Walton on the Wolds Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 6:30pm on 7th May 2024 at Walton on the Wolds Village Hall, Loughborough Road, Walton on the Wolds, LE12 8HT.

Present

Councillors Chris Greenall, Glenn Archer, Terry Lewis, Julie Lewin,

Also in attendance

Borough Councillor Jenny Bokor County Councillor Richard Shepherd (via Zoom) Ian McMillan – Village Hall Chairman Emma Andrews – Clerk and RFO

MINUTES

1. **Welcome** by Cllr Chris Greenall, Chair of the Parish Council.

2. To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Teresa Dixon.

3. To receive and accept the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 9th of May 2023

The Minutes were received and accepted by Cllr Greenall.

4. To receive a report from the Borough Councillor

Borough Councillor Jenny Bokor gave a short report and responded to questions on the subjects of minor amendments to the Charnwood Borough Council Draft Local Plan, the proposed solar farm on land off Nottingham Road, and a recent planning application on land off Six Hills Road.

5. To receive a report from the County Councillor

County Councillor Richard Shepherd further discussed the Six Hills Road development and also the Leicestershire County Council Postcard Scheme for overgrown trees and hedgerows that impinge on highways and public footpaths.

6. To receive a report from the Village Hall Committee

The Chairman of the Village Hall Committee shared a report summarising the accounts of the Hall and listing many urgent repairs that are needed to the building. The Committee is very short of trustees and needs to make decisions about the future of the Hall. A public meeting to discuss this will follow in the coming weeks. The Parish Council Clerk advised that the LRALC should be consulted about the role and legal position of the Parish Council in this process.

7. To receive a report from the Chair of the Parish Council

The Parish Council now has a paid Clerk, Emma Andrews, who took over in March 2024. Emma works for the council for 3 hours per week. The Chair thanked the

previous Clerk, and the Locum Clerk who replaced her, for all their hard work over the past year.

8. To thank community volunteers and receive volunteer reports

The Chair thanked all who do so much for the village. Particular mention was made of the volunteers who look after the defibrillator and do extra grass-cutting and edging around the village.

- 9. To receive questions and comments from residents and members of the public $\ensuremath{\mathsf{None}}$
- 10. Meeting close 7:48pm