BID FIELD, LADSGRAVE, WALTON ON TRENT, DERBYSHIRE, DE12 8LP. NGR: E: 421849, N: 316195 – **Comments requested – No Comments**
- d) The application by Countryside to amend the cap on the housing prior to the bridge being completed is to be heard at the SDDC Planning meeting on 12 December 2023.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that when details are known that an application to talk as an objector be made.

23/109 Finance**a. Accounts for Payment**

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
S. Jordan	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
Parish Clerk	X2 Connect (Kiosk Glass/Rivots), Ryman (Paper), Microsoft & Expenses	70.58	BACS
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Poppy Wreath	50.00	BACS
J. Harrison	VH Cleaning – Jul/Aug/Sept	175.00	BACS
SDDC	VH – Council Tax	147.00	Direct Debit
Source for Business	VH – Water Services	612.38	Direct Debit
E. Bird	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
Sth Derbys CVS	October Wages	596.31	BACS
British Gas	VH - Electricity	107.08	Direct Debit
O Marketing & Comm	VH Hire – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
Waterworxs	VH – Window Cleaning	24.00	Direct Debit
Swarco	Speed Indicator Devices (Final Payment)	7129.28	BACS
EDF Energy	VH - Gas	215.00	Direct Debit
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Cutting	84.00	BACS
DALC	Councillor Training	50.00	BACS
P. Byron	Printing Expenses	50.00	BACS
SDDC	Summer Holiday Provision	840.00	BACS
D. Bowley	VH – Boiler Service	145.00	BACS
TOTAL		£10,595.63	

b. Receipts

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

Village Hall Hire (Sept/Oct/Nov)	£555.00
Village Hall Hire Deposits	£300.00
Cosmic Rent (October)	£550.00
Cosmic Services (October)	£375.00

Total £1780.00

23/110 Speed Indicator Devices - Update

The Clerk reported that the two devices were installed on 26 October 2023. The data over a 17-day period from the two devices has been downloaded and although it is still a small sample, the sheet attached, identifies that along Main Street, 25% of the vehicles and 13% along Rosliston Road were over 30mph.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Speed Indicator Device data to be a standing Agenda item and to be published with the Minutes.

A discussion followed with regards to devices capable of just counting vehicles to support arguments over the amount of traffic passing through the village on a daily basis and to identify increases.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to research products available and costs.

23/111 Village Hall Toilets

Cllr C Mousley offered to arrange for the quotes to be obtained.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr C Mousley to proceed with obtaining quotes for the toilet renovation.

23/112 Specific Areas of Interest

- a) **Roads and Pavements** – Concern was raised over the state of the footpath along Station Lane, Barton due to the overgrown vegetation, encroaching soil and crumbling away which only allows pedestrians to walk single file at best.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact SCC Highways and Barton Parish Council

- b) **Footpaths** – The damage to the footpath steps leading from Coton Road to Orchard Close have been damaged for some time and no work appears to be being conducted.

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

- c) **Park** – Nothing of note.

- d) **Church** – Cllr R Mizuro noted that the Church Memorial looked in need of some work and asked if the Parish Council were able to offer assistance.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr S Hilton to enquire at the Church to see what could be achieved.

23/113 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix B

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

23/114 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 11 December 2023, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

- a. **2024 Parish Council Meeting Dates – Appendix C**

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved the meeting dates for the Parish Council Meeting during 2024.

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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Speed Indicator Device Data

Below is a brief summary of data from the Speed Indicator Devices in Walton on Trent between the dates of:

26 October 2023 to 12 November 2023

Main Street

Total Number of Vehicles –	11654
Avg per day -	685
Vehicles above 30 mph -	2358
% above 30 mph -	25%

Rosliston Road

Total Number of Vehicles –	8299
Avg per day -	488
Vehicles above 30 mph -	1100
% above 30 mph -	13%

Combined Figures

Total Number of Vehicles –	19953
Avg per day -	1174
Vehicles above 30 mph -	3458
% above 30 mph -	17%