

Draft Minutes Walton on the Wolds Parish Council Meeting Tuesday November 8th 2022 at 6.30pm

Present

Chairman Cllr Brian Parker
Vice Chair Cllr M Watson
Cllr T Dixon
Cllr T Lewis

34/22 Apologies

Clerk Cheryl Hall (notes taken by Teresa Dixon)
Cllr Richard Shepherd
Cllr D Gilmore
Cllr C Greenall
Mr I McMillan

35/22 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the last Parish Council meeting of 6th September duly approved and signed by the chairman.

36/22 Policing report

1. To receive the Policing Report

- a. PC Davis tried to arrange a surgery in the Village Hall in October but due to no one being around with keys to the hall this has been postponed to a further date. TBA.
- b. Beat reports for September and October
 - i. September: no crime reported
 - ii. October – One business burglary

37/22 To receive the Borough Councillors Report and County Councillors Report

- c. Cllr Shepherd's report see paragraphs in Leicestershire Matters delivered to all houses in Walton. And in Appendix 2

38/22 To receive the Village Hall report

- d. See Appendix 3

39/22 To consider Matters Arising from the minutes of the last meeting

- e. MVAS budget has been approved by Cllr Shepherd and we await further news from the training group and a final date for the installation
- f. To place the memo of understanding and related documents on the website.

- g. Update on finalisation of 5G mast. Cllr Gilmore e mailed and awaiting response.

40/22 Village Maintenance – Clerk’s report

See Appendix 1

- h. The “upcoming sharp bend” sign has been replaced.
- i. The sign on the Nottingham Road has not been replaced. Clerk has followed up.

41/22 Planning Applications

- i. Tree work listed on planning permissions. Tree report available on request. Will be uploaded to the website following the PC meeting.

Planning Number. P/22/1491/2

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Proposal: 1 x chestnut:- Remove deadwood. Crown shape/reduce back by 1m to clear highway. Crown lift to give 2.5m ground clearance

Location: Opposite 6 and 7 Six Hills Road Walton on the Wolds Leicestershire

Case officer: Julie Webb

Registration date: 15th August

Consultation expected: 15th September

Update: Work will be undertaken on 18th November.

- j. **P/22/1728/2 Land South of Wymeswold. Industrial Estate 21 industrial Units proposed to be built.**
- k. **P22/17292 Land off Melton Road Burton on the Wolds. 70 dwelling houses proposed plus open space and infrastructure.**
 - i. **Council to consider any environmental impact on Walton Brook.**
- l. **P/22/1559/2 Black Lane. Application for 1 2 storey dwelling house. And Demolition of existing bungalow**
- m. **P/22/1929/2 Erection of 22no Ground mounted Solar Panel
Meadow view Farm, 201 Six Hills Road, Walton on the Wolds, LE128JF**

Cllrs discussed the planning presented and resolved to raise no objections.

42/22 Correspondence

The Charities Commission are writing to all Charities, ours is the Constables Field, and will be asking us to set up a new account for returns. More to follow in the Autumn. Clerk’s Update: No further news as yet.

Grass cutting

DG / MW to reported final cut for 2022 was 8/11/22

43/22 Cheques and Finance

Payments made during this quarter:

£7.00 Humphrey Perkins Flyer

£300.00 LCC tree report

£180.00 Village Clock repair

£55.04 – Royal British Legion for lamp post decorations

£50.00 – Village Hall rent for PC meetings

£500.00 – Village Hall Grant

A further request to support the Church Repairs has been made by Mrs L Jackson. Parish Council to consider this request and agree a response. NB we have taken on an unbudgeted amount of over £1000,00 to invest into the Jubilee events and also includes a donation to the Church for a bench. Subsequently Cllr M Watson has secured a grant from British Gypsum for the sum of £1,000. Mrs L Jackson will be informed of this for St Mary's Church Fund. Agreed that no further donations shall be given by the Parish Council given the British Gypsum Grant.

To confirm payments into the account made this quarter

Cheques in £49.99 - cheque above rejected.

£14.02 Western Power Distribution Limited, now National Grid, rental for poles in Village.

Current bank balance as of 28th October is £14,441.67 including Precept Part 2 of £2500. N.B. Possible billing for £4,800.00 for the chicane, leaving C 9,500 of which around £3- 4000 will be spent on regular invoices in Quarter 3 and 4, leaving a surplus of around £5-6000.0.

Budget and Year to date Accounts will be made available for inspection in the PC meeting and Accounts agreed by PC.

The Parish Council precept amount discussed and the Council resolved to continue with the £5,000.0 As pear 2021/22.

44/22 Members' Points of Information

- 1. 17th November is the date for CPR session in the Village Hall. Provided by East Mids Ambulance service.
 - a. Cllr Greenall will communicate via the village notice board and Waltonites etc.****
- 2. We would like to thank Pauline Allen for her kind gift to allow the Parish to be the caretaker on behalf of a very special book. The title is Tales of our Village by M.B.B a**

relative of the Reverend Bird whose image is on our Village Sign.

