

Draft Minutes Walton on the Wolds Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 5th July 2022 at 6:00 pm

Present

Chairman Cllr Brian Parker
Vice Chair Cllr M Watson
Cllr D Gilmore
Cllr C Greenall
Cllr J Bokor

In Attendance

Clerk Cheryl Hall

Apologies

Cllr R Shepherd

12/22 Minutes

Minutes of the PC meeting dated May 10th, 2022, approved and signed by the Chair.

13/22 Policing Report

1x public order reported. This report does not include private domestic related incidents or harassments.

14/22 The Borough Council Report

The Clerk raised a resident's issue regarding clinical waste disposal, requesting an additional black bin via Cleaner Greener Charnwood, to the attention of Cllr Bokor. This has been going on for 6 weeks with no resolution. Cllr Bokor agreed to take this up with the Cleaner Greener Loughborough executive for speedy resolution.

Cllr Bokor also highlighted the proposed plan to change boundaries between Wards. This has now gone into a second review at the level of the MP's. The Clerk commented this was neither democratic nor transparent providing no opportunity to object or make comments. If this is passed it will change the place of the MP office from Loughborough to Melton. Cllr Greenall raised the fact that residents of Walton on the Wolds will then have to travel to Melton to see their MP. This makes the ability to visit and discuss issues very difficult as there is a reduced bus schedule to Melton. Cllr Bokor confirmed there is no decision yet.

15/22 The County Council Report

Members Highways Fund

Cllr Shepherd applied for maintenance of the MVAS being provided by using Members Highways Fund money, for the first year of installation.

This was following discussion with the Clerk regarding:

- 1. Allocation of budget to sign cleaning**
- 2. Allocation of budget to lining refresh**

These requests, noted in the Minutes of the PC Meeting on May10th 22, should have been submitted by end of May. Until a discussion with Cllr Shepherd the Clerk was unaware of the deadline. Therefore, the Clerk agreed with Cllr Shepherd that the Maintenance for the MVAS maintenance should in any case be submitted and that the Clerk will order the sign cleaning and the line refresh on an as needed basis. These are in any case are of charge provision from LCC.

Urgent Cabinet Item

Cllr Shepherd wished to draw attention to the information below, which was recently circulated.

Decision Notice concerning an urgent item, entitled “Medium Term Financial Strategy Update”, which was considered at the County Council Cabinet Meeting on Friday, 24th June.

- a) That the very challenging, worsening, and frightening financial position faced by the County Council be noted with concern.**
- b) That Chief Officers be authorised to undertake urgent preparatory work on savings that are not currently in the MTFs following consultation with the appropriate Lead Member, the Director of Corporate Resources and Lead Member for Resources, with the outcome being considered as part of the roll forward of the MTFs and presented to the Cabinet at its meeting September.**
- c) That the Director of Corporate Resources, following consultation with the appropriate Lead Member and Chief Officer and Lead Member for Resources, be authorised to commence preparatory work reviewing capital schemes, with a view to reducing cost and to consider a moratorium on all non-essential capital expenditure.**
- d) That the report be shared with Leicestershire’s Members of Parliament to assist in their understanding of the increasingly serious situation and to support them in their lobbying of Government.**

REASON FOR DECISION:

To inform the Cabinet of the work that needs to be undertaken to ensure a balanced budget can be set in 2023/24.

16/22 The Village Hall Report

No report provided. Cllr Greenall observed more people seem to be using the hall.

17/22 Matters Arising

a. Vacancy for Cllr Applications

The Parish Council resolved to accept the two volunteers to the Council to capitalise on the enthusiasm and added value of two more voices at the table. The volunteers will be contacted by the Clerk and /or Cllr and await their acceptance. Once acceptance had been confirmed an invitation to the next Parish Council Meeting will be sent by the Clerk.

b. Speeding MVAS installation:

The Clerk reported that all the documents including the risk assessment have been provided to LCC Highways and have been accepted. These documents will be added to the Walton on the Wolds website, for transparency.

Cllr Greenall responded to the suggestion by Cllr Shepherd (see Minutes 10th May 202) to map the area nearby where restrictions are in force that are at odds with the 60 to 30 change over. Cllr Greenall reported that having looked at villages around our area there very few villages who have such restrictions. Also, when coming into the village it is almost impossible to reach the speed of 60 before reaching the 30-mph sign.

