

Draft Minutes Walton on the Wolds Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday May 9th, 2023, at 6.30pm

Present

Chairman Brian Parker
Vice Chair Cllr Mark Watson
Cllr Terry Lewis
Cllr David Gilmore
Cllr Jenny Bokor
Cllr Richard Shepherd
Cllr Teresa Dixon
Cllr Chris Greenall

Not present

PC Stuart David
Mr Ian McMillan

Present

C Hall Clerk
J Lewin
G Archer

15 minutes for Public to make a statement.

Minutes

22/23

Minutes of the last Parish Meeting of 7th March duly approved by the Chairman.

22/23 To Receive the Police report.

PC Jade Martin gave her monthly update by mail. During the month of April 2023 Walton on the Wolds had 1 x Public Order and 1 x Assault reported. These figures do not include private domestic related incidents or harassments.

No other significant crime patterns have been identified.

No report available as PC Davis not present

23/23 To Receive the Village Hall report.

Councillor C Greenall reported that an approach had been made to Jane Hunt MP regarding the 500% rise in electricity charges for the Village Hall. A reply had been received offering to intercede with the energy company but no further response received.

24/23 To receive the Borough and County Councillors reports.

1. Cllr Bokor
 - a. Election results
 - i. 23 conservatives
 - ii. 20 labour

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- iii. 8 green
- iv. 1 independent

Councillor Bokor described the agreement to set up an administration as not a quick process but the issue was being discussed with the Chief Officer and parties. As a result the AGM had been postponed by a week. A No Overall Control situation at the Borough may mean that policies take longer to decide

A question was raised by the Council. "Are you expecting all parties to agree?". The response given was "Unknown".

Note Cllr Jenny Bokor left the meeting at approximately 7.00pm

2. County Councillor Report - Cllr Shepherd

Councillor Shepherd updated the Council on the Speed Indicator Devices. (SID) . The SIDs have been ordered as they will be solar panels, therefore more efficient and without the need to replace batteries. Little has happened over the election period. It was reported that there will be a meeting in Downing Street regarding funding on the 10th of May. This was a positive meeting but with no long-term resolution. A further meeting is planned, and a temporary solution could be offered.

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It was noted that there are electricity issues regarding the heating in the Village (see above)

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Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- a) The Clerk reported she had not purchased a new Community Laptop. But intends to do this before the next.
- b) MVAS update – Clerk – see minutes above.

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Village Maintenance

- 1) The sign on the Nottingham Road has been repaired:
- 2) The sign on the opposite side of the road indicating heavy vehicles should go via Burton on the Wolds has also been repaired.
- 3) The grass cutting machine has damaged the flower planter on the left-hand side of the road coming into Walton. This was observed by one of the villagers. Cllr T Lewis to ask Dave Smith to provide us with a review of the issues and what it will take to repair the planter. This can be sent to the LCC mowing team by the Clerk with a polite request for this to be repaired.
- 4) Cllr Chris Greenall and Cllr T Lewis offered to be the mowing coordinators with the LCC mowing team. Clerk to connect Cllr Greenall with the LCC mowing team.

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- a) The volunteer mowers are Robin Lightowler, Dave Smith, and Mark Watson.
- 5) The Clerk requested that the weeds be left on the roadside verges except where they interfere with road vision for health and safety. This is to ensure biodiversity is encouraged.

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Planning Applications

4 Planning applications have been received. To be discussed in the meeting.

a.

APPLICATION NO: P/23/0424/2
PROPOSAL: Erection of agricultural storage shed.
LOCATION: Land off Black Lane, Walton on the Wolds,
Loughborough,

- b. The expected planning application from British Gypsum has been made.
The number application is Reference Number 2022/VOCM/0161/LCC

c.

APPLICATION NO: P/23/0458/2
PROPOSAL: Retention of dwelling, detached garage and associated landscaping works (part retrospective) (Revised scheme to withdrawn application P/22/0509/2) This indicates that the steps will be moved to the left of the current position.
LOCATION: 16 Six Hills Road, Walton on The Wolds, Leicestershire, LE12 8JF

d. **APPLICATION NO:** P/23/0279/2

PROPOSAL: Erection of a free-range poultry building and 4 silos
LOCATION: Land off Black Lane, Walton on The Wolds, Leicestershire. This is to replace the sheds that were burned down last year.

The Councillors resolved not to make comments on all the applications above.

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Correspondence

- 6) Nominations Pack for all Parish Councillors are uncontested. New Councillors, Mr Glenn Archer, and Mrs Julie Lewin to join in the July meeting. They will be observers for this meeting.
- 7) Miss Christine Greenall has volunteered to be the new Chair of the Council and Ms Teres Dixon has volunteered to be the Vice Chair. At the AGM they were both seconded and agreed.

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- 8) Training has been arranged for the new Councillors and the Vice Chair by NRALC in Anstey and online.
- 9) The new external auditors are now in place. AGAR process yet to be instructed. End of year finances to be approved. See below.

The Councillors discussed the opportunity of placing a dog bin in the bridleway off New Lane. Cllr Mark Watson confirmed that the bag collection which would be needed were unaffordable for the Council to take on.

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Cheques and Finance

The Parish Council were asked to approve the accounts. They requested that the Clerk send copies of the accounts electronically to allow scrutiny and approval. Clerk committed to do this.

1. Cheques and Finance

1. Cheques written: £50.00 to Louise Jackson for the plaque on the Bench to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee of our late Queen.

Current accounts balance as of end February: £11,416.81

All the expected invoices are now in and paid.

The bank statement ending 28th April records the bank balance as just over £13,000. The difference between the accounts and the Bank statement is that we have received the first Precept payment and the payment for the Constable's Field Grazing Contract paid by Ms P Roseby.

Assuming repayment of Chicane to LCC of £4,800 then the remaining balance stands at £8,200.

The Clerk confirmed she would set up the VAT reclamation process after the accounts are approved 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.

The Clerk confirmed that the Clerk prepares the AGAR and Mrs N Broadhurst reviews and approves the accounts prior to submission of the AGAR document.

The Clerk was requested to circulate the accounts to all councillors for information

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Members Points of information

- a. Cllr Greenall gave a brief report regarding the Village Coronation disco. The Disco after all expenditure of the hire of the equipment made £65 profit. It was agreed this would go to a village charity. Cllr Lewis will discuss this with Mrs Janet McMillan.
- b. Regarding the gifts for the King's Coronation the Clerk could not find any gifts of good value for the community to commemorate the coronation. Clerk and Cllr D Gilmore reviewed this and the above was the result.
- c. Cllr Terry Lewis has created an attractive wooden box for the Village Book written by Reverend Bird. There has also been enlarged photos from the Book. The Council asked Julie Lewin to ask the Walton St Mary's group where the box can be placed and whether the enlarged photos could be displayed on the internal notice board. Terry will take the box to the Church for the Book sale on 20th May.
- d. Cllr David Gilmore confirmed that the 5 G mast is now live but only accessible if you are on the 3 networks.

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Dates of Next meetings

These have been agreed to take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm for the following months:

July 4th

September 5th

November 7th

January 2nd

March 5th

May 7th

Clerk to insert these dates into the website calendar.

Meeting closed at 19.50.