Cllrs would like the Clerk to consider where this book should be stored. All agreed to be stored by clerk

**3.Christmas tree ordered for last week of November.
Light switch on proposed for Sunday 4th December.**

Date of next meeting:

January 10th 6.30pm

March 7th 6.30pm

May TBD

Meeting closed at 19.05

Appendix 1

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

Updated Highways reporting

MVAS

The LCC will be responsible to undertake contracting with services to move the said item from situation 1 to situation 2 every few weeks in line with the licence. This will be at no cost to the PC. Cllr Richard Shepherd will take the cost of no more than £1000 from LCC and still have enough for the scheme to supply the AVMS. Richard and I have requested that the team from the PC be informed of when the contractors will visit so they can learn from this experience. Engineers from LCC will visit the two sites and approve or not according to their requirements. Confirmation of the visits is pending and the outcomes. I have received a hard copy of the licence and have signed it and submitted it back to LCC without dating it as this is when the licence will begin.

2. Ref: FS436445981 COMPLETED

Issue reported: Signs

Non-illuminated permanent sign, Damaged

Location: Walton Lane, Walton on the Wolds, Borough of Charnwood, Leicestershire, East Midlands, England, LE12 8JX, United Kingdom

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. number 877542

Works have now been ordered.

3.Ref: FS436447249 TO BE FOLLOWED UP

Enquiry number 877543

Issue reported: Signs

Non-illuminated permanent sign, Damaged

Location: Loughborough Road, Walton on the Wolds, Borough of Charnwood, Leicestershire, East Midlands, England, LE12 8HT, United Kingdom

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 is likely to be within the next 6 days.

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Appendix 1

Budget Impact in LCC

Welcome to Leicestershire Matters Council leader, Nick Rushton, introduces our autumn edition Budget at heart of scrutiny role Local government is entering a very difficult period – and that makes the role of our scrutiny committees even more important. Our budget update overleaf sets out the challenges ahead and these are likely to be made worse by the pressures impacting national Government. Over the next few months, our five cross-party scrutiny committees and Scrutiny Commission will take a fine tooth comb to key decisions and play a key role in looking at proposals to make sure we agree a balanced budget. Over half of our councillors deal with scrutiny issues. They recognise that choices will be difficult but will seek to ensure that the focus is on protecting, as much as we can, front line services especially to vulnerable people in these difficult times. Scrutiny leads will also continue to look at other important issues such as a growing county and the impact of rising inflation on the cost of new schools and roads. We will also shortly be considering the council's first net zero strategy and action plan and we will be looking closely at the effect of the Government's adult social care reforms and management of pressures on special educational needs and disabilities services. If you wish to get involved and attend a meeting, ask a question or submit a petition go to leicestershire.gov.uk/scrutiny Scrutiny's role includes:

- Providing challenge – including holding our cabinet to account
- Receiving questions and petitions
- Monitoring the performance of services
- Helping develop our budget

The financial pressures impacting local government mean that we're in difficult territory and can't balance the books without impacting front line services. Latest figures show that our budget gap is set to grow from £8m to £28m next year – and could even top £140m by 2026. We want to be upfront with you about the challenges facing local government which are increasing costs at an unprecedented rate. On top of inflation, service demand is unrelenting and expected to go up by £18m every year. Capital costs – for building roads, schools and other one-off projects – could grow by £45m if infrastructure price rises don't reverse. Although there are no proposals at this stage, services including gritting, parks, bus subsidies, projects reducing smoking and supporting people to be healthier, Beaumanor Hall and planned big road schemes could be considered for possible changes or reduction. The pressures are impacting all councils, not just us. During austerity, identifying and acting on problems early served us well, and we are keen to hear your views. As the lowest funded county council, Leicestershire will always be sensitive to financial shocks. But the challenge currently being faced will put even the best funded local authorities under pressure. We knew earlier in the year pressure was building but a perfect storm of global events such as Covid, Russia's war in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis, plus spiralling service demand, means we now have to look across the board at all services. And this will include things that affect our everyday lives such as road repairs, gritting, big road schemes and waste sites, as well as support for adults and children. That's why we want to hear your views. Log on and sign up to tell us what you think." Councillor Lee Breckon, cabinet member for finance 'Frightening finances' - tell us what you think Budget consultation To find out more and sign up to take part in our budget consultation, scan the QR code or visit: leicestershire.gov.uk/budget

Appendix 2

The overall situation with the Village Hall is largely unchanged. Bookings remain very low as people still seem reluctant to return to pre-covid levels of activity. Walton WI is back up to a normal level of booking and the "combat" group is returning for the winter months. Casual bookings are few and far between. Financially we are running at an on-going loss as fixed costs are going up relentlessly. The current very cheap business contract for electricity is running out on January 13th exacerbating the problem. I have begun to look at renewal options but none are very good. I anticipate a 4 – 5 fold increase in consumption charges and possibly a greater increase for standing charges. Heating is the major factor and at present if all the heaters are on in the main hall the cost to hirers is roughly £3 per hour – there will clearly have to be a significant increase! The availability of government support may help but it will not have any effect until renewal and at present is only scheduled to run until March.

There have been no major problems structurally (fingers crossed) but some external redecoration is going to be needed soon. Internally the decoration is in fairly good order. Weed and bramble growth at the rear of the hall will need to be cleared over the winter.

Finances are as follows – Deposit Account £4795.04 (as per 01.01.22)
Current Account £6635.31 including funds remaining
from Parish Council Grants for repairs and maintenance (approximately £500).