*Post Hoc Note by Clerk. A complaint has been received from Mr and Mrs R Jackson. When walking with their dog the culprit raced past them. When using the slow down signal the culprit stopped, backed up to them and used abusive language saying he was within his rights as it was a 60-mph limit. This is not in fact true as it is 30 mph UNTIL the derestricted sign beyond New Lane as you leave the village. It appears vehicles do not slow down and see no reason to slow down. The resolution would be a speed hump alongside the chicane however this is not within our budget as is currently unaffordable.

c. Parish Bench refurbishment:

The Parish Council with to thank My Terry Lewis for his excellent service.

d. 5G Mast:

Cllr Gilmore has been in touch with the suppliers who estimate this may go live at the end of this September or October.

Cllr Gilmore left the meeting at 6.30pm

18/22 Village Maintenance

- a. See appendix 1 and note that the sinking tarmac at the Trent Water plate has been logged and repair is awaited.
- b. A new report has been made on the sharp bend sign at the start of the village on the Loughborough Road. This is expected to be repaired urgently.
- c. A request for support has also been logged for a drain cover on School Hill. Item put in by Mr R Jackson.
- d. Charnwood Warm Homes has supplied 6 printed leaflets. Available on request from the Clerk.
- e. The Parish Council resolved to request a repair to the sign on the junction of Walton Lane and Nottingham Road and a repair to the sign on the Road to Barrow. Both damaged by RTA's. Clerk to complete requests.

Grass cutting: Cllr Gilmore reported that he has contacted the LCC Grass cutting team. There is a revised schedule in place. The next cut will be on July 29th. Cllr Gilmore to send the Clerk the correspondence.

19/22 Planning Consent

2. The application by David and Charlotte Pritchard for further Listed Budling Consent to replace a section of corrugated asbestos roofing at the rear of the property. was noted. No queries were raised.

3. Planning Applications

APPLICATION NO: P/22/0643/2
PROPOSAL: Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling.
LOCATION: Brook Farm, Cotes Road, Burton on The Wolds, Leicestershire, LE12 8JT

Clerk reported the planning team in Charnwood is now active again

20/22 Correspondence

- a. Verbal enquiry regarding the A46 and whether this is as subject for PC consideration from Mrs J Mellor.
 - i. The PC resolved to decline this request as this is the responsibility of Seagrave Parish Council. The PC thanks Mrs J McMillan for circulating the survey from Seagrave pc ref A46 crossroads survey.
- b. Correspondence between Cllr Watson and LCC regarding the provision of two addiotnal dog waste bins.

- i. Cllr Watson confirmed this was too expensive as each bin would be charged for emptying by SERCO at (£302 each on top of the affordable cost of buying and installing the bins£195 each) Currently we do not pay for emptying for the two existing bins.
- c. Correspondence between Cllr Gilmore and the PCC grass cutting team. See Village Maintenance.
- d. Between Clerk and LCC finance control department
 - i. The Clerk reported that after over 6 months of receiving non-conformance letters from LCC and the Clerk refuting this having recorded the sum paid out from the Community Bank account in February this year, LCC have sent a receipt for the payment on the lighting recharge.
- e. Between Clerk and LCC regarding top dressing of roads and footpaths.
 - i. The Clerk reported that there had been a campaign for this raised by LCC but missed off Walton on the Wolds. Walton has now been added to the list and will be serviced in due course.
- f. Between Clerk and CBC and LCC on tree advice and surgeon action for the chestnut tree on The Green opposite Mrs A Davis house.
 - i. The CBC requires an external approved arborist to review the tree in question and provide a report on what, if anything needs to be done. This independent report is to ensure good governance. The Clerk has contacted LCC who provide private reports at a cost of £250.00. Further estimates are being pursued but are expected to be more expensive than the LCC. The amount is within the guidelines for the Clerk to contract and pay directly without further approval. Clerk to move this matter forwards. Assistance, if required in filling in the Tree Planning Permission form was offered by Cllr Bokor. Because the tree is in a conservation area the work to be done should be free of charge.

21/22 Cheques and Finance

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- g. to confirm payments made during this quarter.
 - i. Contribution towards a Commemorative bench for the St May's Church. £350.00
 - ii. Community Insurance 212.81
 - iii. Community printing £12.57
 - iv. Baps for Jubilee event £20.00
 - v. Clerks Expenses £49.99 (cheque was in 2021/22 accounts but did not go through – this is the replacement cheque)
 - vi. Jubilee Bookmarks £208.80
 - vii. Jubilee Cake £250.00
 - viii. Glenn Lewin for provision of pork loin £75.81

- ix. Terry Lewis for refurbishment of the PC Owned Benches and that owned by Wendy Tyson £400

h. To confirm payments into the account made this quarter

- i. Western Power Wayleave £145.00

Current Community Bank Balance £13,463.63 (including £4,800.00 costs for traffic calming build out, not yet claimed by LCC.) This would bring us to a current available balance of £8,663. This is the expected run rate for mid-year against budget.

