

**Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on Monday 10 January 2022 at 7.30pm
Village Hall, Walton**

Present- Councillors David Aspland (Chair), Brodie Clark (Vice-Chair), Richard Prudhoe, Stephen Sharp, David Taylor, Mark Wake.

Also in Attendance Helena Buck (Clerk)
Ward Cllr Norma Harrington
Penny Stables (Elmet & Rothwell Green Party)
2 Walton residents

Public Session

Penny Stables (local resident & Green Party member) presented a report summarising local traffic concerns (speed, volume and parking), a letter & petition delivered to all Walton residents and to houses north of the prison, and residents' responses & suggestions.

This was followed by further discussions with the PC and Ward Cllr Harrington, and covered the following: With the possible increase in volume of traffic coming through Walton, there was an urgent need for the PC to look for solutions and for ways of improving control. Three related pieces of work were now available: a) Traffic volume/speed checks recorded at various locations across the village carried out by Leeds City Council; b. A consultancy review commissioned by the PC and undertaken by TPS Transport Consultants Ltd.; and c. A traffic survey carried out by Green Party representatives.

The PC agreed to initiate a discussion with relevant bodies and to consider next steps based on these three comprehensive pieces of work. That early discussion would look to involve LCC Highways, Ward Councillors, Green Party and village representation, and possible representation from adjacent communities. It would be based on future potential traffic modelling with a focus on enhancing safety for the Walton community.

1. **Apologies for absence noted and approved.** Cllr Simpson.
2. **Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interests.** Item 15g, Cllr Wake; 15h, Cllr Aspland.
3. **To accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 November 2021 as a true and correct record.**
It was resolved that the minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 1 November 2021 be accepted and approved as a true record, proposed Cllr Aspland, seconded Cllr Prudhoe, agreed by all.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes.** None.

5. Police Matters: to consider the most recent Crime Information.

The most recent crime data available on the Interactive Police website was for November 2021.

- 1 crime reported in the Walton area - 1 Anti-social Behaviour at Grange Avenue.
- 5 crimes recorded at Wealstun Prison.

Police crime figures discussed at the 4 January 2022 PACT meeting showed a general decrease in crimes across the Wetherby Ward due to effects of residents remaining at home during the Covid pandemic. Police continued to urge residents to report incidents on 101 in order to build up a crime picture and enable them to prioritise & target resources where appropriate.

6. **To consider correspondence received.** A correspondence list had been circulated and noted.

7. Financial Matters.

The following accounts were approved:

- a. Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2021 including Bank Reconciliation.
- b. Income & expenditure forecast to 31st March 2022.

Cllr Taylor presented a detailed account of I&E forecast to 31 March 2022 which showed projected carry-forward reserves of £7,649 as at 31 March 2022. The forecast reserves were equivalent to 13 months of precept income.

It was **resolved** to accept the Income and Expenditure forecast as presented, proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Aspland, agreed by all.

- c. Budget for 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023.
Cllr Taylor presented the proposed budget for 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 with projected carry-forward reserves of £7,823 as at 31 March 2023. Cllr Taylor noted the decrease in council reserves over the last year and emphasised the importance of the Council budgeting its future expenditure not to exceed the proposed precept income.
It was **resolved** to accept the budget as presented, proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Aspland, agreed by all.
- d. Review and Approval of Proposed Precept Income for 2022-23.
The current rate of inflation was 5.1%. For comparison purposes, Leeds City Council was proposing a 2.99% increase in Council Tax for 2022-23 but would be making significant cuts to achieve this. It was **resolved** to increase the Precept by 2.9% to £6,578, proposed Cllr Taylor, seconded Cllr Aspland, agreed by all.
Precept income for 2022-23 including £77 anticipated CTS Grant would be £6,655.
- e. Payments approved:
- i. PC Crew GoCardless: Maintenance Contract Payment for QuickBooks Inv. 24890 dated 4 Nov 2021. £8.33 + £1.67 VAT. Tot £10.
 - ii. TPS Transport Consultants: Highways Feasibility Study. £1,595.00 + £319 VAT. Disbursements: OS Mapping. £62.41 + £12.48 VAT. Total Net £1,657.41 + Total VAT £331.48. Total Amount: £1,988.89.
 - iii. PC Crew GoCardless: Maintenance Contract Payment for QuickBooks Inv. 25273 dated 4 Dec 2021. £8.33 + £1.67 VAT. Tot £10.
 - iv. PDS Construction. Works to Village Hall: CIL: £1,000 + £200 VAT.
 - v. Richard Prudhoe Reimbursement: Copy Plans for Residents Information Session, Village Hall, 27 Nov 2021. £66.00.
 - vi. HAGS Playground Inspection dated 21 Dec 2021. £65.00 + £13 VAT. Tot £78.00.
 - vii. H. Buck Inst Inks reimbursement – Hewlett Packard Instant Inks DD by credit card for Office Jet 4650 Printer: Nov-Dec 21: £9.99 per month. £8.32 + £1.67 VAT x 2. Tot £19.98.
 - viii. J.E. Simpson. Annual Rent for Footpath/Cycle Track. £500. Annual Rent for Playground. £100. Total £600 + £120 VAT. Total Amount £720.
 - ix. B. Clark. Reimbursement £50. Chair’s Discretionary Fund.
- f. Approval for Clerk salary and expenses Nov-Dec 2021 (circulated).
- g. Approval for HMRC payment: Tax on Clerk’s salary Nov-Dec 2021 (circulated).

8. HAGS playground maintenance inspection dated 21 December 2021.

Findings of the HAGS inspection report were noted. No H&S issues had been raised.

