

Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on 14th March 2005

Present

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Waring & Naylor

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 16th February 2005, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising

a). Police Matters

P.C. Booth had passed the crime figures to Councillor Fothergill and these were very encouraging showing very little crime in the village.

b). Meeting with Highways

Paul Markham, Head of Highways has agreed to meet with members of the Council on Wednesday 16th March at 2.00pm. It was agreed that the case should be put forcefully for measures to restrict the increase in traffic along Springs Lane, the proposed Speed Limit on Wighill Lane/Wetherby Road, and also the problem of heavy goods traffic through the village.

c). Bus Shelter

Councillor Naylor is in the process of trying to obtain three quotations for the building of a bus shelter. Councillor Harrison had been approached by the owner of the land adjacent to the proposed site for the bus shelter who had concerns about the fact that no-one had spoken to her about this. Councillor Fothergill had tried to speak to this parishioner without success but agreed to try again and explain that, at this stage, it was only an investigative process as if funding could not be obtained then the shelter would not be built.

e). Parking at Moorside Cottages

Councillor Atkinson had investigated the cost of moulded gratings to be laid in the grass verges to enable parking to continue without further damage to the grass. First information suggests that this may be too expensive an alternative. It was agreed to contact Helen Franklin at L.C.C. to ask if there was any possibility of purchasing this type of matting through the council.

5. Correspondence

a). Letter from YLCA re Leeds Branch Meetings

The reason that no representative from Walton was present at the last meeting was that it clashed with the Parish Council Meeting. It was agreed to contact YLCA to apologise for not sending apologies and to explain the reason for the lack of attendance.

b). Article from 'The Clerk' Magazine

This had been offered by the Clerk as a good source of information as to exactly what the Annual Parish Meeting was.

6. Planning

a). Boston Comms Ltd

Permission had been granted for the display area for platform lift buildings.

b). Northfields/Rudgate Park & Thorp Arch Grange

Copies of the above two planning applications had been received by the council for information purposes.

7. Finance

- a). There are amounts owing for the Clerk & Clockwinder.
- b). The Clerk had contacted Mazars about the comments on the External Audit but had not received very satisfactory information. It was agreed to write to Mazars to put on record the fact that no assets such as those mentioned were actually owned by the council. It was agreed to pay the bill for the external audit.
- c). The clerk asked the council to pay for membership of SLCC, as it was an invaluable source of information. This was agreed.
- d). 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.

8. Any Other Business

- a). Parish Forum Meeting to be held on 22nd March 2005
- b). North East Area Committee meeting to be held on 17th March 2005
- c). A1 Action Group Meeting to be held on 15th March 2005.
- d). It was agreed to contact L.C.C. regarding potholes in Main Street and on Hall Park Road.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 12th April 2005 at 7.30pm.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45 hours.