Note: part 2 of the precept, £2500.00, is not due until September 2022.

22/22 Members' Points of Information

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- i. Queens Platinum Celebrations:
 - i. Acknowledgement of those who arranged the children's picnic and mini sports events
 - 1. The PC wish to thank all the residents and friends of the village who contributed to making our Jubilee Celebrations such a success – to many to mention by name.
 - ii. Acknowledgement of the evening event held at the Anchor and the cake provided by Vanillapod. The PC wish to thank:
 - 1. Paula Roseby for hosting the cake, food, and disco
 - 2. VanillaPod Bakery for the cake
 - iii. Acknowledgment of the bookmark gift provided to each household from the Parish Council
 - 1. The Parish Council wish to thank Mr Ian McMillan for organising the production of the bookmark.
- j. Visit to British Gypsum by Clerk and Cllr Watson.
 - Key points of interest to residents
 - 1. There is a 5-year plan of extending the mining activity. Walton is excluded from this. However, there is an intent to extend the mining in a northerly direction skimming along the edge of Walton on the Wolds but not entering it and in the direction of Six Hills Road and Burton on the Wolds. This is due to a level of exhaustion of the highest-grade Gypsum in the fields and the need to supplement this with lower grade Gypsum to maintain future sales. If they do not make this further extension there will be a knock-on effect on jobs and livelihoods in the area.

2. This reduction of high-quality material will also mean higher grade being imported from Newark via road.
3. There is a proposed plan to increase the deliveries of this from 24 loads to a maximum 50 loads a day. But NOT extending the hours of delivery.
4. The BG have agreed to support a noise and transport assessment along Paudy Lane by LCC - present at the meeting - as one has not been done since 2014. This is to get a baseline against which the intended loads can be compared. There are also sensors along Paudy Lane and sensors in their long driveway to monitor and compare vehicle speed coming into the property vs on the road.
5. The team showed a very comprehensive list of local Community Engagements and philanthropic giving. They provided an e mail address for questions and suggestions. The following are to be suggested for Walton on the Wolds:
 - a. Benches for our Church
 - b. Repairing the Village Hall
 - i. Cllr Greenall to request estimate for the repair of the Hall.
 - c. Bell Tower damp works
 - d. charitable gifts to Motor Neurone Disease charities and mental health charities
6. Clerk to request the slides used in the meeting.
7. Family friendly Open Day to be held 30th September. All welcome.

Date of Next Meeting

- 6th September at 6.30pm
- 8th November
- 10th January

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

C HALL
Clerk

Appendix 1

Enquiry no 869182

Thank you for your recent report relating to Gully Blocked on BLACK LANE in Walton on the Wolds.

A works instruction has been issued for the gully to be cleaned.

Works should be carried out within 28 days, however some locations require a higher level of site safety and are put together to achieve the best possible efficiency, so can take up to 3 months.

Where cleaning the blocked gully does not solve the problem, the issue will be passed to a drainage officer for further investigation

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Your enquiry has been logged and will be prioritised based on the information provided.

We will update you as the issue progresses and on average this likely to be within the next 6 days.

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Listed in the Recent Reports Table below are the enquiries, with their status, that I have raised via Leicestershire County Council's Customer Service Centre or the Defect Report Form during March 2022. This will be empty if there were no enquiries logged during March 2022.

Recent Reports Table

Date	Reference Number	Location	Description	Status	CSC/Web Ref
18/03/2022	866982	Six Hills Road, Walton on The Wolds	Forestry	Response Given	FS409033168
16/03/2022	866715	Six Hills Road, Walton on The Wolds	Forestry	Passed to Forestry	FS408540069

Listed in the Older Reports Table below are enquiries that are still open, with their current status, that I have raised via Leicestershire County Council's Customer Service Centre or the Defect Report Form prior to March 2022. This will be empty if there are no open enquiries logged prior to March 2022.

Older Reports Table

Date	Reference Number	Location	Description	Status	CSC/Web Ref
18/11/2021	853840	Six Hills Road, Walton on The Wolds	Other (Highway Control)	Inspection Required	FS379717701
04/11/2021	852317	Six Hills Road, Walton on The Wolds	Other (Highway Control)	Further Investigation Required	FS375884979

Enquiry number 876269

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding ironwork at SCHOOL HILL, Walton on the Wolds.

Works have been ordered and will be completed in line with our Highway Maintenance Policy.

Enquiry number 875664

Thank you for your recent enquiry regarding the non-illuminated sign at LOUGHBOROUGH ROAD, Walton on the Wolds.

Works have been ordered and will be completed in line with our Highway Maintenance Policy.

