

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005**

### **Present**

Councillors Fothergill, McKay, Harrison, Atkinson, Naylor, Lister and the Clerk

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Waring

### **2. Declaration of Interests**

There were no interests to be declared.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2005, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

#### **a). Police Matters**

P.C. Booth was not in attendance and no crime figures were available.

#### **b). Springs Lane**

A response had been received from the Highways Department stating that it is necessary to await the outcome of the Wetherby Traffic Management Study before any decisions can be made regarding the traffic management proposals for Walton village. As no response had been received from the Planning Enforcement Department regarding the Skip Wagons on Springs Lane it was agreed to contact them again and also to forward the mail to Councillor Procter.

#### **c). Wighill Lane/Wetherby Road**

The response from the Highways Department stated that again the Council would have to wait the outcome of the traffic management study and the recent round of road surveys. It was also agreed to send an e-mail to Randal Brown direct (again copied to Councillor Procter) regarding the lack of promised response from Paul Markham, Head of Highways Services.

#### **d). Bus Shelter**

This had been discussed at a meeting of the Wetherby Ward members who were unhappy that Metro are unwilling to fund the shelter. They suggested that as a Metro shelter may look out of place in Walton that the Parish Council may wish to get quotes for a wooden shelter to match the existing one. They felt that funding for this type of shelter might be better received. It was agreed to get three quotes for a wooden bus shelter and submit them to the committee.

#### **e). Street Lighting**

Leeds City Council has entered into a private initiative to replace all the streetlights in the city starting next year. It is probable that the additional lights requested for Walton may be included in the replacement scheme. Unfortunately the replacement will take until 2011 to complete but once details of the replacement scheme are published if Walton is a long way down the list then LCC may consider additional lighting before that time.

#### **f). Parking at Moorside Cottages**

Information and advice had been received from the Highways Planning Manager. It would appear that if the Parish Council ask the Leeds Council to reinstate the verges they may do so but will then prohibit any future parking. It was agreed to investigate the cost of using 'matting' to protect the verges. Councillor Atkinson agreed to get some quotes for this.

#### **g). A1 Action Group Meeting**

There is to be a public exhibition of the plans for the Bramham to Wetherby Upgrade from 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2005 and the inquiry has been postponed once more.

It had been agreed at a previous meeting that Walton P.C. would pay for the set-up for the A1 Action web-site. It was agreed to pay for this, but enquire as to exactly what the fee was for.

#### h). North East Area Committee Meeting

There are grants available for up to 500.00 but applications need to be in by March 2005. Grass cutting had been contracted out and any feedback on the new service would be welcome. The next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> March when it is hoped to discuss Highways maintenance.

### **5. Correspondence**

#### a). Thorp Arch Corner Field

Thorp Arch P.C. had responded that the hedge cutting in this field was now under contract and would be done on a regular basis.

#### b). Letter from Karl Mainey re Pub Signs

Mr. Mainey informed the Council that he had applied for retrospective planning permission for the signs and that they were necessary as he was trying to develop the business at the pub. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

#### c). Letter from Gilbert Thompson-Royds re perimeter wall.

Mr. Thompson-Royds informed the Council that he had sent the P.C. letter to the trustees of the estate as requested. He asked the Council to note that some of the problem was due to the increased level of traffic along Hall Parks Road.

#### d). Letter from Wharfedale Property Management re Site Plan, Rubbish & PillBox.

A copy of the site plan had been received along with a letter stating that the PillBox was under investigation as there were Health & Safety issues surrounding keeping this on site. The rubbish would be removed as part of an ongoing plan.

### **6. Planning**

#### a). The British Library

Further to a site meeting and planning meeting planning permission had been granted.

#### b). Public Inquiry 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> February 2005 - Housing development on TATE

The public inquiry had heard that on Wetherby Road/Wighill Lane there was an accident rate of 1.712, which was much higher than the national average. There were 3800 employees on TATE. The proposed new bus system would require a subsidy of 2 million pounds. The cost to upgrade roads is 700,000 pounds per kilometre. There is a shortfall in the Wetherby area of 336 affordable homes per annum. The results of the inquiry are expected by Christmas 2005.

#### c). Extended Area for Planning Applications (Information Only)

It had been agreed with the planning department for Walton P.C. to receive copies of those planning applications pertaining to Thorp Arch parish but which were adjacent to Walton parish or of greater significance. A boundary along the line of the dismantled railway had been agreed. This would include the prison. TATE, Walton Chase etc. and Leeds United.

#### d). Outline Planning Application for W.B. & A. Kilby for one agricultural dwelling house

There were no objections.

### **7. Finance**

a). There is currently 3069.29 in the Money Manager Account and 116.21 in the Treasurers Account.

b). There were amounts owing from December for the Clerk & Clockwinder.

c). An invoice had been received from Mazars for the external audit. The Council queried notes, which had been put on the audit. The clerk would enquire about these notes and payment would be withheld until the outcome is known.

d). An invoice had been received from Smiths of Derby – this would be put on hold as the engineer had not yet been to maintain the clock.

e). Government proposals for three-year budgeting had been received and asked for comment. The Council agreed that this would not be of any improvement. The clerk would send off the council's comments.

f). An invoice had been received from G. Blanchard for the noticeboard – this would be paid.

**8. Any Other Business**

a). A request had been received from Ian Hall of Thorp Arch P.C. for a donation of 10.00 for a thank you gift for David Gawthorpe for all the work he had done with WARDEN for the public inquiry into TATE. It was agreed to pay this.

b). A response had been received from Turner & Partners about the Vodafone station on the British Library. It was agreed to write again emphasising that the existing mast was not 1 mile away from the library and also that there is a creche on site.

c). Information had been received regarding problems experienced with the builders who were to develop Field House Farm. It was agreed to monitor the situation carefully.

d). There is a bad pothole on Hall Park Road toward the junction with Rudgate, which needs reporting.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2005 at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.45 hours.