

Draft Minutes Walton on the Wolds Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 6.30pm

**Present**

Chairman Brian Parker  
Vice Chair Cllr Mark Watson  
Cllr Terry Lewis  
Cllr David Gilmore  
Cllr Jenny Bokor

**Apologies**

Cllr Chris Greenall

**Not present**

Cllr Richard Shepherd  
PC Stuart David  
Mr Ian McMillan  
Cllr Teresa Dixon

**Present**

C Hall Clerk

15 minutes for Public to make a statement.

**Minutes**

**11/23**

Minutes of the last Parish Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January duly approved by the Chairman.

**12/23 To Receive the Police report.**

PC Jade Martin gave her monthly update by mail. No crime reported.  
No report available as PC Davis not present

**13/23 To Receive the Village Hall report.**

Mr McMillan reported that the Village Hall has been booked for the Elections on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Having distributed the electoral papers to the Parish Councillors the Parish Council agreed that an invitation to be elected be published to the Village via the WhatsApp route and the Notice Board.

At this point in the proceedings Vice Chair Councillor Mark Watson announced he would not stand for re-election and resigned from his post. The Parish Council thanked him for his work and support over the last 4 years.

**14/23 To receive the Borough and County Councillors reports.**

1. Cllr Bokor

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- a. In relation to the approved 265 homes on the Melton Road, Barrow on Soar, Cllr Bokor reconfirmed that the housing is needed as there is a shortage of suitable housing stock in the borough. She also took questions from Cllr T Lewis who wanted to know about amenities in the light of the already over stretched Barrow amenities such as GP's and Schools. Cllr Bokor said that amenities had been part of the planning discussions such a satellite GP placed in the community. Also, a crossing on the Melton Road was also agreed.
- b. In response to this concern in the January Minutes that Cllrs had, the Parish Council remained concerned regarding the excess traffic following and during the building process that will flow through Walton and had asked that the LCC provide a sign that says, "No construction Traffic through here", the Clerk said she has looked at the planning discussions on line and they include a construction traffic routine system and a construction traffic management system that have to be put in place in order for the approval to be given by LCC. This was following a discussion with Cllr Richard Shepherd.
- c. Cllr Jenny Bokor confirmed that no further housing developments are foreseen in the latest update to the Neighbourhood Plan to the Wolds area. This plan is expected to be ratified in September post elections.
- d. The Clerk updated the PC on the application for an additional MVAS to be provided so that both ends of the village can be monitored simultaneously. A better solution had been proposed by LCC Highways such that 2 MVAS powered by solar panels will now be provided by LCC at no expense to the PC. These panels will require no maintenance. However, to obtain this service forms must be completed and indemnification for accidents that could happen had they not been there must be provided. This was the same for the current poles for the battery MVAS. Different poles must also be supplied. The PC agreed to the new plan and that the Clerk should sign the required documents as needed.

Note Cllr Jenny Bokor left the meeting at approximately 19.10.

15/23

Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- a) MVAS update – Clerk – see minutes above.
- b) New Laptop for Clerk. It was agreed that a cost up to approximately £400 would be approved following appropriate quotes.

16/23

Village Maintenance

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- 1) The sign on the Nottingham Road still requires attention: Action: Clerk to continue to follow up. Still no action but a commitment to repair as soon as labour becomes available.
- 2) Fly tipping of a large fridge on New Lane reported and has been removed by CBC.
- 3) Regarding the request at the last PC meeting 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 has requested this be repaired and is awaiting a work number
- 4) The sharp bend sign on the Loughborough Road has been repaired.

17/23

Planning Applications

None reported.

18/23

Correspondence

- a) The Clerk confirmed that the Charity Commission annual return for the Constables field has been completed.
- b) Mrs L Jackson reported a bad smell in the village as manure was placed on the fields adjacent to The Spinney. Ms P Roseby advised this was chicken manure.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that nomination packs have been distributed to all Parish Councillors.
- d) Mrs N Brockhurst suggested a dog bin be placed by the Bridleway off New Lane due to persistent dog poo bags being left at the top of the lane. A response has been provided as this has been investigated last year but the collection costs are extremely expensive and unaffordable by the PC.

19/23

Cheques and Finance

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

Cheques written:

- a) Lighting conversion charge £1003.26
- b) Mower service £117.60
- c) 2 Commune Website hosting £330.00
- d) Link Contribution £100.00

Current bank balance as of end January £10,920.37.

Assuming repayment of Chicane to LCC then the remaining balance stands at just around £6120.00. Most of the expected invoices are now in and paid. The expected end of year amount will be around £10,800.

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

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It was agreed not to raise the Grazing Contract fee. Therefore, it will remain at £350.00, and it was agreed that the Clerk shall sign the agreement for 2023 and present it to Ms P Roseby for signature.

Accounts to be presented for agreement and signing at the next PC Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> May. New external auditors have been selected. They are More and Co. Further information on this new agreement is to be provided by Mores very soon.

The Clerk confirmed she would set up the VAT reclamation process ASAP to recoup as much money as possible given our low surplus for this year. Next year will be a little easier as the lighting costs will reduce.

**20/23**

**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 has now seen the book and is designing the box for approval at the next PC meeting.
- b. King's Coronation celebrations. It was agreed to wait and see what Charnwood offer in terms of bunting before ordering from commercial organisations. It was also agreed to look for inexpensive gifts for the community to commemorate the coronation. Clerk and Cllr D Gilmore to review and come back to the PC for approval on costs.

**21/23**

**Dates of Next meetings**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – for Annual Parish, Parish Annual and Parish Council meeting.**

**July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting closed at 19.25.**