

Minutes of the Meeting of Walton Parish Council held on 10th January 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 13th December 2004, 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 was not possible to provide 'Access Only' signs as these require a Traffic Regulation Order which can take up to one year to implement and also there is no funding available for these signs. It was noted that traffic surveys were being carried out on Springs Lane and Rudgate.

c). Wighill Lane/Wetherby Road

The response from the Highways Department stated that the aim was to reduce the 6-mph speed limit on Wetherby Road through Walton Village to 30mph if surveys support this. It was agreed to write to the Highways Department asking when the second round of surveys would take place and also the check whether or not the recent roadworks had been completed as two sections of kerb and footpath had been omitted from the works.

d). Bus Shelter

This is to be discussed at a meeting of members of Leeds City Council and Wetherby ward members on 20th January and a response is expected soon after that date.

e). Street Lighting

As with the bus shelter, the council must await the outcome of a meeting to decide whether or not this proposal should be put to the February meeting of the North East Area Committee.

f). Vodafone Station – British Library

Councillor Naylor had made enquiries regarding the existing mast on the Trading Estate, which apparently is owned by NTL and has plenty of capacity. NTL have not been approached by Vodafone to take up space on the existing mast. It was agreed to write to Turner and Partners and ask for information regarding the technical specification for the new mast.

g). Parking – Moorside Cottages

This matter was discussed at length and as it appeared that an impasse had been reached it was agreed to write to Leeds City Council and ask for advice.

5. Correspondence

a). Thorp Arch Village Design Statement

It was agreed to circulate this document to allow all Councillors to study it properly and then for the Clerk to pass any comments on to the Planning Department.

b). Information from the YLCA including Advice Notes 29& 30

The Council noted the content of this information.

6. Planning

- a). The British Library was discussed and the Clerk informed the Council about a phone call and subsequent letter regarding the position of the Council.
- b). The dates of the Public Inquiry about the housing development on TATE were noted (1st – 4th February 2005 at the Civic Theatre – Leeds) and it was agreed to try and send representation from the Council.
- c). The planning application from Boston Comms for Platform Lift Buildings was to be circulated and it was agreed that the Clerk should forward any comments to the Planning Department.
- d). It was agreed to write to the Planning Department and ask to receive copies of all planning applications relating to land within Thorp Arch Parish on the prison site and on TATE for information purposes.

7. Finance

There is currently 3069029 in the Money manager Account and 503.35 in the Treasurers Account.

8. Any Other Business

- a). It was agreed to write to the new landlord of the Fox & Hounds to ask if he has planning permission for all his new signs.
- b). It was agreed to write to Gilbert Thompson-Royds to ask him to forward a letter to the trustees of the estate requesting that the perimeter wall be reinstated and made safe.
- c). It was agreed to write to the TATE Property Company asking that the rubbish be removed from the new roundabout and also requesting that the Pill Box from World War Two be maintained as a point of local interest.
- d). It was agreed to contact the Planning Department regarding the proposed outline planning application (31/553/04/OT) for 36 houses on Northfields & Rudgate Park and to ask to receive copies of this application.
- e). It was noted that there had once again been an increase in the number of Skip Wagons passing along School Lane. Councillor McKay had spoken to Jim Wigginton from the Planning Department who had requested copies of the relevant documentation regarding the planning restriction on Wetherby Skips so that he might then take action.
- f). There is to be a meeting of the North East Area Committee later this month and the next Parish Forum Meeting is to be held in March.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 16th February 2005 at 7.30pm.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.35 hours.