

# Walton on Trent Parish Council

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## MINUTES OF WALTON ON TRENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 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), Mrs Fearn (Resident) & Parish Clerk.

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

**24/48 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr S Swann (DCC) and Cllr C Mousley.

**24/49 Variation of Order of Business**

None.

**24/50 Declaration of Members Interests**

None disclosed.

**24/51 Public Speaking**

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

Cllr Wheelton updated the Councilors on action taken to improve the traffic light settings at Chetwynd Bridge, requesting assistance from Cllr J Jessel to ensure potholes along Station Lane were repaired whilst the Bailey Bridge was closed and preparation for the open meeting at Branston Golf Club on the Oaklands Farm Solar Project.

The planning for the new bridge is currently awaiting the Environmental Agency approval on the flood modelling once the agreed design for the nets at the cricket club have been reviewed.

**24/52 Chairman's Announcements**

None

**24/53 To confirm the minutes of the Walton on Trent Parish Council meeting held on 10 June 2024.**

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 June 2024 be approved as a true record.***

**24/54 Clerks Report**

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

i. **Telephone Box** – Cllr M Rafferty thanked for installing the new glass to the telephone box.

ii. **Church Memorial** – Awaiting some settled weather for the work to commence.

iii. **Overgrown Hedge – Main St/Station Lane** – Cllrs M Rafferty & S Hilton thanked for the work trimming back the hedge on behalf of the resident.

iv. **Village Hall Exterior**

a. **Front Doors** – Quotes to be obtained to replace the front doors.

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for replacing the front doors***

b. **Garden** – Dates to be planned for the repair of the garden gates

c. **Exterior Paint** - Quotes to be obtained to repaint the exterior metal paintwork

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes for repainting the exterior metal paintwork**

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

The Clerk highlighted that both signs were now working. The latest 4-week data has identified a 112% increase of traffic entering the village along Main Street from the Catton. This is a direct result of the Bailey Bridge being closed.

**c) Correspondence**

**a. Catton Events** –SDDC Licensing has been contacted with regard to a few issues over the Bearded Theory Event:

- i. That SDDC Licencing have been providing mis-leading information and that at NO point have Parish Councils taken on the sole responsibility of informing residents about events at Catton.
- ii. The Traffic Management Plan was never received
- iii. Traffic contrary to a planning meeting was being directed through Burton/Stapenhill/Drakelow via Walton on Trent to the event.
- iv. Large HGV’s were travelling through Walton on Trent outside the agreed time barriers.
- v. There appeared to be NO marshalling directing traffic leaving the event away from Walton on Trent
- vi. It took several days to get a road sweeper to clear the roads of mud after the event.

**b. Litter** – An email sent to Parish Councillor’s about the litter and its collection in the village was discussed. It was felt that the Lengthsman was indeed doing a good job based on the directions provided, ensuring that safety was paramount. The Parish Council are not solely responsible for litter in the village and its incumbent on all residents to keep the area clean and tidy.

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to reply to the email**

**24/55 Planning matters for consideration**

- a) **DMOT/2024/0811** - The felling of two trees at 35 Main Street, Walton on Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LZ – Comments by 10 July 2024 – **No Comments from the Parish Council**
- b) **DMPA/2024/0747** - The installation of a rectangular bay window to replace existing window at 8 Standing Butts Close, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8NJ – Comments by 10 July 2024 - **No Comments from the Parish Council**
- c) **DMPA/2024/0789** – The installation and operation of a 1.025 GW Energy Storage System (ESS), including energy storage units, substation, site access, cable connection, landscaping and ancillary infrastructure at Fairfields Farm, Rosliston Road, Walton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, DE12 8LR – Comments by 2 August 2024

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for Cllr P Byron to respond on behalf of the Parish Council**

**24/56 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
J Harrison	VH – Cleaning (Apr/May/Jun)	195.00	BACS
EDF	VH - Gas	450.00	Direct Debit
British Gas	VH - Electricity	68.13	Direct Debit
Sth Derbys CVS	Wages (June 2024)	720.68	BACS
Bloomin Gardens	VH – Grass Cutting	84.00	BACS
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1678.81</b>	

**b. Receipts**

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

SDDC Precept (2 <sup>nd</sup> Installment)	£3873.50
Cosmic – VH Rent (June)	£550.00
Cosmic – VH Services (June)	£375.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4798.50</b>

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

The Clerk outlined the first quarter Finance Review which had been previously circulated to the Councilors'. As of the 7 July 2024, once the agreed or expected payments had been met, the Parish Council had a balance of £59,553.39.

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

**24/57 Village Hall - Toilets**

On going project, quotes still being obtained.

**24/58 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 and authorised to obtain the best deal for both.**

**24/59 Specific Areas of Interest**

**a) Roads and Pavements –**

- i. The pothole in Bells End Road, remains despite many reports of its deepening to DCC Highways.

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Cllr S Swann (DCC) to investigate and advance the issue with DCC Highways**

- ii. The opening of the Bailey Bridge due to its closure due to damage caused and the wait for a full survey and any repairs likely to be required seems to be slow with a lack of communication. The result is an increasing amount of traffic along Main Street, Walton on Trent.

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Cllr S Swann (DCC) to investigate and advance the issue with DCC Highways**

- b) Footpaths –** The Clerk reported that the overgrowing bushes along Main Street from Station Lane towards Drakelow have been reported to DCC, but as yet have not been cut back.

**Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to contact Cllr S Swann (DCC) to investigate and advance the issue with DCC Highways**

- c) Park –** Nothing further to discuss

**24/60 Circulated Emails for Information – Appendix D**

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

**24/61 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 September 2024, in the Walton on Trent Village Hall.**

- a) Temporary Scheme of Delegation**

***Resolved: Walton on Trent Parish Council approved that the Chair, Vice Chair and Parish Clerk could act on behalf of the Council until the next meeting.***

**There being no other business to be transacted, the meeting closed at 8.38pm.**