

Walton on the Wolds Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 6:30pm on Monday 8th April 2024 at Walton on the Wolds Village Hall, Loughborough Road, Walton on the Wolds, LE12 8HT.

PRESENT

Cllrs Glenn Archer, Teresa Dixon (Vice Chair), Christine Greenall (Chair), and Terry Lewis.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Emma Andrews – Clerk and RFO
R. Shepherd - County Councillor (via Zoom)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION None

2024/53 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Julie Lewin and Borough Councillor Jenny Bokor.

2024/54 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Councillors to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relevant to agenda items. None.

2024/55 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5th MARCH 2024

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting are signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

2024/56 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- I. **THE POLICE** None supplied
- II. **THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Deferred until the May meeting.
- III. **THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**
Cllr R Shepherd gave advice on the issue of overgrown hedges on private land intruding on public footpaths which are the responsibility of the County Council.
- IV. **THE BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**
Cllr Bokor was unable to attend but sent information to the council about a possible solar farm planning application in the area.

2024/57 TO REPORT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED:

- A. **P/24/0372/2** – 21 School Hill – Retention of indoor contained swimming pool and external pump room extension (retrospective).
RESOLVED not to object.
- B. **P/24/0398/2** - Retention of indoor contained swimming pool and external pump room extension (retrospective).(Listed Building Consent)
RESOLVED not to object.

2024/58 TO REPORT ON PLANNING DECISIONS REACHED. None

2024/59 TO REVIEW THE NEW LOOK WEBSITE AND DECIDE ON AN EMAIL STRATEGY

RESOLVED to change the Clerk's email address to a .gov email address via Cuttlefish (current website provider), and for councillors to retain their dedicated parish council email addresses with gmail for the time being.

Cllr Archer kindly offered to take some photographs for the revamped website. There is much work to be done to add all the documents needed to the website and to update information, an ongoing project for the clerk.

2024/60 TO REVIEW PROGRESS ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THE LAST MEETING

- I. Hedge trimming – ongoing and in hand.
- II. Footpath topping – ongoing and in hand.
- III. Overgrown hedge by the bus stop in Back Lane. Clerk to action following the advice of our County Councillor on the best way to do this.
- IV. Legal status of the cricket ground – investigations delayed because of time constraints. Postponed until the May meeting.

2024/61 TO CONSIDER RECENT BURIAL GROUND APPLICATIONS AND ANY OUTSTANDING BURIAL GROUND ISSUES

RESOLVED to approve all burial ground requests received.

Some errors had been found with the burial ground map and some gaps in the recent records. The Clerk will produce a new map and update the records.

2024/62 TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE FINANCIAL MATTERS

- I. To receive and approve the monthly bank statements.
- II. To receive and approve the monthly bank reconciliation.
- III. To receive and approve the Schedule of Payments

I-III NOT APPROVED. At present the Council has no access to the bank account or bank statements and is unable to make any payments.

- IV. To update on changes to the bank mandate. The Council are still awaiting the changes to the bank mandate. Councillors signed paperwork to open a new account with Unity Trust Bank, with a view to switching accounts once the mandate is in place.
- V. The Council had chosen not to sign up with the LRALC's internal audit service. An alternative auditor would have to be found urgently as the LRALC's service is at capacity for this year. The incoming Clerk will prepare the audit, rather than the Locum Clerk, in a change from the decision at the March meeting.

2024/61 TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

RESOLVED to organise a joint D-Day 80 and Picnic on the Green for Saturday 8th of June.

2024/62 TO UPDATE ON THE LOCATION OF HISTORIC RECORDS, MAPS AND BOOKS BELONGING TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

All burial records, historic minutes and records and maps belonging to the Council are now with the Clerk with one exception: the special edition of 'Tales of Our Village' by M.B.B. is stored in a protective glass case at the house of the Chair. Other historic records, including burial records from the churchyard, are divided between Barrow upon Soar Library and the Wigston Records Office.

2024/61 TO NOTE ANY CORRESPONDENCE None

2024/62 CHAIR'S REPORT n/a

2024/63 CLERK'S REPORT n/a

2024/64 TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 7TH MAY AT 6:30PM

This is a change to the date agreed at the previous meeting.

This meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed at 7:45pm

Signed by the Chair of the Parish Council: *Christine Greenall*

Date: 7th May 2024