

Draft Minutes Walton on the Wolds Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday January 10th 2023 at 6.30pm

Present

Chairman Brian Parker
Cllr Terry Lewis
Cllr Chris Greenall
Cllr David Gilmore
Cllr Richard Shepherd

Apologies

Cllr Jenny Bokor
Cllr Teresa Dixon
Vice Chair Cllr Mark Watson

Not present

PC Stuart David
Mr Ian McMillan

Minutes

1/23

15 minutes for Public to make a statement

Presentation by E Hollingsworth with regards to the British Gypsum planning application for additional tonnage but decrease permitted hours of importation. Planning Application 20200/VOCM/0161/LCC. Mrs Hollingsworth offered a compelling argument based on a deep dive and historical data with respect to the prior planning applications and the way data was connected. This was agreed by the Parish Council to be obfuscating the facts by misrepresenting the data.

The Parish Council noted Mrs Hollingsworth's objections to the application regarding road safety due to drivers leaving the BG site at speed travelling towards Barrow and the issue of mental health regarding residents of Paudy Lane who endure the noise at all hours of the day and night and have also endured aggression from employees of the site.

Cllr Shepherd asked if she could provide him with a draft of the objection letter.

Action Completed:

- Mrs Hollingsworth to provide her objection letter to Cllr Shepherd. (Completed)

2/23 Minutes of the last Parish Meeting of 8th November duly approved by the Chairman

3/23 To Receive the Police report

PC Jade Martin gave her monthly update by mail. This showed that there had been goods stolen from a delivery van on Six Hills.

No report available as PC David not present

4/23 To Receive the Village Hall report

- No report available

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5/23 To receive the Borough and County Councillors reports

1. Cllr Bokor

- a. In relation to the approved 265 homes on the Melton Road, Barrow on Soar, Cllr Bokor commented that the housing is needed as there is a shortage of suitable housing stock in the borough.
- b. Cllrs on the Parish Council remain concerned regarding the excess traffic following and during the building process that will flow through Walton and have asked that the LCC provide a sign that says, "No construction Traffic through here".
- c. In addition, again due to the expected higher flow of traffic through the village the Parish Cllrs requested that the clerk apply for an additional MVAS to be provided so that both ends of the village can be monitored simultaneously.

2. Cllr Richard Shepherd

- a. Unanswered mail regarding Road Toppings have been followed by up Cllr Shepherd. However, given financial constraints and staff illness we are unlikely to receive the attention requested.
- b. Planning application – British Gypsum. See prior minutes in this document.
- c. Cllr Shepherd requested the Cllrs see the Fostering Memo. Action: Clerk to send out. No link is available.
- d. Budget link also provided. Action: Clerk to circulate. See below here.
 - i. The consultation runs until 15 January – people can find out more about the proposals and comment by visiting: www.leicestershire.gov.uk/budget

Note R Shepherd left the meeting at 19.20 hrs

6/23

MVAS update from Clerk: The posts and related works have been ordered but the sign may experience supply chain delays. Action: Further updates will be requested by the Clerk.

7/23

Cllr D Gilmore updated the meeting with regards to the new 5G Mast. It is providing a very fast service. The 5G at present requires the provider "3" for devices to receive the extra speed. Cllr Gilmore offered to host a meeting in the Village Hall or at his home to talk it through is any parishioners are interested or have concerns.

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Village Maintenance

- 1) The sign on the Nottingham Road still requires attention: Action: Clerk to continue to follow up
- 2) Fly tipping reported and has been removed by LCC

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- 3) Cllr Lewis requested that the LCC Footpath gates besides the Cottage owned by Mr and Mrs Lewin be reviewed by LCC as the gate requires repairs. Action: Clerk to request attention by LCC

9/23

Correspondence

The Clerk reported that the Charity Commission annual return for the Constables field has been completed.

10/23

The Parish Council resolved to approve the following Cheques and Finance for the last 2 months.

Cheques written:

- a. Invoice for use of the Hall for CPR: £20.00
- b. Tree surgery on The Green £396.00
- c. Hornbuckle Farm hedge cutting: £144.00
- d. Alex Blossom for Tesco for Xmas Light hospitality £42.00
- e. Mr M Watson Parish Xmas tree £150.00
- f. Toner for Clerk's printer £44.76
- g. Clerks Allowance: £450.00
- h. SLCC Fees £73.0
- i. LCC Street Lighting Charge £339.65

Current bank balance as of end December: £12,703.17

Assuming repayment of Chicane to LCC then the remaining balance stands at just under £8,000. Most of the expected invoices are now in and paid. The expected end of year amount will be around £6,000.

Precept submitted in late November for £5,000 in line with agreed amount at the last meeting.

A short discussion was held regarding replacing the Parish Laptop. The Cllrs resolved that the Clerk would review options and costs. Post Hoc note: the current laptop is believed to have been purchased in 2016 so it can be written off in any accounts.

10.23 Members Points of information

- a. The Cllrs resolved to approve the Village Book be stored in a purpose-built box to be kept in the church and pages turned regularly so all can see the contents. Cllr Lewis agreed to make the box.
- b. King Charles Coronation weekend. The Cllrs resolved to put on a Disco in the Village Hall on 5th May. Open to all and the provision of the equipment etc to be paid for on an expense only basis. It was agreed that early May is unlikely to be very warm, so the Village Hall is a better option.

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Dates of Next meetings

March 7th

May 9th – for Annual Parish, Parish Annual and Parish Council meeting. Bear in mind this is an election year, and all Cllrs will need to stand down and be re-elected and /or nominations must be received for Councillors from Parishioners.

July TBD