

# Walton on Trent Parish Council

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## **MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** **HELD ON 8 January 2024 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** Parish Councillor's P Byron, N Forrest, M Rafferty, S Hilton, W Simms, R Mizuro, C Mousley, Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC), Cllr G Jones (SDDC), the Parish Clerk and C Talbot (Resident)

Cllr P Byron wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed them to the January Parish Council meeting.

### **23/129 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr S Swann (DCC) and Cllr H Hearn.

### **23/130 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

### **23/131 Declaration of Members Interests**

None disclosed.

### **23/132 Public Speaking**

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

C Talbot enquired as to what could be done about the inconsiderate daytime parking of workers vans on the blind bend near to the housing development on Coton Road. The parking is causing vehicles to have to drive through the large potholes and causing damage to numerous wheels and tyres. Cllr A Wheelton suggested that the complaints should be forwarded to Derbys Highways and the Police if it was considered dangerous.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to report the concerns to Derbyshire County Council and the Police***

C Talbot also enquired as to the current progress on the bridge development. Cllrs A Wheelton and G Jones explained the current developments on the bridge design by both Saffs CC and Derbys CC and also that the application to increase the number of houses to be built before the bridge should be opened is expected to be considered at a meeting of the SDDC Planning on 23 January 2024.

### **23/133 Chairman's Announcements**

None

### **23/134 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Annual Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 2023**

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11 December 2023 be approved as a true record.***

### **23/135 Clerks Report**

#### **a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A**

- i. **Speed Watch** – Contact has been made with the list of volunteers but until a co-ordinator can be identified the Police will not commence the training process.
- ii. **Church Memorial** – Cllr S Hilton reported that the work on the Memorial is due to start on 3 February 2024
- iii. **Summer Holiday Provision** – The Clerk reported that The Big Fun Friday event has been booked for 16 August 2024

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

**b) Speed Indicator Devices – Appendix B**

The Clerk highlighted that during the 4-week period ending 24 December 2023 there had been just over 33,500 vehicles through the devices on Main Street and Rosliston Road, with the most via Main Street. Just over 20% (reduction from 24%) in Main Street and 8% (reduction from 13%) on Rosliston Road were travelling in excess of 30mph.

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted that the number of vehicles speeding had reduced.**

**c) Correspondence**

- i. Walton Bridge Damage** – The Clerk reported that following a report of damage to a car, DCC Highways had examined the bridge and found that following a previous collision a section of barrier had broke free and was protruding into the highway on the entrance from Walton on Trent. Despite the damage, vehicles including vans were still able to pass. DCC Highways have subsequently repaired the bridge.
- ii. Swadlincote Area Forum** – The Clerk reported that the next Swadlincote Area Forum was to be held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 31 January 2024 at the Sharpe’s Factory
- iii. 2Commune** – The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from 2Commune that the due to an ongoing dispute with the supplier they will no longer be able to support the Councils Website from 31 March 2024. The Parish Council are required to have a website. However DALC have suggested that before seeking out a new website provider to wait as they are aware and looking to provide a possible solution

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted the information and agreed to wait until further information, or a solution is put forward from DALC.**

**23/136 Planning matters for consideration**

None submitted.

**23/137 Finance**

**a. Accounts for Payment**

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
SDDC	VH – Council Tax	147.00	Direct Debit
Sth Derbys CVS	December Wages	693.30	BACS
British Gas	VH - Electricity	93.57	Direct Debit
EDF Energy	VH - Gas	215.00	Direct Debit
Parish Clerk	Microsoft – Expenses – Cartridge People (Printer Ink)	77.16	BACS
J Harrison	VH Cleaning – Oct/Nov/Dec	150.00	BACS
M Dughan Electrical Ltd	VH – Electric Inspection	250.00	BACS
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1626.03</b>	

**b. Receipts**

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

Village Hall Hire (Nov & Dec)	£145.00
Cosmic Rent (Jan)	£550.00
Cosmic Services (Jan)	£375.00

**Total £1070.00**

**c. Quarterly Finance Review – Appendix C**

The Clerk outlined the Quarterly Finance Review which had been previously circulated to the Councilors'. As of the 31 December 2023, once the agreed or expected payments had been met, the Parish Council had £47,237.47 at its disposal.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed with the Quarterly Finance Review and for the Chair and Clerk to sign.***

**d. Precept 2024/2025**

The amount of Precept for 2024/2025 to be requested was discussed. Due to the possibility that SDDC could remove or reduce the amount the Parish Council are able to claim via Concurrent Expenses it was agreed to raise the Precept by 5% to £7747.00

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Precept for 2024/2025 would be increased by 5% to £7747.00***

Form A requesting the Precept of £7747.00 from South Derbyshire District Council was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

**e. South Derbyshire CVS**

The Clerk reported that South Derbyshire CVS who administer the Parish Council's payroll will be increasing their Annual Fee from £50 to £55 and the monthly employee fee from £7.50 to £8.00. This would relate to an increase of £57.00 over the next 12-month period.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to renew the contract with South Derbyshire CVS for the following 12-month period.***

**23/138 Drakelow Development**

Planning Application to amend the housing occupation trigger on the Drakelow Development prior to the completion of the bridge is expected to be placed on the SDDC Planning Committee agenda for 23 January 2024.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr N Forrest to apply to object on behalf of the Parish Council and details of the objection to be circulated to the Councilors once recommendations from SCC and DCC are known.***

**23/139 Village Hall Toilets**

Cllr C Mousley reported that quotes for the alteration of the toilets from local builders are still awaited.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed to review at the next Council meeting.***

**23/140 Specific Areas of Interest**

- a) **Roads and Pavements** – Concern was raised over the increasing poor state of the roads around the village especially after the flooding and now the expected icy weather.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to advertise the DCC portal to enable villagers to report the potholes.***

- b) **Footpaths** – The Clerk reported that damaged finger posts on Footpath 5 and 7 had been reported to DCC.

- c) **Park** – The extension to the footpath towards the equipment had been completed.

- d) **Village Hall** –

- i. The Clerk reported that following the 5-year Electric Inspection, it was highlighted that the hand drier in the gent's toilet and the emergency exit light on the landing needed replacing. A quote of £325.00 to supply and install the equipment had been obtained.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for light and drier to be replaced at a cost of £325.00***

- ii. Alarm – Although the alarm does reset, but due to re-occurring issues which cannot be rectified the advice is to replace the system, keeping the key fob access, but with a hard-wired system. This would alleviate the need for regular battery checks and replacements in the control box and pir's. A quote of £750.00 had been obtained but due to policy a further 2 quotes will be required.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain a further 2 quotes for a replacement alarm system.***

**23/141 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix D**

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

**23/142 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 12 February 2024, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.***

**There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.43pm.**