

Walton on Trent Parish Council

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MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10 JUNE 2024 AT 7.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT Councillors P Byron, H Hearn, S Hilton, N Forrest, M Rafferty, R Mizuro, W Simms, Cllr A Wheelton (SDDC) & Parish Clerk.

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

24/31 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Swann (DCC) and Cllr C Mousley.

Cllr N Forrest wanted it noted that this is the 4th meeting that Cllr S Swann and the 5th meeting that Cllr G Jones has not attended.

24/32 Variation of Order of Business

None.

24/33 Declaration of Members Interests

None disclosed.

24/34 Public Speaking

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

Cllr Wheelton provided an update from the latest Drakelow and Bridge By Pass Steer Group and that the chicane to stop large vehicles approaching the bailey bridge from the A38 was imminent. The Parish Council expressed concern and the lack of confidence in the SDDC Planning Dept as the agreed date for a planning decision had been put back.

The poor state of Station Lane (Barton side) due to the increasing depth of potholes and the overgrown vegetation was discussed as it was felt that this was now becoming a danger to both road and pedestrian users,

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Cllr J. Jessel (Staffs County Councillor – Highways) and Barton Parish Council to support for action following several complaints made to Staffs County Council Highways.

Concern was raised by Cllr A Wheelton that SDDC Licensing are informing residents that is the sole responsibility of the Parish Councils to keep them informed of notices and traffic management for the events at Catton. It would appear that there is some miscommunication because at a meeting with the event organisers the Parish Councils only offered to re-circulate via website/social media information provided by the organisers.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact SDDC Licensing to ensure that the message they were providing to residents was accurate and clear.

24/35 Chairman's Announcements

None

24/36 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2024.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 13 May 2024 be approved as a true record.

24/37 Clerks Report

a) Review of Outstanding Resolutions/Actions - Appendix A

- i. **Church Memorial** – Dependent on the weather work is intended to start in the next few days.
- ii. **Dog Issues** – Posters together with the Poo Bag Holders are now ready and Cllr M Rafferty offered to put them out across the village.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to write to Mr Cook thanking him for arranging and having the signs made.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to promote the use of the bags and make the residents aware of the signs via Website and Social Media

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

b) Speed Indicator Data

The Clerk highlighted that both signs had failed to record vehicle data from mid-April and despite numerous calls to SWARCO it took to the end of May 2024 to get the software updated and now working. This unfortunately has meant that data for the traffic over the Bearded Theory event was not recorded.

c) Clerk Duties – Annual Leave

The Clerk highlighted that due to a period of leave several jobs need to be considered

- I. Agenda – 8 July 2024 Meeting
Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to create/post/circulate early on Friday 21 June 2024
- II. Village Hall Booking – 29 June 2024
Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to inform hirer of contact details of Cllr S Hilton
- III. Finance – Sth Derbys CVS Wages Invoice
Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Sth Derbys CVS and request that a late payment on this occasion be acceptable
- IV. General Election – 4 July 2024
Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to advise Electoral Office that Cllr W Simms would open the Hall at 6.15am and Cllr N Forrest would close-up at 10.00pm
- V. General Emails
Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to liaise with Cllr P Byron over access to the Council emails.

d) Correspondence

- a. **Catton Events** – Despite a request no Traffic Management Plan was received, however as and when information was received it was forwarded to all via Website and social media. Only complaints received was the number of large vehicles passing through at late hours, the mud on the road following the event and the amount of traffic backed-up along Main Street following the event.
- b. **Village Hall Gardens** – Due to the state of the front gardens at the Village Hall, a local resident had cut back the shrubs but was unable to access the brown bins, which had not been put out for several weeks. The gate is very stiff and dangerous as the top hinge has come away from the wall.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Cllr's R Mizuro & M Rafferty make the gate safe and easy to use.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to liaise with John Bant at Cosmic with regards to the regular placing of the brown bins for collection.

- c. **Big Fun Friday** – Information and Notices for the Big Fun Friday at Walton CC on 16 August 2024 now being circulated.

24/38 Planning matters for consideration

- a) **APP/F1040/W/24/3337090** - Appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of the refusal of planning for the Erection of additional dwelling (2 Bed Bungalow) to newly built development at Silsden, Coton Road, Walton on Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NL – Comments by 25 June 2024

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr N Forrest to respond renewing the original objections to the development

- b) **DMPA/2024/0634** - Listed building consent for internal alterations to change a bedroom into a bathroom, create a new WC, and extend a Soil Vent Pipe externally to serve the proposed bathroom and WC at Walton Hall, Main Street, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote DE12 8LZ – Comments by 28 June 2024 – **No comments.**

24/39 Finance

- a. **Accounts for Payment/Authorisation**

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

Payee	Expenditure	£	Payment
SDDC	VH – Council Tax	161.00	Direct Debit
M Dughan Electricals Ltd	VH – Fire Alarm	145.00	BACS
M Houston	VH – Deposit Return	100.00	BACS
Zurich Insurance	Parish Council/VH Insurance	918.21	BACS
Sth Derbys CVS	Wages (May)	806.65	BACS
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Mowing	84.00	BACS
British Gas	VH - Electricity	101.44	Direct Debit
Parish Clerk	Microsoft - Expenses	35.36	BACS
EDF Energy	VH - Gas	450.00	Direct Debit
S Hilton	Memorial Repair Equipment	31.00	BACS
TOTAL		£2832.66	

- b. **Receipts**

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

Village Hall Hire (May/June)	£95.00
Cosmic – VH Rent (May)	£550.00
Cosmic – VH Services (May)	£375.00

Total £1020.00

24/40 Villlage Hall - Toilets

On going project, quotes still being obtained.

24/41 Fire Risk Assessment

Following the recent inspection of the Fire Extinguishers in the Village Hall it was identified that a Fire Risk Assessment should be considered. A quote of £550,00 had been received to undertake the assessment.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain further quotes and review.

24/42 PPL/PRS – Music Licence

The Clerk reported that the invoice of £565.20 for the PPL/PRS Licence had been received.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact PPL/PRS to inform them that under the circumstances it is not believed a Licence is required.

24/43 Bedford Educational Trust

The tenure of post for Andrea Barnes acting as a Trustee representing the Parish Council is due to expire shortly and the Trust are looking for a new volunteer.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Cllr S Hilton to act as the Trustee representative on the Bedford Educational Trust on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to email Andrea Barnes thanking her for the time spent as Trustee for the Parish Council.

24/44 Village Hall – Gas/Electric Supply

The Clerk highlighted that the Electricity and Gas contracts expire in November and October respectively and that comparison fees are already being collated, but costs are going to increase.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to gather further information for the next meeting.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council noted that once contracts are agreed it will be time to review the Service costs with Cosmic.

24/45 Specific Areas of Interest

a) Roads and Pavements –

- i. The potholes along Station Lane, Barton have already been discussed and residents through the signs to be placed around the Village will hopefully be encouraged to continue reports to DCC Highways.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to again report the pothole at the bottom of Bells End Road.

- ii. Cllr R Mizuro noted that a Red traffic light on the bridge coming from the A38 was not working and also the flashing School Lights on Coton Road were out of sync and flashing at 6pm.

Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact both DCC and SCC Highways with regards to the lights.

- b) **Footpaths** – The Clerk reported that the overgrowing bushes along Main Street from Station Lane towards Drakelow have been reported to DCC.

- c) **Park** – Nothing further to discuss

24/46 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix D

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

24/47 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 8 July 2024, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.

There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.51pm.