Action: Clerk to enquire with the PC insurer if HAGS could provide the statutory annual H&S inspection report.

9. Highways Feasibility Study.

The Feasibility Study had been considered previously in the Public Session. It was agreed that an initial meeting between the PC, LCC Highways, Ward Councillors and the local Green Party should be arranged to discuss long and short-term traffic calming measures, to be followed by engagement with Walton residents. Cllr Harrington advised that if the PC were to consider procurement & installation of SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) to help to raise driver awareness of local speed limits, Ward Councillors could be approached for potential grant funding. Cost per SID: £3,500.

Action: Cllr Clark to progress.

- 10. Walton vehicle incidents:** December incident at cycle track & November incident on Wighill Lane. West Yorkshire Police had been informed and any insurance issues would be followed up by the landowner. It was suggested that hedgerow whips could be planted at the cycle track damage site.
- 11. Ditch investigations at School Lane.** LCC Highways had informed the PC that they plan to undertake a Road Safety Audit to give an indication as to whether the fence is required or not. If it is required, LCC will need to investigate stabilising the embankment, if it is not required they will remove the fencing and install bollards (if necessary).
- 12. Village Drop-In Session, 27 November.**
Cllr Clark reported that the session was very successful with 50-60 residents attending. Presentations included current planning applications, neighbourhood plan issues, social events, bonfire & Christmas lights, traffic, parking concerns, drainage issues and future plans. Cllr Clark extended thanks to colleagues who had contributed to such a valuable and informative event.
- 13. Update on Revised Plans: Application No 20/08547/FU:** Change of use of land for the siting of 8No. Glamping geodomes for holiday use, storage building & ancillary works. Site: Land off Hall Park Road Walton (also noted in Item 15f Planning Matters).
The PC had considered this application in January 2021 and responded with a letter of objection. The Council saw no significant material change in the current revised application and reiterated the objections in a letter sent to LCC Planning on 12 January 2022.
- 14. Village Hall Development.**
Cllr Wake presented a Village Hall update. The hall continues to expand the services it offers to the local villages. It will hold its first WiSE (Wetherby in Support of the Elderly) coffee morning on 31st January between 10:30 and 12:30, residents are invited to attend and let the team know what other services they would like to be provided.
The hall has purchased an additional defibrillator with Ward Councillor support. It will be installed over the next few weeks - training will be provided to the local community, date to be arranged.
New members have come forward to join the VH committee and provide caretaker services.
Replacement trees will be planted shortly.
- 15. Planning matters.**
- a. Application Number: 21/08540/FU/NE For: Erection of Farm shop with cafe with associated car parking and landscaping Site at: Land East of Smiddy Hill Walton Wetherby. PC response sent to LCC Planning Services following consultation and discussion with the community of Walton village. The application has since been withdrawn.
 - b. Application Number: 21/08751/FU/NE For: Retrospective planning application for siting of temporary storage container and erection of fencing to side and front of container Site At: Walton Village Hall School Lane Walton. No objections.
 - c. LCC Decision: Decided. Refused 1 October 2021. Appeal against Refusal. Site Address: Land Opposite Ivy House Farm Main Street Walton Wetherby LS23 7DJ Description Certificate of Existing Lawful Development for Use of land as domestic garden.
The Planning Inspectorate has received an Appeal against the Refusal which will be dealt with by the Written Representations procedure and the Inspector will carry out a site visit. Previous PC letters of objection forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate on 18 Dec 2021.
 - d. Application Number: 21/09640/OT/NE For: Outline application for up to seven dwellings with all matters reserved Site At: Walnut Farm Main Street Walton Grid Ref: 444122447765. Reduction in build option from 9 to 7 dwellings - Letter of objection sent to LCC Planning on 13 Dec.
 - e. Tree Works: Application Number: 21/09970/TR For: T1, T3, T4 Silver Birch - Reduce by 25-30% (1.8m) to suitable growth points to reduce the possibility of any further damage or loss of trees in high winds T2 - Has been removed as it blew down in high winds/recent storm. Site At: The Old Post House Main Street Walton. No objections.

- f. Revised Plans Re-consultation: Application details: Number: 20/08547/FU. Site: Land Off Hall Park Road Walton Wetherby. Proposal: Change of use of land for the siting of 8No. Glamping geodomes for holiday use, storage building & ancillary works. Letter of objection sent to LCC Planning on 12 January reiterating previous reservations.
- g. Application Number: 21/10143/FU/NE For: Single storey side extension and modifications to the front patio area. Site At: Meadowcroft Springs Lane Walton. No objections with the proviso that it would not conflict with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- h. Application Number: 21/10041/FU/NE For: First floor rear extension Site At: Ivy House Farm Main Street Walton. No objections. Non participation of Chair (possible conflict of interest).

The effect of local development on current drainage issues was raised. The PC had progressed concerns with LCC and Yorkshire Water and were grateful for the subsequent direct interest and involvement of LCC. The PC expressed thanks to Norma Harrington, Ward Councillor, who followed through and was able to confirm that Yorkshire Water had responded and had undertaken a full examination of the drainage area in question. In the course of that investigation, they removed a large obstruction which had been primarily responsible for the serious blockage. The PC will continue working with LCC and Yorkshire Water to further seek improvements to the drainage arrangements along that area of the village.

16. Minor items and to notify the Clerk of items for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** (4-day Bank Holiday, Thursday 2nd-Sunday 5th June). The Parish Council is looking to support celebratory activities over that period. Community support would be well received.

17. Date of next meeting: Monday 7 March 2022, 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed.....Chairman

Date.....

Contact the Clerk at secretary@walton-pc.gov.uk