

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2005**

### **Present**

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

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

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2005, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

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

P.C. Booth was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **b). Meeting with Highways**

Paul Markham, Head of Highways and two other members of the highways team met with members of the Council on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm. They informed the Council that little could be done by the Highways Department about Springs Lane and their surveys had revealed very little increase in the traffic volume. They advised to contact Dave Todd at the A1 Consortium to ask for improved signage from the new section of the A1 along the York Road and Rudgate to the Trading Estate and also to increase local awareness that the junction with the A1 at Wetherby was still open and would be for the foreseeable future.

It is now very probable that a speed limit will be imposed on Wighill Lane/Wetherby Road but that it is not possible to determine, at this stage, whether it will be a 30mph or 40mph limit.

#### **c). Bus Shelter**

Councillor Naylor is still trying to obtain three quotes with plans and drawings. Councillor Fothergill had obtained the original plans for the existing bus shelter, which would act as a useful reference document. It was agreed that the next stage would most probably be to apply for planning permission to build the shelter.

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

Leeds City Council had responded to the Council's request for help with locating matting. LCC had suggested that parking on the two areas concerned should not be encouraged as it did, in fact, impede the visibility of road users on what is already a dangerous bend. It was agreed to write to the residents of these properties requesting that they refrain from parking on these areas and to forward with the letter a copy of the communication from LCC.

#### **e). Wetherby Skips**

A response is awaited from the Planning Enforcement department regarding this matter. They have asked if the council sees a distinction between the 'village' and the 'parish' and a response had been sent stating that there was a definite distinction between the two. It was agreed to continue to pursue this line with Planning Enforcement and to perhaps send them and Wetherby Skips a plan of what the council would envisage as 'the village.'

#### **f). A1 Action Group Meeting – 15/03/05**

Any further decision-making regarding the proposed upgrade will be now held in abeyance until after the General Election.

#### **g). North East Area Committee Meeting – 17/03/05**

This meeting had mainly been focused on the new grounds maintenance contract on which LCC would like feedback from Parish Councils, the new licensing act, road safety issues and new litter bins which were now available. It was agreed to contact LCC regarding replacement bins required in Walton.

h). Parish Forum Meeting – 22/03/05

There had been an update on the lighting replacement scheme and leaflets had been sent for the Council to deliver to all households regarding how householders can give feedback to LCC regarding council services.

**5. Correspondence**

a). Letter from Wharfedale Property Management re Boundary Hedge

The Representatives from the Highways department had requested information regarding the ownership of the hedge leading away from the new trading estate roundabout in a westerly direction. The Clerk had written to the Estate about this, had received a reply and forwarded it on to the Highways Department.

**6. Planning**

a). Planning had been refused for an agricultural dwelling for Hall Parks Farm.

b). British Library

Revised plans had been received for the New Storage Building at the British Library. The Council studied these and it was agreed that they were an improvement on the preceding plans and that the concerns of the council were as before.

**7. Finance**

a). The Membership of the YLCA was due for renewal. It was agreed to pay this.

b). The Annual Insurance for the Parish Council was due for renewal. It was agreed that the RFO would look over the policy and then pay it.

c). To the knowledge of the Council the church clock had still not received a maintenance visit and so payment of the invoice would be held over.

d). There is £1028.98 in the Current Account and £2087.12 in the deposit account.

**8. Any Other Business**

a). It was agreed to contact planning regarding the new windows at 6 Main Street. The Council felt that the windows should be more in keeping with the original especially considering the conservation area. It was felt that this should not provide a precedent for others to not replace with like for like windows.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at 7.30pm.

This would be the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Parish Council Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.55 hours.