

# Walton on Trent Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8 April 2024 AT 6.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**PRESENT** Councillors P Byron (Chair), N Forrest, M Rafferty, R Mizuro, S Hilton and the Parish Clerk.

Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC) was the only member of the public that was in attendance.

Cllr P Byron welcomed everyone to the Walton on Trent Annual Parish meeting.

### **To receive apologies for absence**

Councillors C Mousley, H Hearn, W Simms, S Swann (DCC) and G. Jones (SDDC)

### **Chairman's Report and Action Plan**

Cllr P Byron commenced his report by thanking:

- Fellow Councillors, who this year were increased by the addition of Warren Simms.
- Our hard working District and County Councillors
- Our excellent Clerk Ian Bentley
- Our dependable lengths man Bill Newman
- The Ladies who wonderfully arrange the Village Hall window displays:
  - Kings Coronation
  - Remembrance Period
  - Christmas

During the year the Parish Council has provided or paid for:

- Cleaning/Restoration of the Memorial at the Church
- Repairs/Servicing of Church Clock
- 2x Flags for Flagpole at Church
- Fun Day Friday @ Cricket Club attended by 130 children.
- Walton CC - Defibrillator

To better Road Safety the Parish Council have:

- Footways to School completed.
- 2x SID purchased and installed on Main Street and Rosliston Road
- Meeting held with Catton Hall Event organisers to introduce better traffic management.
- The Parish Council attend the Drakelow Steer Group which discuss the development of the new bridge.
- Potholes and road repairs are regularly reported to DCC Highways
- Report on Traffic Issues in the area compiled and sent to MP's, DCC and SCC
- Objections put forward against additional housing at Drakelow and spoke at SDDC Planning
- Risk Assessment for Station Lane, Barton commissioned and sent to Barton Parish Council and Staffs CC Highways
- Met with Chris Henning (DCC Executive Director of Highways, Traffic and Strategic Planning) to discuss traffic issues.

In addition, the Council or members of the Council have again met with the developers of the Oaklands Farm Solar Project.

During the next year the Parish Council's main objectives will be:

- Traffic Management through the Village
- Development of new bridge
- Village Hall toilets

- Leading discussions around the increasing applications for Development of Solar Farms and Battery Storage facilities in the area.

No questions were raised.

***Resolved: The members of the Walton on Trent Parish Council thanked the Chair for all his work and a comprehensive report and agreed with the outlined key objectives.***

**Date of the next Meeting**

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the next Annual Parish Meeting to be confirmed***

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 6.45pm.**